

marine algal bloom (ENVO:01000057)

A marine algal bloom is a rapid increase or accumulation in the population of algae in a marine system. Typically, only one or a small number of phytoplankton species are involved. Although there is no officially recognized threshold level, algae can be considered to be blooming at concentrations of hundreds to thousands of cells per milliliter, depending on the severity.

narrow synonym:	red tide
xref definition:	PLB:plb
xref definition:	Wikipedia:Algal_bloom
xref analog:	EcoLexicon:red_tide

