

CONJUGATES (CHAROPHYTA, ZYGNEMATOPHYCEAE) IN THE VICINITIES OF THE PROGRESS AND BELLINGSHAUSEN STATIONS (ANTARCTICA)

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A detailed information on the taxonomic diversity of conjugates (Charophyta, Zygnematophyceae) in freshwater bodies near the Progress and Bellingshausen stations is presented. 16 species from 6 genera and 4 families were identified. 6 species (*Closterium moniliferum*, *Cosmarium constrictum*, *C. cyclicum*, *C. venustum*, *Staurastrum lapponicum*, *Gonatozygon brebissonii*) were recorded for the first time in Antarctica.

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