



(The Guardian)


Fish deaths



The background of the slide is a collage of various microscopic images of algae and other microorganisms. In the top left, there's a small, star-shaped organism. Below it is a cluster of spherical cells. To the left of the central text box is a large, circular, radiating structure. Below that is a small, elongated, rod-like organism. In the bottom left, there's a star-shaped organism with multiple points. In the center, a large, rectangular, elongated cell is shown in detail. To the right of the text box, there's a large, branching, filamentous structure. In the bottom right, there's a circular organism with internal structures. The text is overlaid on a dark blue rectangular area in the upper center.

Algae= phyto plankton
phyton *planktos*
“Plant wanderers”

human hair width:


0.1 mm

(Durkin)

Found across water environments: seawater, freshwater, ice/snow

Exist as a single cell, or chain of cells



Over a million phytoplankton in a teaspoon!



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Span a range of sizes and shapes: 0.0001 – 10s of mm

cyanobacteria



diatom



dinoflagellate



green algae

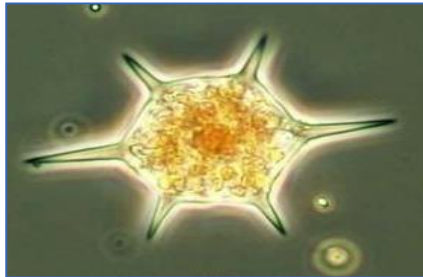
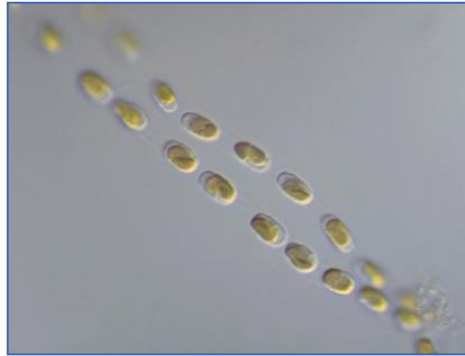
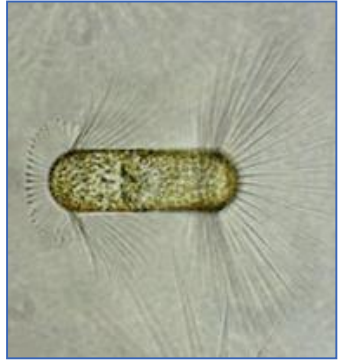


coccolithophore



What makes them “wanderers”?

Phytoplankton live near the surface of the ocean because they need sunlight to make food



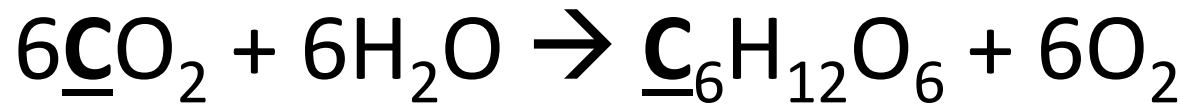
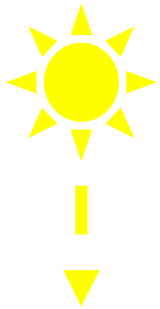
More likely to float in the sunlit depths of the ocean:



(Slide from C-MORE)

What makes them “plants”?

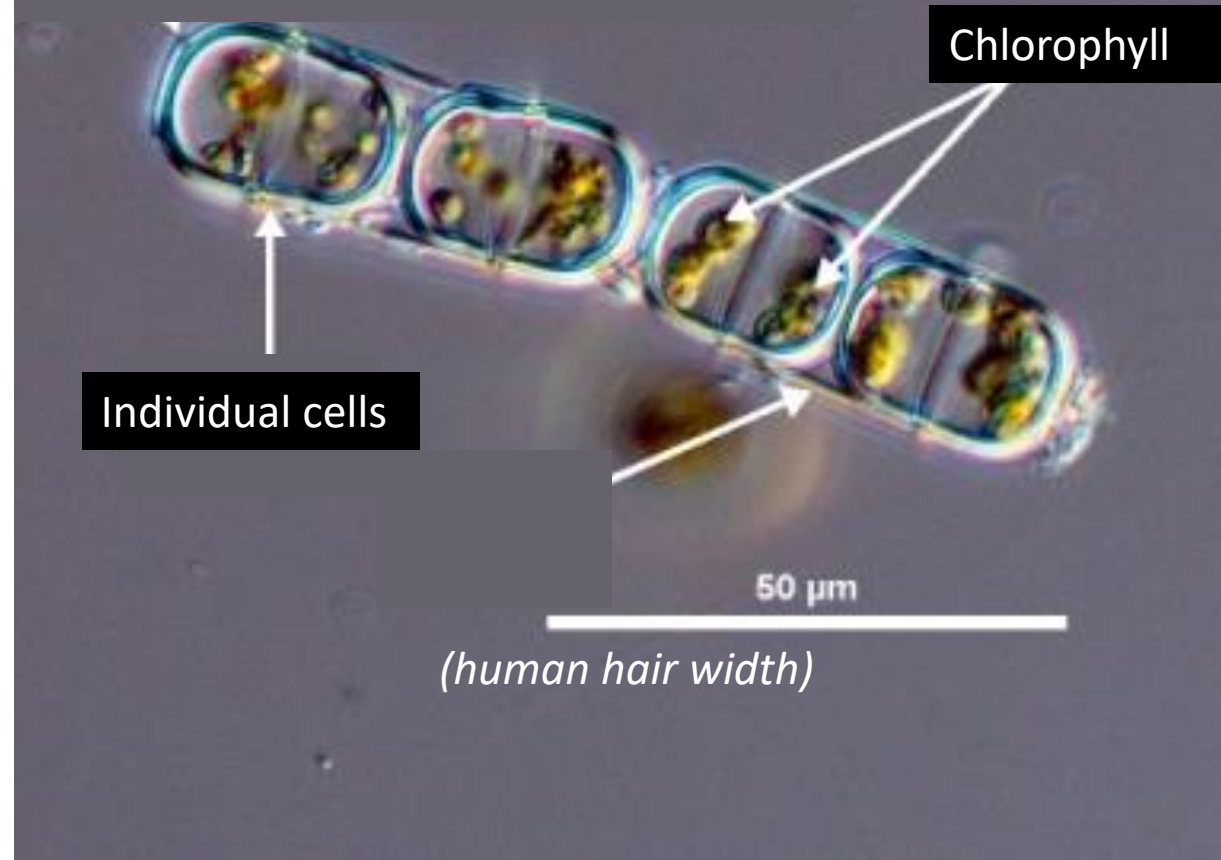
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GAS

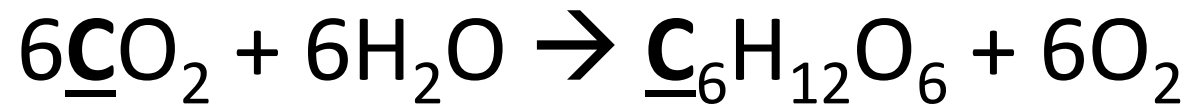
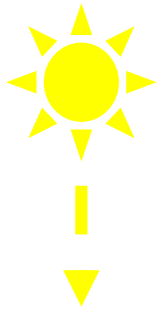
ORGANIC
TISSUE

Diatom: *M. moniliformis*



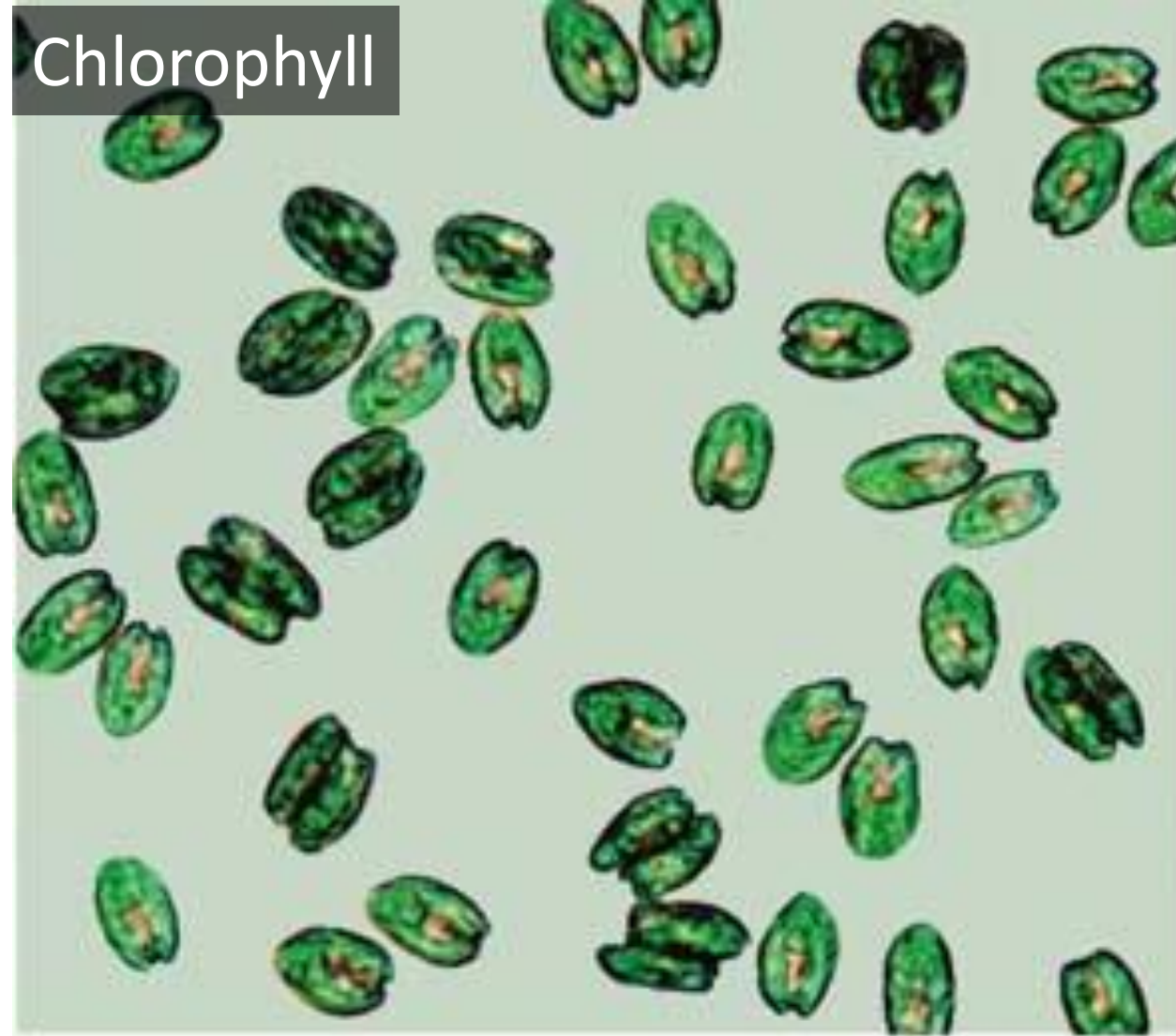
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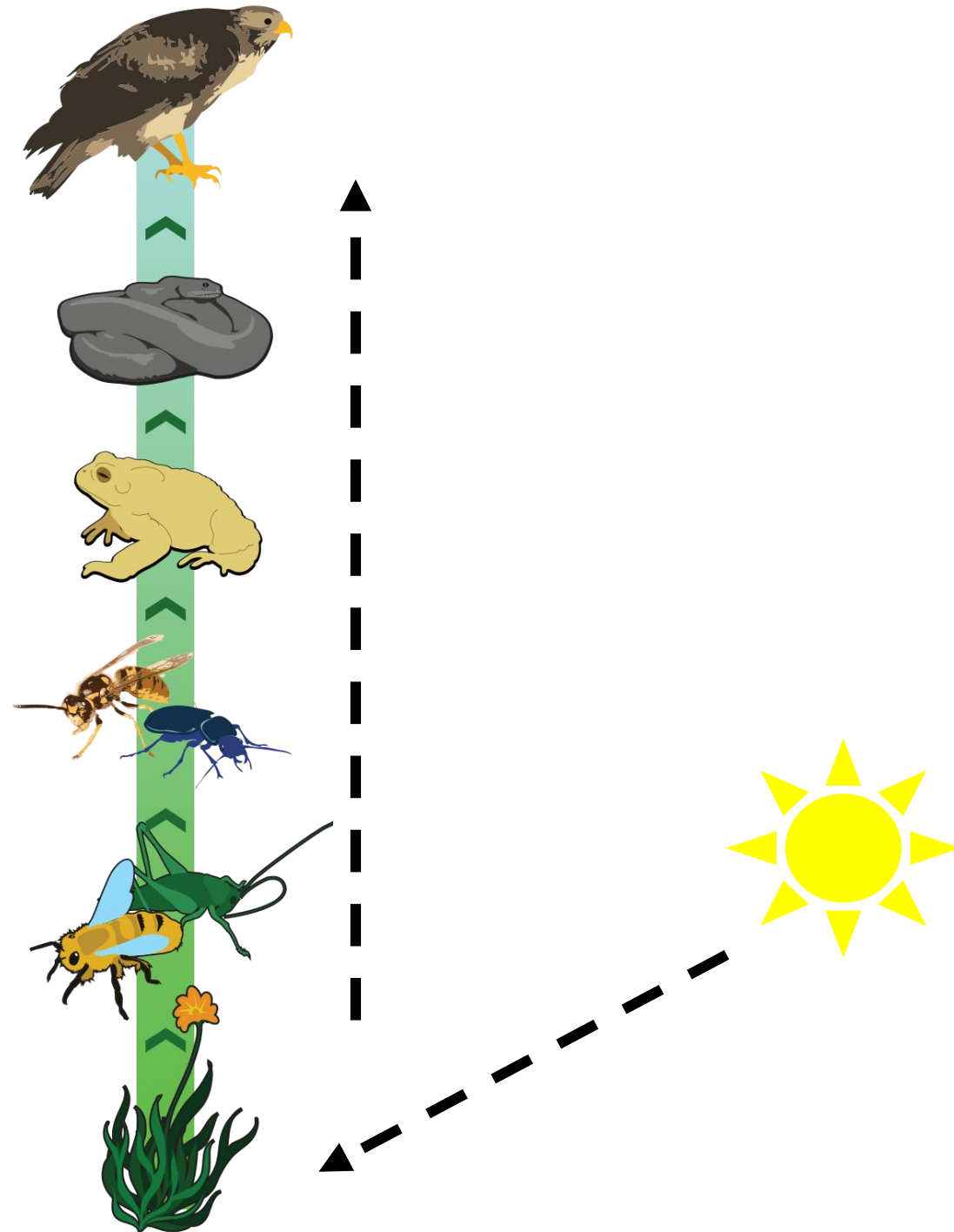


This pigment captures energy from the sun

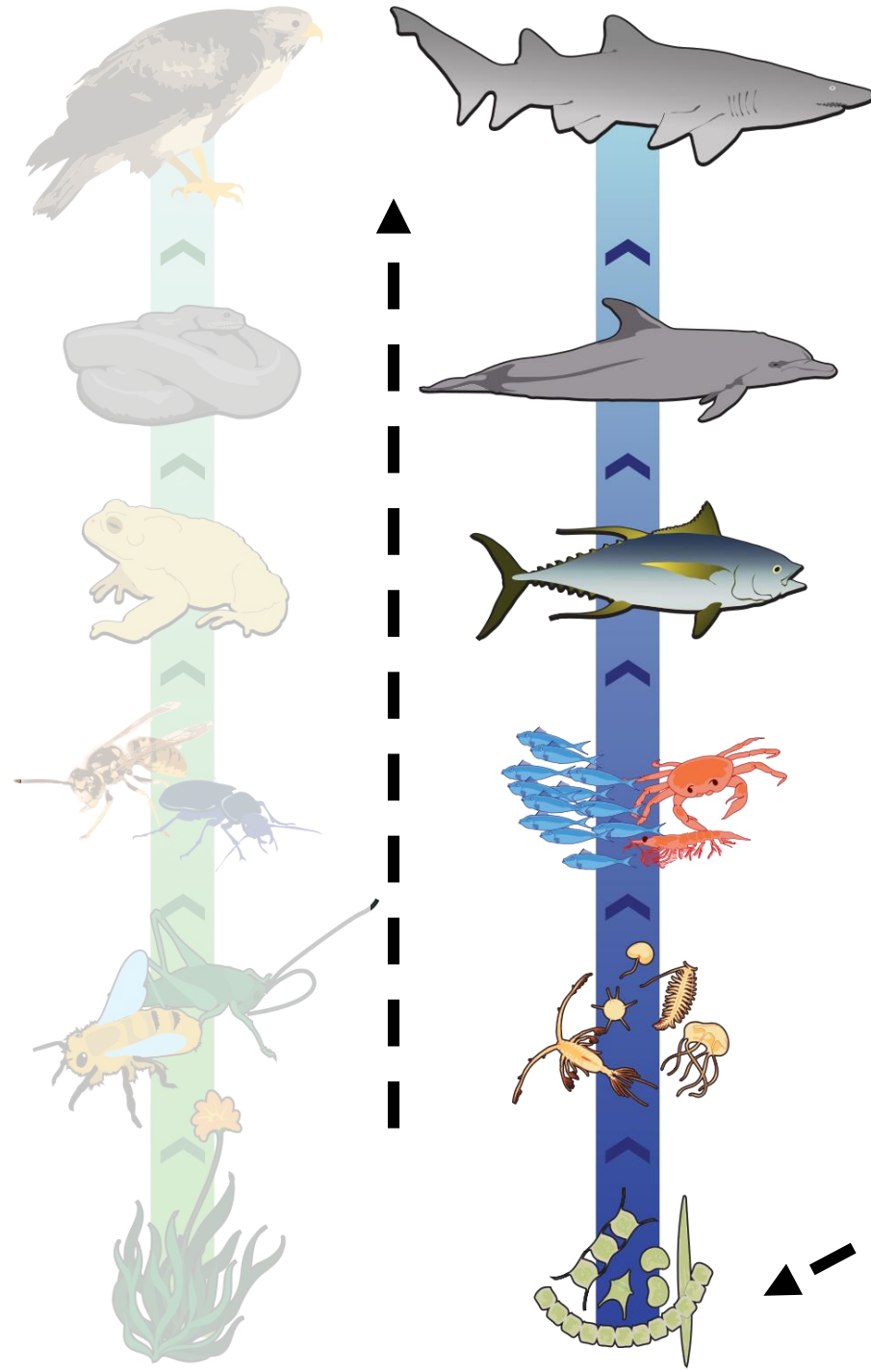
Chlorophyll



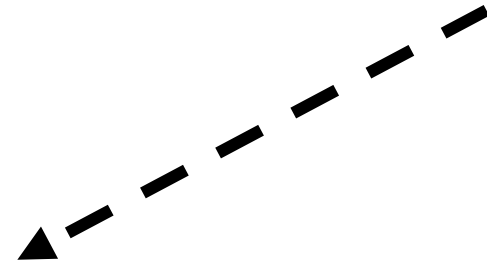
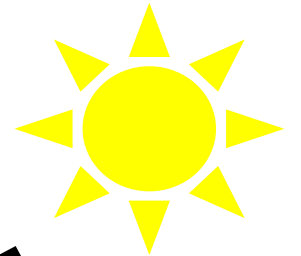
Plants are the
foundation of
food chains on
land



Algae are the foundation of food chains in the ocean

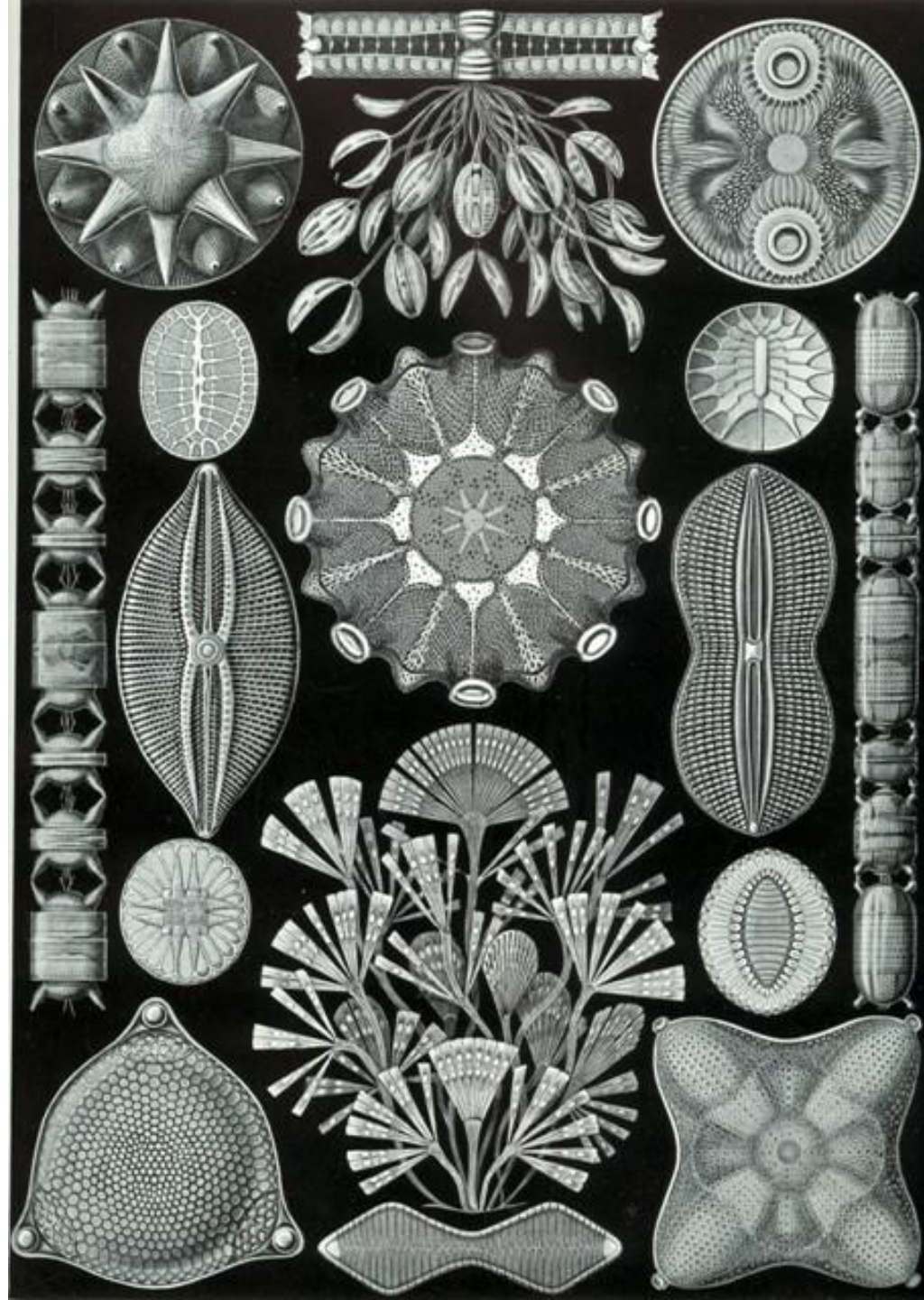
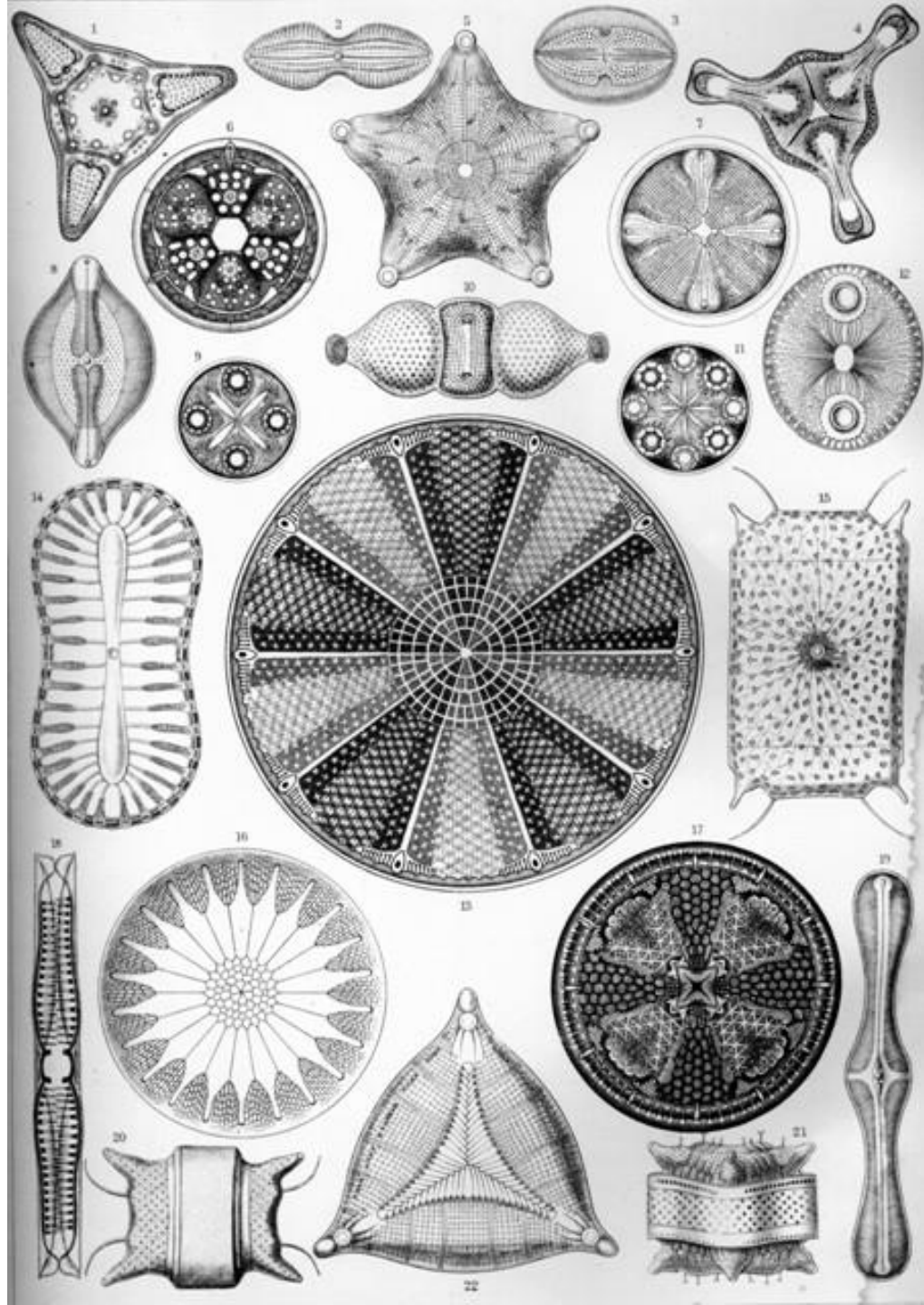


Yellowfin Tuna





With microscopes, algae diversity fascinated scientists and artists for >100 years



For each slide,

1. Note what specimen you have
2. Note the microscope's magnification
3. Draw what you see
4. Write observations describing what you see

Satellites today help us observe phytoplankton over larger spaces

50 km



Vietnam

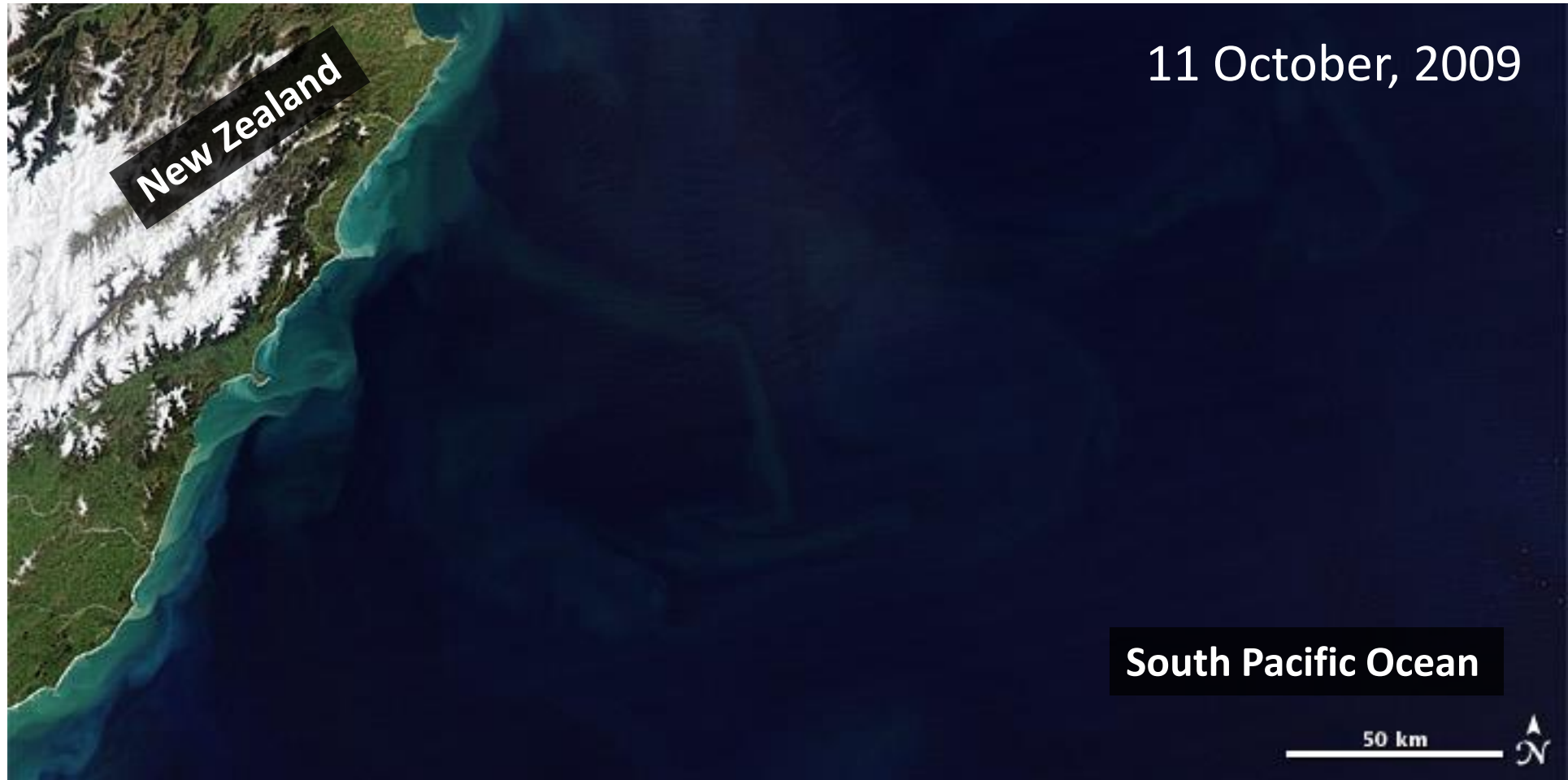
Gulf of Tonkin

Phytoplankton bloom

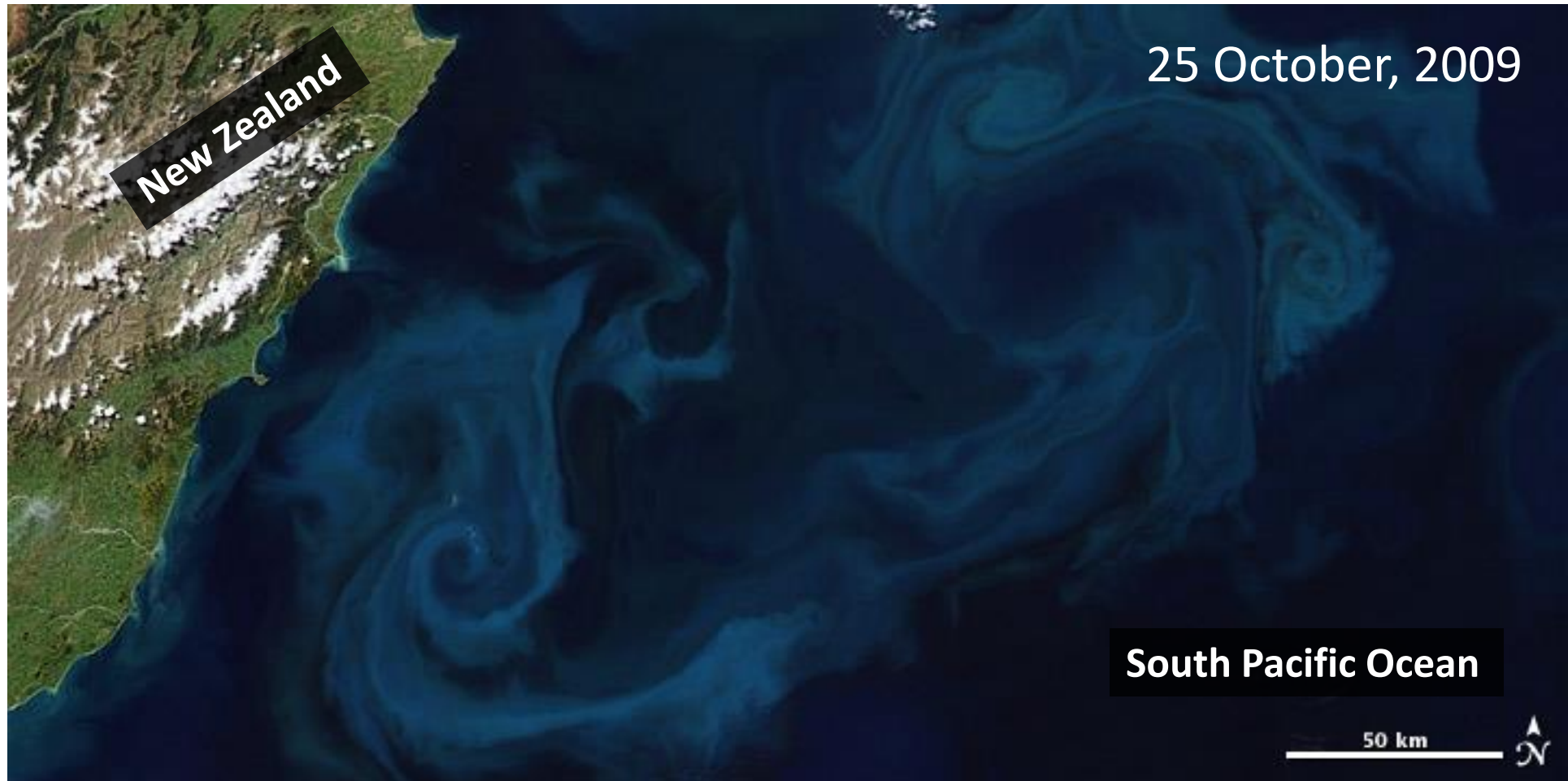
Hainan

(NASA Earth Observatory)

And their changes through time



And their changes through time



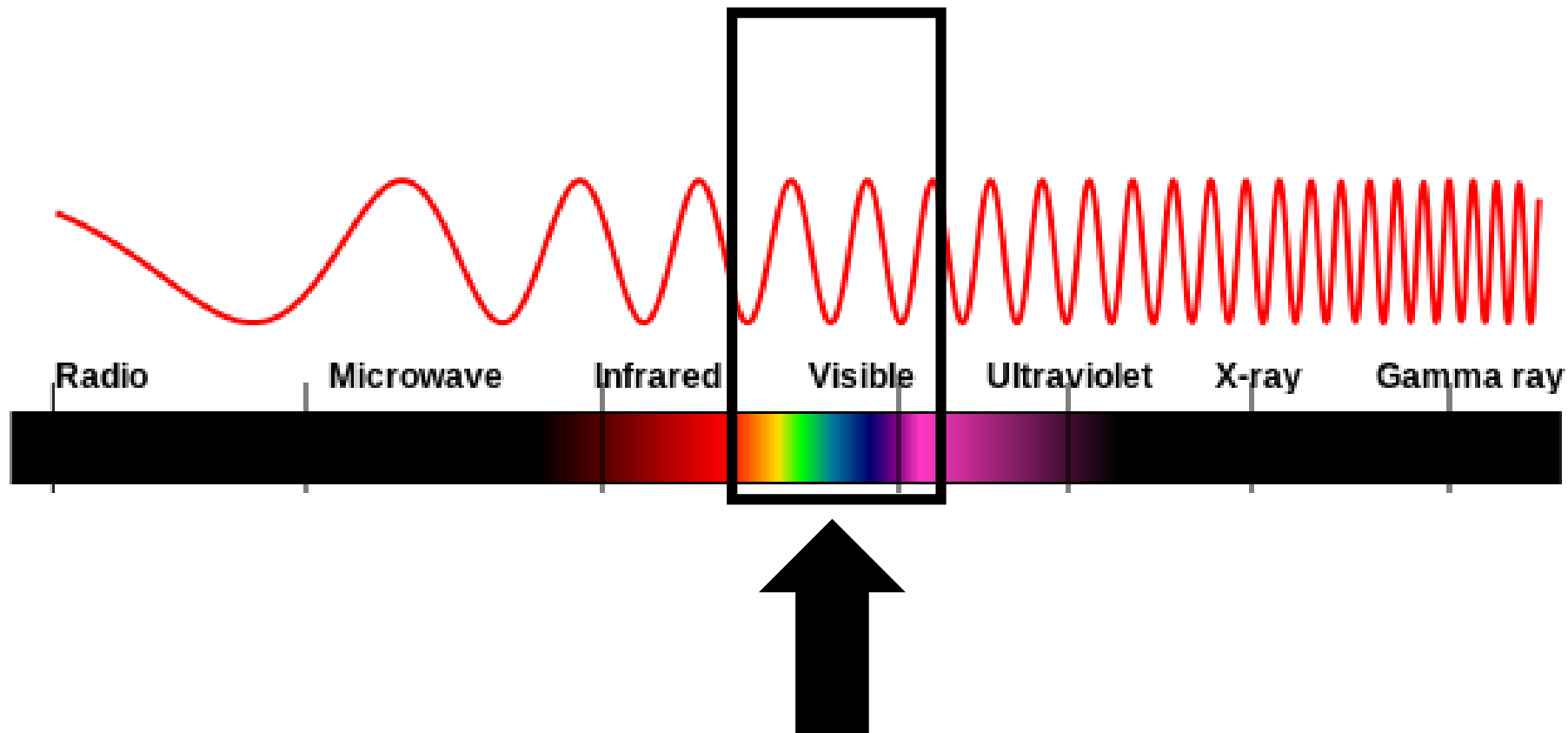
Different NASA satellites have monitored global ocean algae since 1978



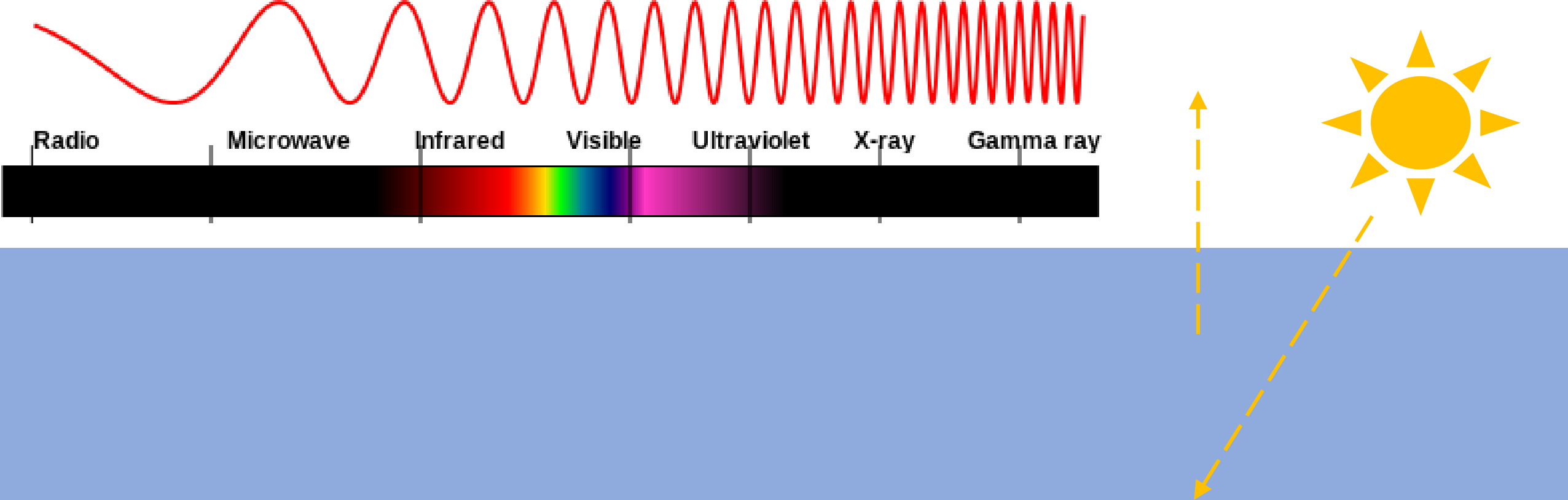
A satellite image of Earth showing a vast expanse of the Atlantic Ocean. The image is characterized by complex, swirling cloud patterns in shades of white, grey, and blue, indicating high-level atmospheric circulation. Landmasses are visible in the background, showing green vegetation and brownish terrain. A dark rectangular box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing white text.

What do the satellites “see”?

Satellites “see” the radiation coming from ocean



Visible light radiation:
What our eyes see



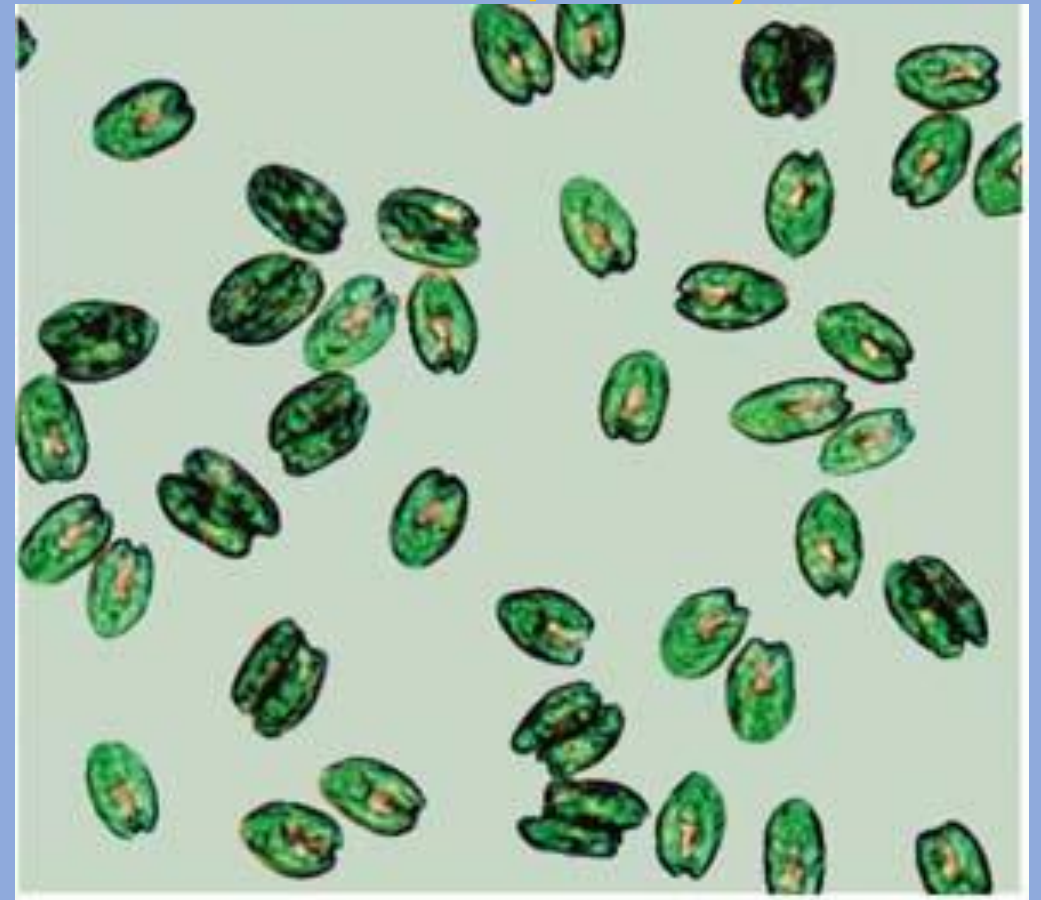
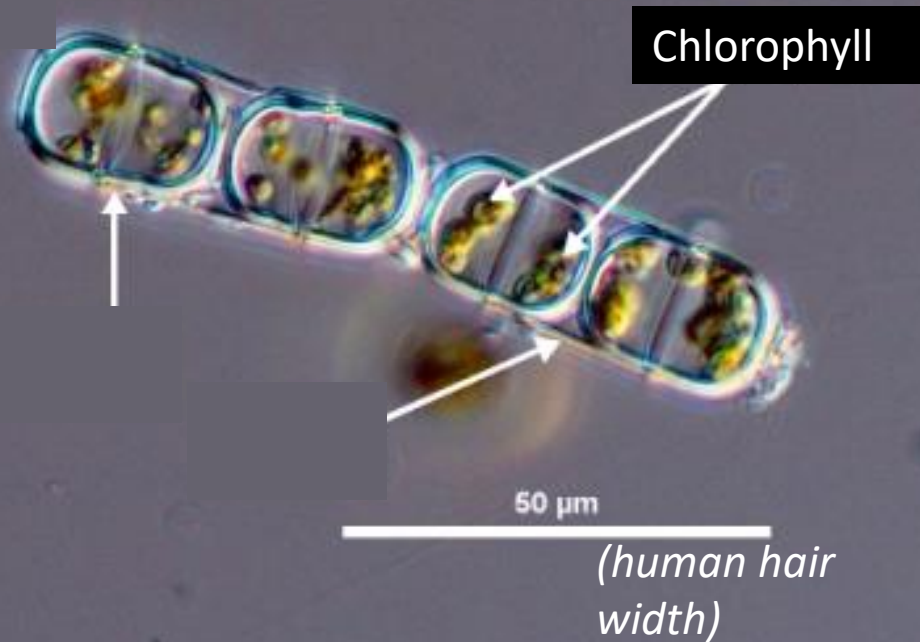
Radiation from sun/space enters the ocean,
passes through seawater.

Different radiation released back to space

Radiation from ocean tells us # algae living there



Diatom

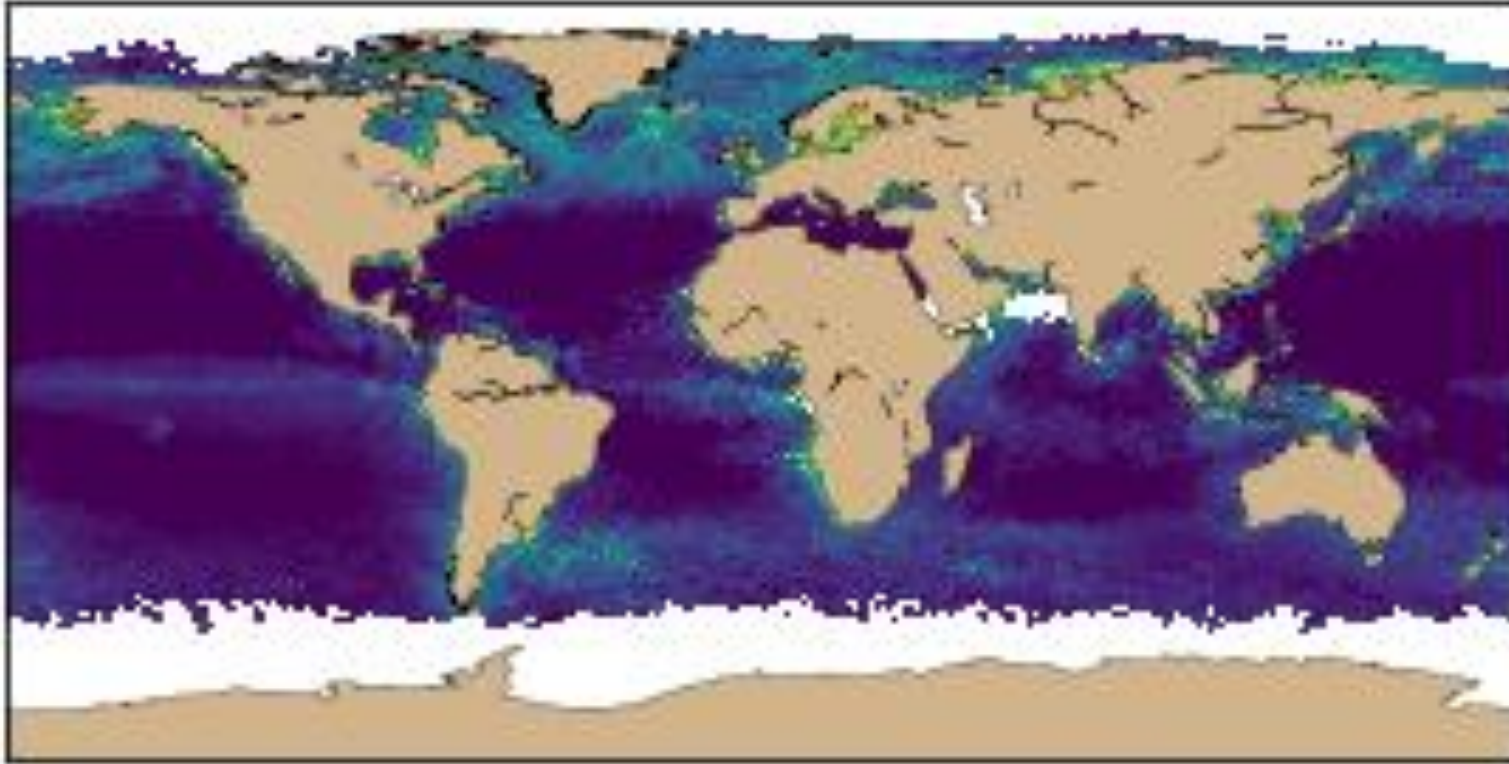


(The UN FAO; UBC EOAS)

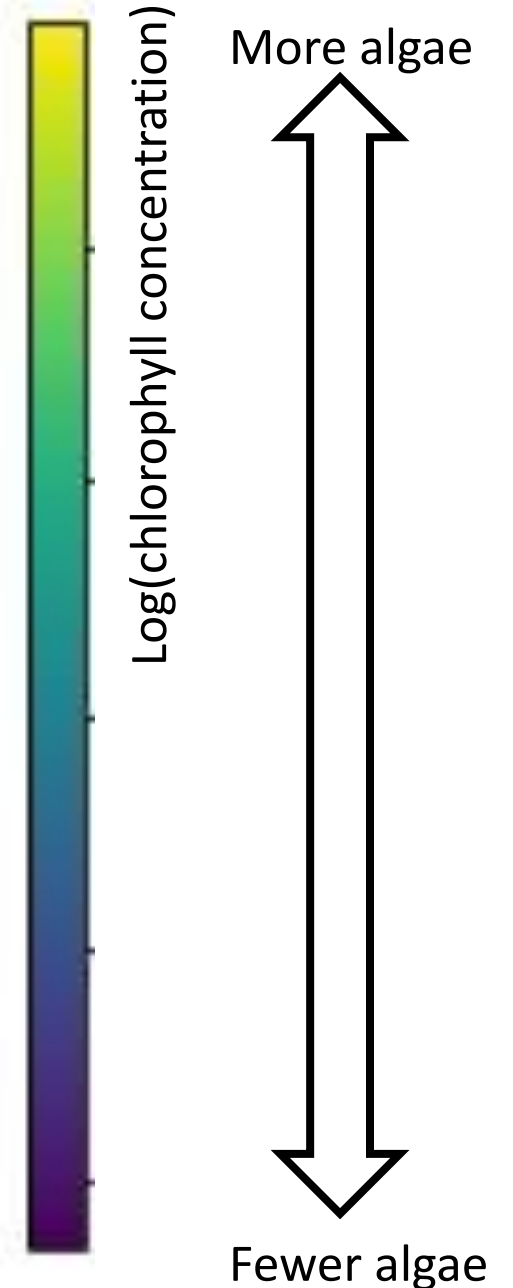
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Satellites divide the ocean surface into millions of tiny sections, recording the number of algae in each section

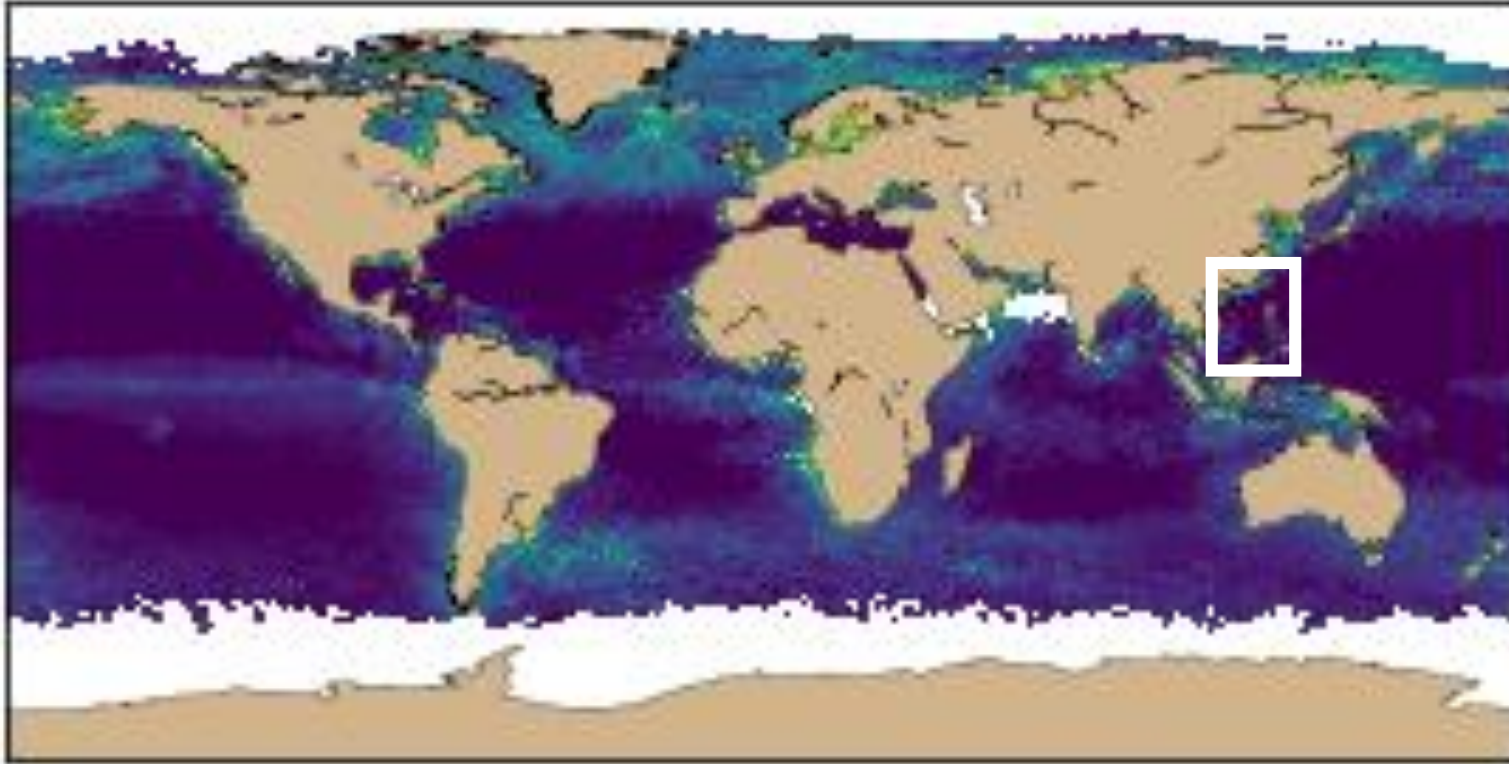
With all squares together,
we create maps of where algae live



August 2017 (one year ago)

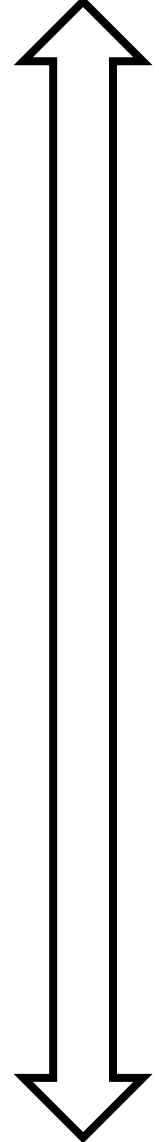


Now your turn



Log(chlorophyll concentration)




More algae



Fewer algae

August 2017 (one year ago)

Pixlr (pixlr.com)

- Try at least 2-3 edits using the tools
- Think of why you are making your choices
- Example tools:
 - Adjustment
 - Brightness/Contrast
 - Hue/Saturation
 - Hue: Color change
 - Saturation: Intensity of color/no color
 - Lightness
 - Crop Tool - crops a photo to the size you want 
 - Wand Tool - auto-selects an area of a similar color 
 - Paint bucket - use to fill in a selected area with a solid color 

Mississippi River mouth

