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The armored dinoflagellate <I normal">*Ceratium dens* originally described from the Indian Ocean was recorded for the first time for both the Gulf of California and the Mexican Pacific in general. All available records of <I normal">*C. dens* were analyzed. Geographic distribution of this species is mainly in subtropical and tropical waters. The presence of <I normal">*C. dens* during the autumn 2009 in the Gulf of California waters could be related to El Niño Event conditions.

Palabras clave: Specialist, dinoflagellate, Mexican Pacific, *Ceratium dens*, El Niño Event

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