



Top. Terrestrial and aquatic food webs showing the central role of the chironomid midge in bring nutrients from the aquatic environment to the terrestrial environment.

Middle. Life-cycle of chironomid midges. Modified from: Pinder (1986).

Bottom. Recently hatched adult chironomid midges drying their wings over a rock covered by green biofilm at the Sala Grande stream, Cueva de Villa Luz. Kenneth Ingham.

