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Lysis of diatom bulk samples

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We use this protocol and it's working

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Abstract

This protocol describes the steps of sample preparation and lysis before DNA extraction for the diatoms metabarcoding protocol of the LeeseLab. The protocol was established in the GeDNA project.

Guidelines

Reagents are potentially damaging to the environment. Dispose waste responsibly.

Materials

Materials required:

Below all materials needed for the protocol are listed. Vendors and part numbers are listed but interchangeable depending on the supply situation.

Chemicals:

Protk:  200 mL Proteinase K working solution (10 mg/mL  Proteinase K **BioScience Catalog #RP100B**)

TNES buffer ( 50 Molarity (M) TRIS ,  400 Molarity (M) NaCl ,  20 Molarity (M) EDTA)

see 'Sample preparation and lysis of homogenized malaise trap samples'

(dx.doi.org/10.17504/protocols.io.dm6gpjrmjgzp/v1) for details on the stock solutions.

Labware:

1 mm dia zirconia beads  Zirconia Beads 1 mm dia **BioSpec Products Catalog #11079110zx**

2 mm dia zirconia beads  Zirconia Beads 2 mm dia **BioSpec Products Catalog #11079124zx**

2 mL screwcap tubes  2 mL screwcap tube **Sarstedt Catalog #72.693**

50 mL Falcon tube  Easy Reader Conical Polypropylene Centrifuge Tube **Catalog #11512303**



Sample collection (short description)

- 1 Perform multi-habitat diatoms sampling (depending on the protocol).
- 2 Prepare one sterile 50 mL Falcon tube for each sample. Label the Falcon tube with EtOH resistant labels (e.g. printed labels).
- 3 Add  10 mL diatom sample (e.g. scrape sample) to the Falcon tube.
- 4 Add  40 mL EtOH (96%) denatured to the Falcon tube.
- 5 Mix sample by inverting the Falcon tube.
- 6 Store samples under dark conditions at  Room temperature or at  4 °C until lysis.

Sample concentration

7m

- 7 Centrifuge 50 mL falcon tubes containing the diatom samples  4000 x g, 00:10:00 10m
- 8 Discard supernatant EtOH (can be poured from the falcon tube). 1m
- 9 Add  10 mL fresh EtOH (96%) denatured to each sample (in falcon tube). Vortex samples to elute pellets again. 1m

Sample lysis

5m

- 10 Prepare each one 2 mL twist-top tube with each one spoon of 2.0 mm (ca. 10) and 1.0 mm (ca. 30) Zirconia beads. Label tubes both on the side and the lid.
- 11 Add  1 mL sample to each twist-top tube.

**Note**

Either use wide-bore tips or cut off the tips. Otherwise tips tend to clog when pipetting the sample.

12 Centrifuge samples  6000 x g, 00:05:00 .

5m

13 Discard supernatant EtOH (use 1000 µL tips).

14 Add  900 µL TNES and  100 µL ProtK to each sample.

Note

Depending on the amount of samples this can be prepared as premix. We usually prepare TNES + Proteinase K in batches for 24 samples. Proteinase K tends to self-digest if the time for samples preparation takes too long.

15 Bead-beat for  00:02:00 at  2400 rpm .

2m

16 Incubate samples at  55 °C for  00:20:00 at  1400 rpm .

20m

17 Store samples at  -20 °C until DNA extraction.