

COMPARISON OF THE BROWN ALGAL DIVERSITY BETWEEN FOUR SEA COASTS OF TURKEY

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ABSTRACT

In this paper, marine brown algal diversity between coasts of four seas in Turkey is studied. Sampling was made from four different localities [İskenderun Bay (Mediterranean coast), Ayvalık (Aegean coast), Dardanelles (Sea of Marmara), and Sinop (Black Sea coast)] of Turkey in the years from 2009 to 2014. In total, 127 brown algal taxa at specific and infraspecific levels were reported, and Ayvalık had the highest number of taxa (106 taxa), followed by Dardanelles (82 taxa), İskenderun Bay (58 taxa) and Sinop (42 taxa), respectively. *Choristocarpus tenellus* Zanardini and *Cladosiphon lubricus* (Sauvageau) Kylin are reported for the first time from Turkey. Ten brown algae are classified as alien species in Turkey.

Key words: Algal diversity, brown algae, marine algae, Phaeophyceae, Turkey

TÜRKİYE DENİZLERİ ARASINDA KAHVERENGİ ALGAL ÇEŞİTLİLİĞİNİN KARŞILAŞTIRILMASI

ÖZET

Bu çalışmada, Türkiye'nin dört denizel kıyısı arasında kahverengi algal çeşitliliği çalışılmıştır. Örneklemeler 2009 ve 2014 yılları arasında Türkiye kıyılarının dört farklı istasyonundan [İskenderun Körfezi (Akdeniz kıyıları), Ayvalık (Ege kıyıları), Çanakkale Boğazı (Marmara Denizi) ve Sinop (Karadeniz kıyıları)] gerçekleştirilmiştir. Tür ve türaltı seviyede toplam 127 taksa rapor edilmiş olup Ayvalık en fazla çeşitliliğe sahip (106 taksa) istasyon tespit edilirken bunu Çanakkale Boğazı (82 taksa), İskenderun Körfezi (58 taksa) ve Sinop (42 taksa) sırasıyla takip etmiştir. *Choristocarpus tenellus* Zanardini ve *Cladosiphon lubricus* (Sauvageau) Kylin Türkiye denizel alg florası için ilk kez kayıt edilmektedir. Türkiye'de 10 kahverengi alg yabancı olarak tespit edilmiştir.

Anahtar kelimeler: Algal çeşitlilik, kahverengi algler, deniz algleri, Phaeophyceae, Türkiye

INTRODUCTION

Turkey is surrounded by four seas (Mediterranean Sea, Aegean Sea, Sea of Marmara, and Black Sea) and its coasts have different structures (physicochemical parameters of water, coastline shape, etc.). In total, 586 marine benthic macroalgae (32 of which are alien species) were reported from Turkey (Taşkin et al. 2008,

2011). They represent less than 50% of the total number of seaweeds reported from the Mediterranean Sea [1117 taxa at specific and infraspecific levels, according to Coll et al. (2010)]. They include 141 Phaeophyceae, 327 Rhodophyta and 118 Chlorophyta (270 Phaeophyceae, 657 Rhodophyta, and 190 Chlorophyta in the Mediterranean Sea, respectively). Coll et al.

(2010) and Cormaci et al. (2014) have reported 277 green algae from the Mediterranean Sea. Furnari et al. (2010) have reported 210 brown algal taxa from Italy, which has higher number of marine brown algae than other Mediterranean countries [e.g. 180 Croatia (Antolic et al. 2010), 130 Morocco, 129 France, 124 Spain (Ribera et al. 1992), 107 Greece (Tsiamis et al. 2013), 90 Cyprus (Tsiamis et al. 2014)]. According to Taşkin et al. (2008), the highest floristic richness occurs in the Aegean coasts of Turkey (430 taxa at specific and infraspecific level), followed by the Sea of Marmara (400 taxa), the Mediterranean coasts (382 taxa) and the Black Sea coasts (244 taxa). Several studies were made on Turkish marine brown algae by different authors (Güner 1974, Aysel et al. 1977, Öztürk and Güner 1986, Özturk 1988, 1993, 1996a, b, Taşkin 2006, 2008, 2013a, b, Taşkin and Öztürk 2007, Taşkin et al. 2010). Recently, 150 brown algal taxa (at specific and infraspecific level) have been reported from Turkey, with 111 from the Aegean coast, 105 from the Sea of Marmara, 80 from the Mediterranean coast, and 50 from the Black Sea (Taşkin and Öztürk 2013). In the present paper, results of a study of the marine brown

algal flora of four different Turkish localities were reported. A total of 127 brown algal taxa at specific and infraspecific level was found, with the highest specific diversity occurring in Ayvalık (106 taxa), followed by Dardanelles (82 taxa), Iskenderun Bay (58 taxa), and Sinop (42 taxa).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sampling was made from the above mentioned four different Turkish localities [İskenderun Bay (Mediterranean coast), Ayvalık (Aegean coast), Dardanelles (Sea of Marmara), and Sinop (Black Sea coast)] between 2009 and 2014 (Figure 1). The material was collected by snorkelling and SCUBA diving, and specimens were preserved in 2-4% formaldehyde in seawater. Samples were studied using a light microscope (Nikon SE). Voucher specimens were deposited in a personal herbaria of Ergün Taşkin (ET) the Department of Biology of the Celal Bayar University of Manisa, Turkey. Taxonomy and nomenclature were checked from Guiry and Guiry (2014).

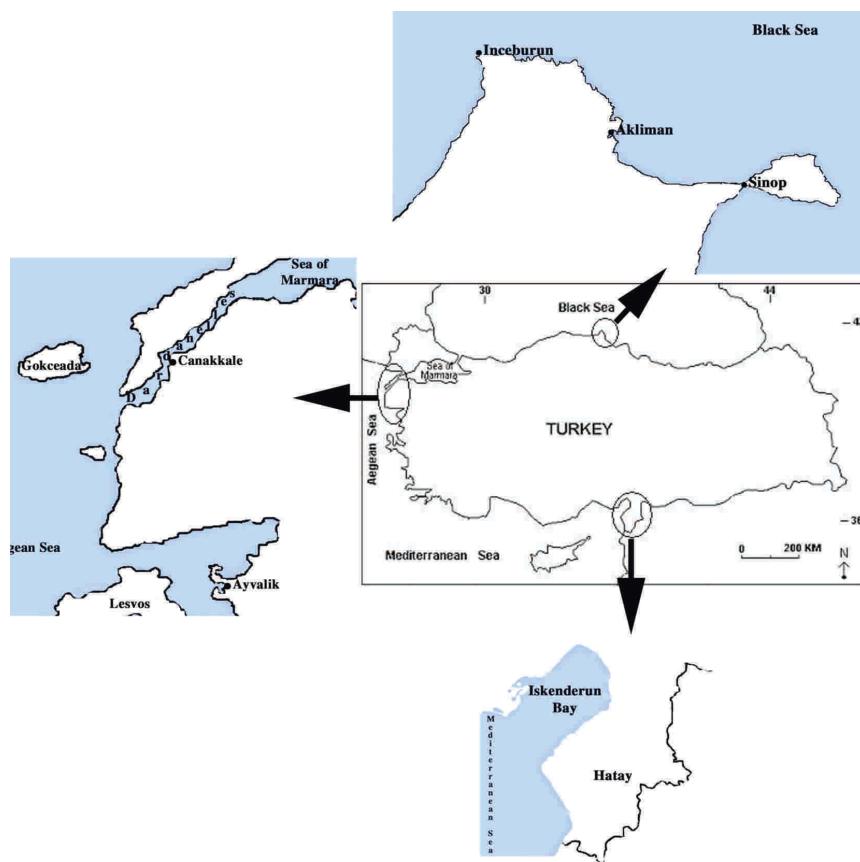


Figure 1. The study stations in Turkish coasts.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A total of 127 brown algal taxa at specific and infraspecific levels was found from the four stations (Table 1). The highest number of species (106) was found in the Aegean coast (Ayvalık), while the lowest (42) was found in the Black Sea station (Sinop). The most represented order was Ectocarpales, with 73 taxa (58%), while the family Chordariaceae showed the highest number of taxa (41), followed by Sargassaceae (22) (Figure 2). The hot spot stations for the Chordariaceae diversity were Ayvalık and Dardanelles, while for the Sargassaceae were Ayvalık and İskenderun Bay. Two species [*Choristocarpus tenellus* Zanardini and *Cladosiphon lubricus* (Sauvageau) Kylin] are reported for the first time for Turkey. Ten brown algae are classified as alien species in Turkey (Table 1). The invasive dictyotalean species *Stylopodium schimperi* was common in the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts of Turkey. The other invasive species *Botrytella parva*, *Microspongium globosum* and *Scytoniphon dotyi* were rare in Dardanelles, while *Colpomenia peregrina* was common in Dardanelles. Several previous papers including or dealing only with the brown algae occurring at Iskenderun Bay, Ayvalık, Dardanelles and Sinop, were consulted. Öztürk and Taşkin (1999) and Aysel et al. (2006) reported 29 and 73 taxa from Iskenderun Bay, respectively. 51 taxa were reported from Ayvalık by Taşkin and Öztürk (2005), 73 taxa

from Dardanelles by Taşkin et al. (2003), Taşkin and Öztürk (2007), Taşkin (2008), and 46 taxa from Sinop by Dural et al. (2011). Taşkin et al. (2008) stated that the diversity and abundance of marine brown algae were greater in the Aegean coast and the Sea of Marmara compared with the Mediterranean and Black Sea coasts of Turkey. Recently, some minute or rare marine brown algal taxa [*Compsonema minutum* (C. Agardh) Kuckuck, *Corynophlaea crispa* (Harv.) Kuckuck, *Dictyopteris lucida* M.A.Ribera Siguán, A.Gómez Garreta, Pérez Ruzafa, Barceló Martí and Rull Lluch, *Dictyota cyanoloma* Tronholm, De Clerck, Gomez Garreta and Rull Lluch, *Myrionema conchicola* (J. Feldmann) Boudour., *Microspongium gelatinosum* stadium Reinke, *Padina pavonicaoides* Ni-Ni-Win and H. Kawai, *Padina ditristromatica* Ni-Ni-Win and H.Kawai, *Ulonema rhizophorum* Foslie] have been reported from different localities of Turkey (Ni-Ni-Win et al. 2011, Taşkin 2006, 2013a, b, c). *Petrospongium kuckuckii* (E. Taşkin, M. J. Wynne & M. Öztürk) Cormaci & Furnari was known only from Ayvalık and identified by Taşkin et al. (2010) as *Cylidrocarpus kuckuckii* E. Taşkin, M.J. Wynne and M. Öztürk. In conclusion, further detailed floristic investigations from small locations along the coasts of Turkey should be carried out in order to get a better knowledge of the benthic algal biodiversity of Turkey that probably is higher than that presently known.

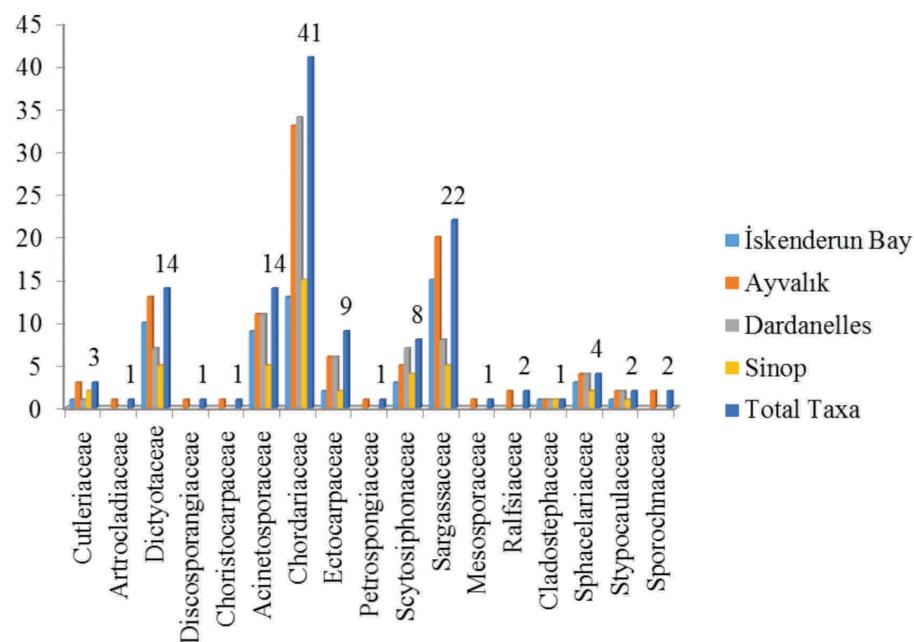


Figure 2. The number of taxa at specific and infraspecific levels per brown algal family from four stations of Turkish coasts.

Table 1. List of brown algae occurring in four station of Turkish seas

Taxa	Station			
	İskenderun Bay	Ayvalık	Dardanelles	Sinop
Ordo: Cutleriales				
Familia: Cutleriaceae J.W.Griffith & A.Henfrey				
<i>Cutleria chilosa</i> (Falkenb.) P.C.Silva		+		
<i>Cutleria multifida</i> (Turner) Grev.	+	+	+	+
<i>Zanardinia typus</i> (Nardo) P.C.Silva		+		+
Ordo: Desmarestiales				
Familia: Artrocadiaceae Chauvin				
<i>Arthrocladia villosa</i> (Huds.) Duby		+		
Ordo: Dictyotales				
Familia: Dictyotaceae Lamouroux ex Dumortier				
<i>Dictyopteris polypodioides</i> (A.P.De Candolle) J.V.Lamour.	+	+	+	+
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i> (Huds.) J.V.Lamour. var. <i>dichotoma</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Dictyota dichotoma</i> var. <i>intricata</i> (C.Agardh) Grev.	+	+	+	
<i>Dictyota fasciola</i> (Roth) J.V.Lamour. var. <i>fasciola</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Dictyota fasciola</i> var. <i>repens</i> (J.Agardh) Ardisson		+		
<i>Dictyota linearis</i> (C.Agardh) Grev.	+	+	+	
<i>Dictyota mediterranea</i> (Schiffner) G.Furnari		+		
<i>Dictyota spiralis</i> Mont.	+	+	+	+
<i>Lobophora variegata</i> (J.V.Lamour.) Womersley ex E.C.Oliveira		+		
<i>Padina ditristromatica</i> Ni-Ni-Win & H.Kawai ^a		+		
<i>Padina pavonica</i> (L.) Thivy	+	+	+	+
<i>Styropodium schimperi</i> (Buchinger ex Kütz.) Verlaque & Boudour. ^b	+	+		
<i>Taonia atomaria</i> (Woodw.) J.Agardh	+	+		
<i>Taonia pseudociliata</i> (J.V.Lamour.) Nizam. & Godeh	+			
Ordo: Discosporangiales				
Familia: Choristocarpaceae Kjellman				
<i>Choristocarpus tenellus</i> Zanardini ^c		+		
Familia: Discosporangiaceae Schmidt				
<i>Discosporangium mesarthrocarpum</i> (Menegh.) Hauck		+		
Ordo: Ectocarpales				
Familia: Acinetosporaceae G.Hamel ex J.Feldmann				
<i>Acinetospora crinita</i> (Carmich.) Sauv.	+	+	+	+
<i>Feldmannia irregularis</i> (Kütz.) G.Hamel	+	+	+	+
<i>Feldmannia lebelii</i> (P.L. Crouan & H.M.Crouan) G.Hamel	+	+	+	+
<i>Feldmannia padinae</i> (Buffham) G.Hamel	+	+		
<i>Feldmannia paradoxa</i> (Mont.) G.Hamel var. <i>caespitula</i> (J.Agardh) Cormaci & G.Furnari	+	+	+	
<i>Feldmannia paradoxa</i> (Mont.) G.Hamel var. <i>globifera</i> E.Taşkin & M.Öztürk	+	+	+	+
<i>Feldmannia paradoxa</i> (Mont.) G.Hamel var. <i>paradoxa</i>	+	+	+	
<i>Hincksia fuscata</i> (Zanard.) P.C.Silva			+	
<i>Hincksia granulosa</i> (J.E.Smith) P.C.Silva		+		
<i>Hincksia mitchelliae</i> (Harv.) P.C.Silva	+	+	+	+

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxa	Station			
	İskenderun Bay	Ayvalık	Dardanelles	Sinop
<i>Hincksia ovata</i> (Kjellman) P.C.Silva				+
<i>Hincksia sandriana</i> (Zanard.) P.C.Silva				+
<i>Kutzingiella battersii</i> (Bornet) Kornmann	+	+	+	
<i>Pylaiella littoralis</i> (L.) Kjellman ^b		+		
Familia: Chordariaceae Grev.				
<i>Asperococcus bullosus</i> J.V.Lamour.		+	+	
<i>Asperococcus ensiformis</i> (Della Chiaje) M.J.Wynne			+	
<i>Asperococcus fistulosus</i> (Huds.) W.J.Hooker	+	+	+	+
<i>Botrytella micromora</i> Bory ^a				+
<i>Botrytella parva</i> (Takamatsu) H.-S.Kim ^{a,b}			+	
<i>Cladosiphon contortus</i> (Thur.) Kylin		+	+	
<i>Cladosiphon irregularis</i> (Sauv.) Kylin ^a		+		
<i>Cladosiphon lubricus</i> (Sauvageau) Kylin ^c				+
<i>Cladosiphon mediterraneus</i> Kütz.		+	+	
<i>Cladosiphon zosterae</i> (J.Agardh) Kylin ^b		+	+	
<i>Corynophlaea umbellata</i> (C.Agardh) Kütz.	+	+	+	+
<i>Elachista fucicola</i> (Velley) Aresch. ^a		+		
<i>Elachista stellaris</i> Aresch.				+
<i>Eudesme virescens</i> (Carmich. ex Berkeley) J.Agardh	+	+	+	+
<i>Giraudia sphacelarioides</i> Derbès & Sol.		+	+	
<i>Halothrix lumbricalis</i> (Kütz.) Reinke ^b		+	+	
<i>Hecatonema terminale</i> (Kütz.) Kylin ^{a,e}		+	+	
<i>Mesogloia lanosa</i> P.L. Crouan & H.M.Crouan		+		
<i>Mesogloia leveillei</i> (J.Agardh) Menegh.		+	+	
<i>Mesogloia vermiculata</i> (J.E.Smith) S.F.Gray		+	+	
<i>Microcoryne ocellata</i> Strömf. ^a		+	+	
<i>Microspongium globosum</i> Reinke ^{a,b,d}			+	
<i>Mikrosyphar polysiphoniae</i> Kuckuck	+	+	+	+
<i>Myriactula arabica</i> (Kütz.) Feldmann	+	+	+	+
<i>Myriactula rivulariae</i> (Suhr) Feldmann	+	+	+	+
<i>Myrionema orbiculare</i> J.Agardh	+	+	+	+
<i>Myrionema strangulans</i> Grev.	+	+	+	+
<i>Myriotrichia claviformis</i> Harv.	+	+	+	+
<i>Nemacystus flexuosus</i> (C.Agardh) Kylin var. <i>giraudyi</i>		+	+	
(J.Agardh) de Jong				
<i>Phaeostroma bertholdii</i> Kuckuck ^a		+		
<i>Protectocarpus speciosus</i> (Børgesen) Kornmann	+	+	+	+
<i>Punctaria latifolia</i> Grev. ^f	+	+	+	+
<i>Punctaria plantaginea</i> (Roth) Grev.			+	
<i>Punctaria tenuissima</i> (C.Agardh) Grev. ^b			+	+
<i>Sauvageaugloia divaricata</i> (Clem.) Cremades		+	+	
<i>Spermatochnus paradoxus</i> (Roth) Kütz.		+	+	
<i>Stictyosiphon adriaticus</i> Kütz.		+	+	
<i>Stictyosiphon soriferus</i> (Reinke) Rosenv.			+	
<i>Stilophora nodulosa</i> (C.Agardh) P. C. Silva		+		
<i>Stilophora tenella</i> (Esper) P.C.Silva	+	+	+	+
<i>Striaria attenuata</i> (Grev.) Grev.	+	+	+	+

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxa	Station			
	İskenderun Bay	Ayvalık	Dardanelles	Sinop
<i>Cystoseira spinosa</i> var. <i>tenuior</i> (Erceg.) Cormaci et al.		+		
<i>Cystoseira squarrosa</i> De Not.	+			
<i>Sargassum acinarium</i> (L.) Setchell	+	+		
<i>Sargassum hornschuchii</i> C.Agardh	+			
<i>Sargassum vulgare</i> C.Agardh	+	+	+	+
Ordo: Ralfsiales				
Familia: Mesosporaceae Tanaka & Chihara				
<i>Hapalospongion macrocarpum</i> (Feldmann) Léon Álvarez & González-González		+		
Familia: Ralfsiaceae Farlow				
<i>Pseudolithoderma adriaticum</i> (Hauck) Verlaque ^a		+		
<i>Ralfsia verrucosa</i> (Aresch.) Aresch.		+		
Ordo: Sphaelariales				
Familia: Cladostephaceae Oltmanns				
<i>Cladostephus spongiosum</i> (Huds.) C.Agardh ^h	+	+	+	+
Familia: Sphaelariaceae Decaisne				
<i>Sphaelaria cirrosa</i> (Roth) C.Agardh	+	+	+	+
<i>Sphaelaria cirrosa</i> f. <i>mediterranea</i> Sauv.		+	+	
<i>Sphaelaria rigidula</i> Kütz.	+	+	+	+
<i>Sphaelaria tribuloides</i> Menegh.	+	+	+	
Familia: Stypocaulaceae Oltmanns				
<i>Halopteris filicina</i> (Grateloup) Kütz.		+	+	
<i>Halopteris scoparia</i> (L.) Sauv.	+	+	+	+
Ordo: Sporochnales				
Familia: Sporochnaceae Grev.				
<i>Nereia filiformis</i> (J.Agardh) Zanard.		+		
<i>Sporochnus pedunculatus</i> (Huds.) C.Agardh		+		

[^a; rare and small marine brown algae in Turkey and the Mediterranean. ^b; alien species in Turkey. ^c; new record for Turkey ^d; it is only known from Turkey in the Mediterranean Sea. ^e; it is considered to be a microthallus in the life histories of *Punctaria tenuissima* (Parente et al. 2010). ^f; Recent studies by Parente et al. (2010), based on rbcL sequence, showed that *P. latifolia* is conspecific with *P. tenuissima*, and it is considered to be a taxonomic synonym of *Punctaria tenuissima* (Cormaci et al. 2012), however it is accepted as a current name in the present study. ^g; the erect thalli were poorly developed in culture but were recognisable as like *Petalonina* or *Scytoniphon* (Fletcher 1987). ^h; including *Cladostephus spongiosum* f. *verticillatum*].

Table 1. (Continued)

Taxa	Station			
	İskenderun Bay	Ayvalık	Dardanelles	Sinop
Familia: Ectocarpaceae C.Agardh				
<i>Ectocarpus crouaniorum</i> Thur.		+		
<i>Ectocarpus fasciculatus</i> Harv.	+	+	+	+
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i> (Dillwyn) Lyngb. var. <i>siliculosus</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i> var. <i>dasy carpus</i> (Kuckuck) Gallardo			+	
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i> var. <i>hiemalis</i> (P.L.Crouan & H.M.Crouan ex Kjellman) Gallardo ^b			+	
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i> var. <i>penicillatus</i> C.Agardh		+	+	
<i>Kuckuckia spinosa</i> (Kütz.) Kornmann		+		
<i>Spongonema tomentosum</i> (Huds.) Kütz. ^a				+
<i>Streblonema parasiticum</i> (Sauv.) De Toni ^a		+		
Familia: Petrospongiaeae Racault, Fletcher, Reviers, G.Y. Cho, S.M. Boo, Parente & Rousseau				
<i>Petrospongium kuckuckii</i> (E.Taskin, M.J.Wynne & M.Öztürk)		+		
Cormaci & Furnari ^{b,c}				
Familia: Scytoniphonaceae Farlow				
<i>Colpomenia peregrina</i> Sauv. ^a			+	
<i>Colpomenia sinuosa</i> (Mertens ex Roth) Derbès & Sol.	+	+	+	+
<i>Compsonema saxicola-</i> stadium (Kuckuck) Kuckuck ^{a,g}		+		
<i>Hydroclathrus clathratus</i> (C.Agardh) Howe		+	+	
<i>Petalonia fascia</i> (O.F.Müll.) Kuntze	+	+	+	+
<i>Petalonia zosterifolia</i> (Reinke) Kuntze			+	+
<i>Scytoniphon dotyi</i> M.J.Wynne ^b			+	
<i>Scytoniphon lomentaria</i> (Lyngb.) Link	+	+	+	+
Ordo: Fucales				
Familia: Sargassaceae Kützing emend. De Toni				
<i>Cystoseira amentacea</i> (C.Agardh) Bory var. <i>amentacea</i>		+		
<i>Cystoseira amentacea</i> var. <i>stricta</i> Mont.	+	+		
<i>Cystoseira barbata</i> (Stackh.) C.Agardh	+	+	+	+
<i>Cystoseira barbatula</i> Kütz. emend. Cormaci, G. Furnari & Giaccone		+		
<i>Cystoseira brachycarpa</i> J.Agardh emend. Giaccone		+		
<i>Cystoseira compressa</i> (Esper) Gerloff & Nizam. f. <i>compressa</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Cystoseira compressa</i> f. <i>plana</i> (Erceg.) Cormaci & al.	+	+		
<i>Cystoseira corniculata</i> (Turn.) Zanard.	+	+		
<i>Cystoseira crinita</i> Duby	+	+	+	+
<i>Cystoseira elegans</i> Sauv.	+	+		
<i>Cystoseira foeniculacea</i> (L.) Grev. f. <i>foeniculacea</i>	+	+	+	+
<i>Cystoseira foeniculacea</i> f. <i>latiramosa</i> (Erceg.) A.Gómez Garreta, M.C.Barceló, M.A.Ribera & J.R.Lluch		+		
<i>Cystoseira foeniculacea</i> f. <i>tenuiramosa</i> (Erceg.) A.Gómez Garreta, B.Martí, R.Siguan & R.Lluch	+	+	+	
<i>Cystoseira humilis</i> Kütz.	+	+		
<i>Cystoseira mediterranea</i> Sauv.		+		+
<i>Cystoseira spinosa</i> var. <i>compressa</i> (Erceg.) Cormaci et al.		+		
<i>Cystoseira spinosa</i> Sauv. var. <i>spinosa</i>	+	+	+	

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