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Populations of *Alexandrium tamarens* around the Orkney Islands produce potent neurotoxins, paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) toxins (Medlin et al. 1998).

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