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The paper provides 39 new records of benthic diatoms for Isla Magdalena and 23 for the Baja California Peninsula. Specimens we recollected on rocky substrates from an abalone fishing site in April 1999 and 2000. Epilithic and epiphytic forms are included which represent a potentially useful diet for rearing young and adult abalone under culture conditions. The guts of grazers collected *in situ* contained abundant diatoms of several species, mainly of the genus *Cocconeis*.

Palabras clave: Benthic diatoms, abalone, Baja California Peninsula, Rocky substratum, New records

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