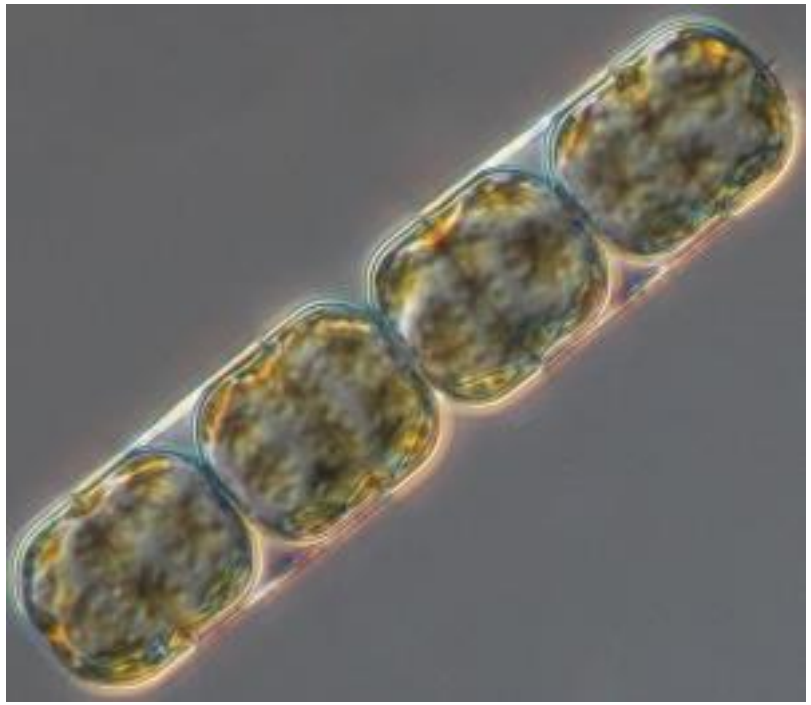

Algae= phyto plankton
phyton planktos
"Plant wanderers"
human hair width:
0.1 mm
(Durkin)

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

Exist as a single cell, or chain of cells



Over a million phytoplankton in a teaspoon!

(Slide from C-MORE)(UBC EOAS)

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

(NASA Earth Observatory)

What makes them “wanderers”?

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More likely to sink to darker depths of the ocean:

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

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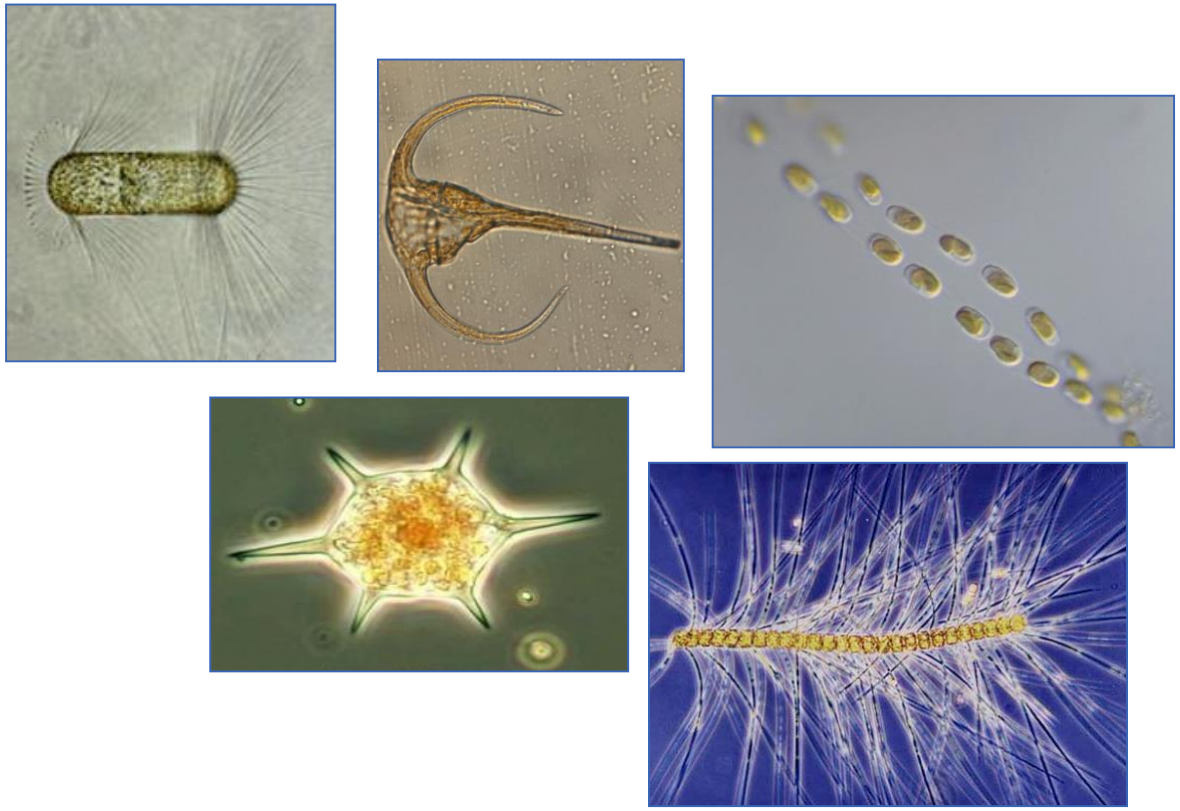

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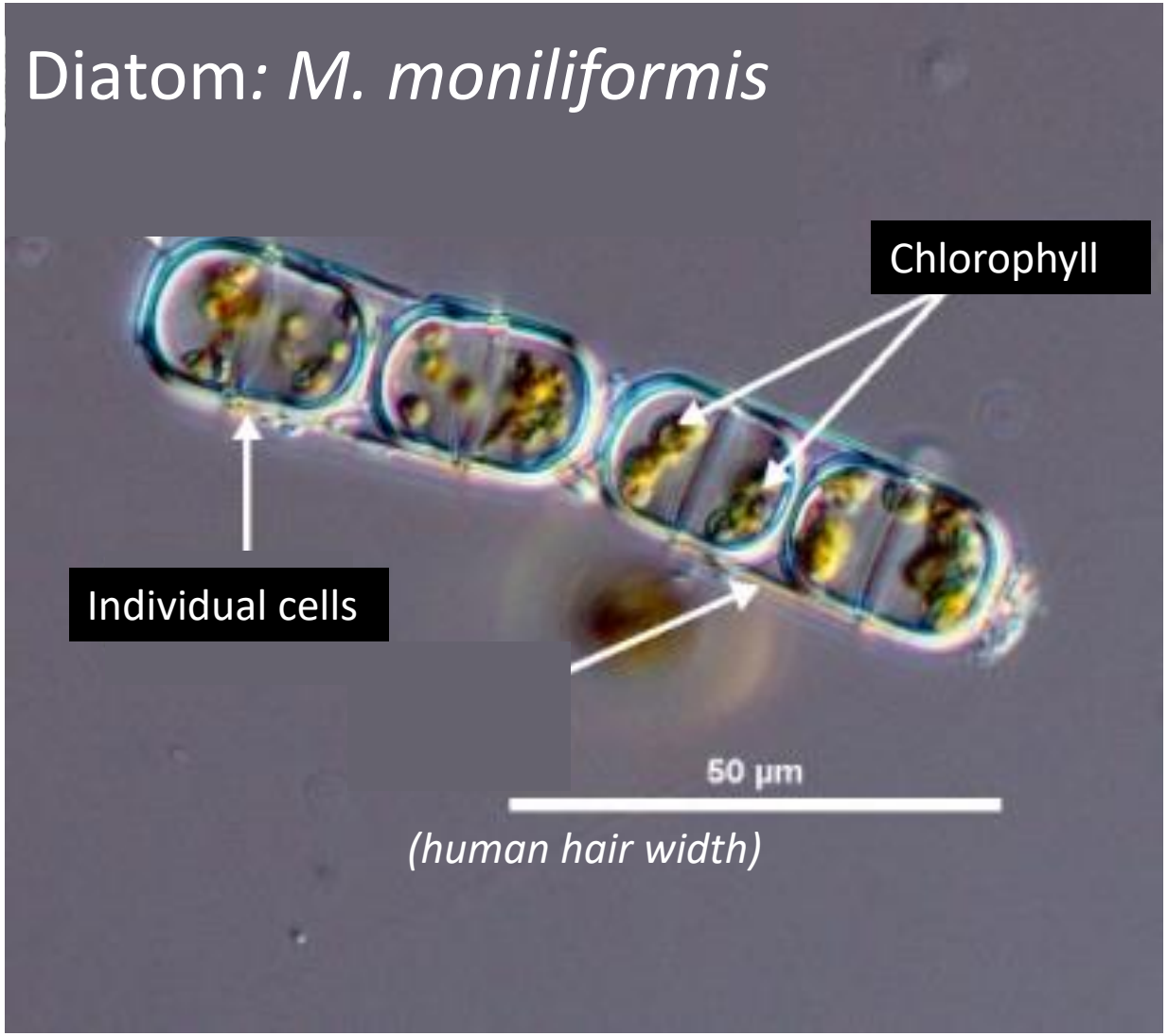

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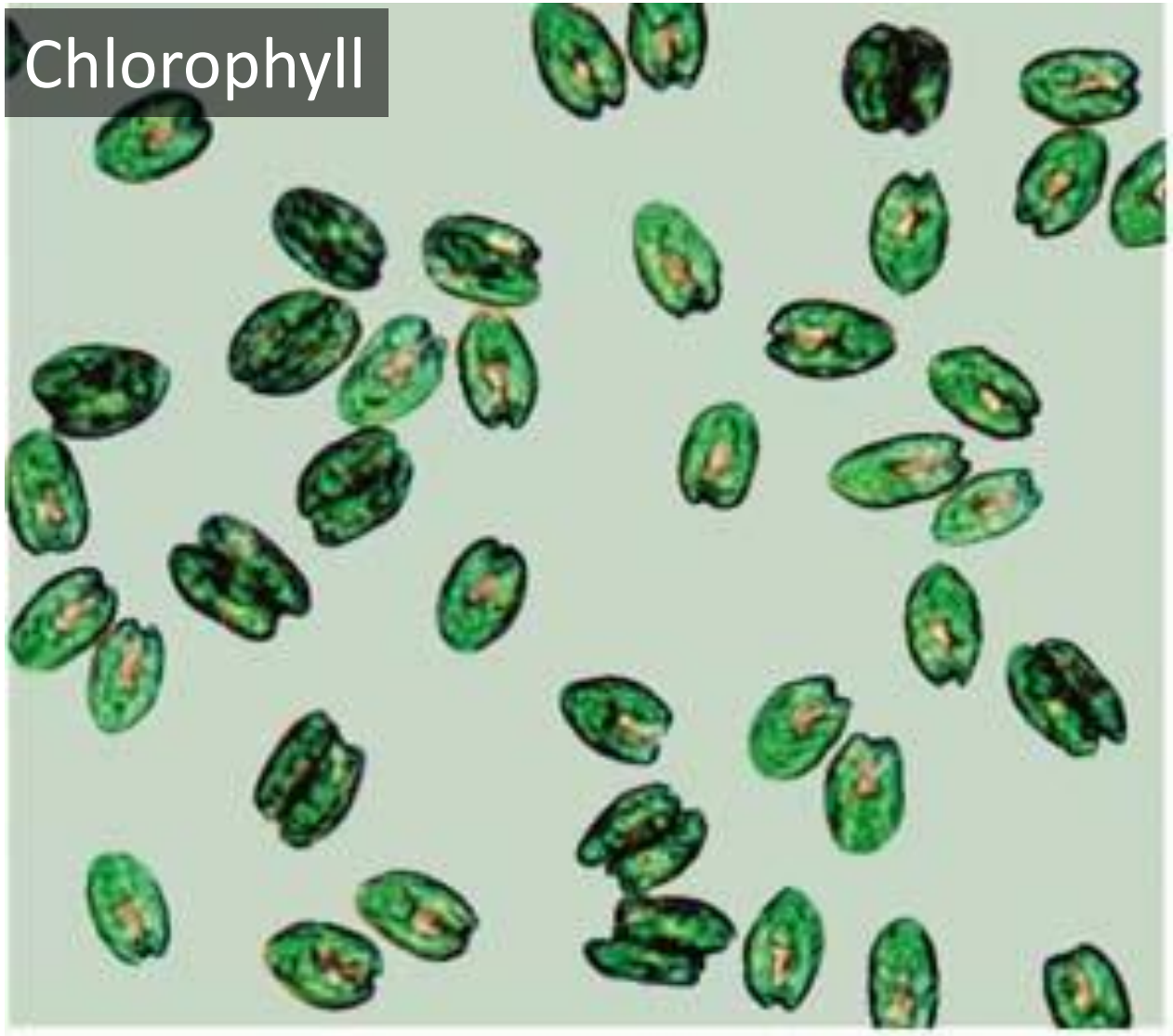
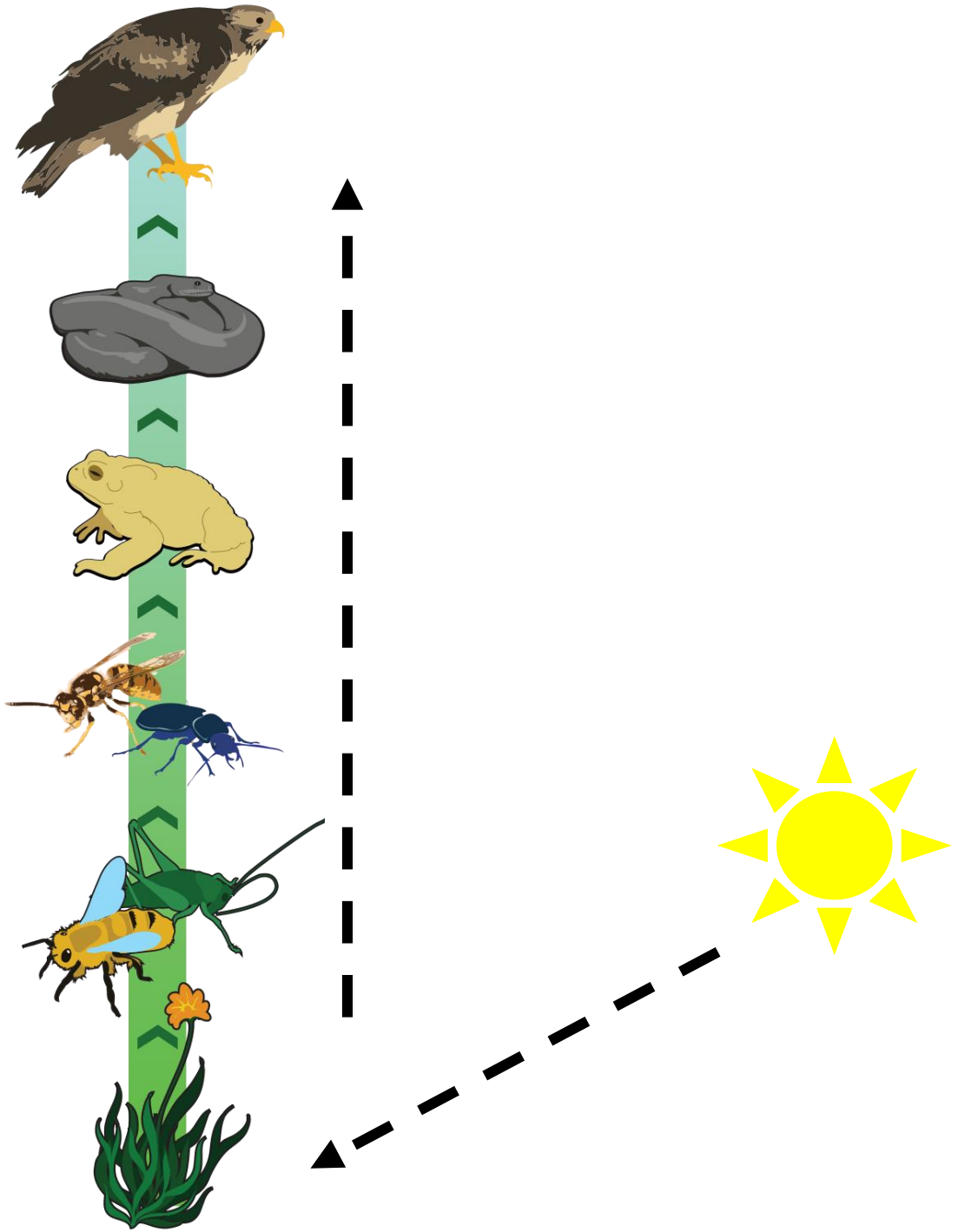


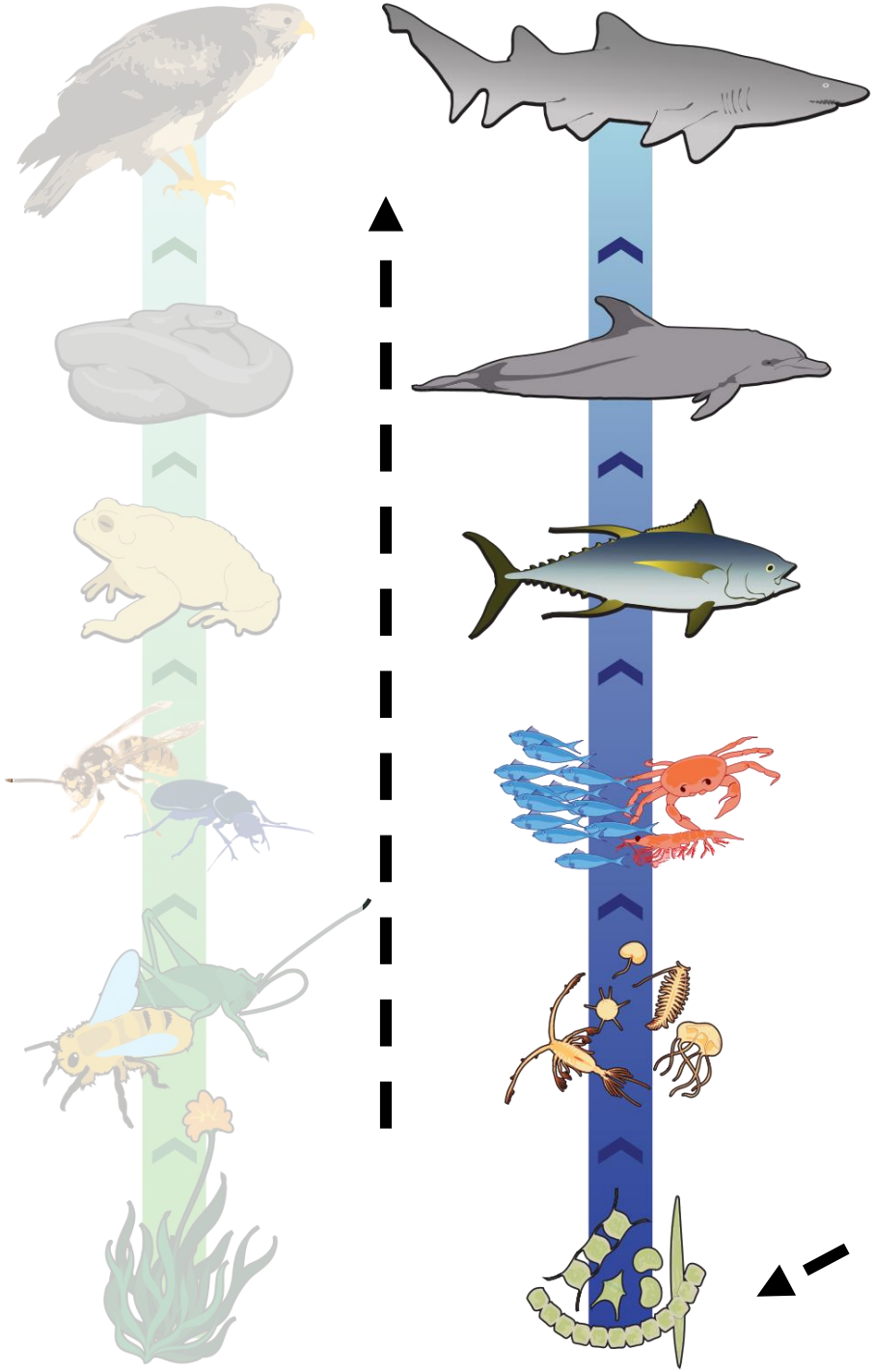
(The UN FAO)

Plants are the foundation of food chains on land



(Villarreal)

Algae are the foundation of food chains in the ocean



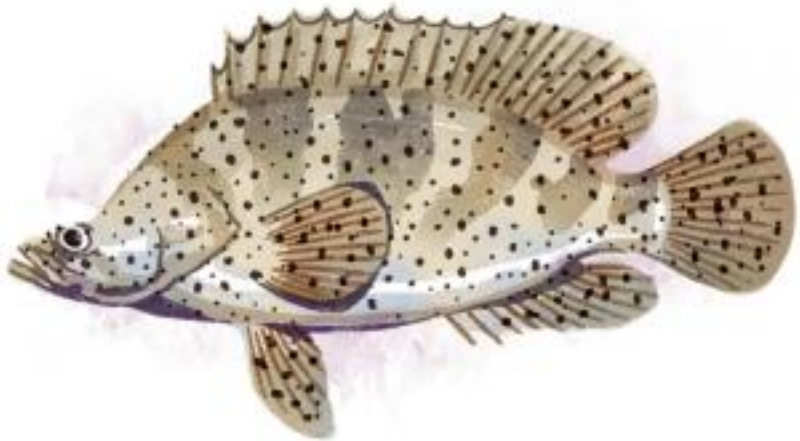
Yellowfin Tuna

(Villarreal)



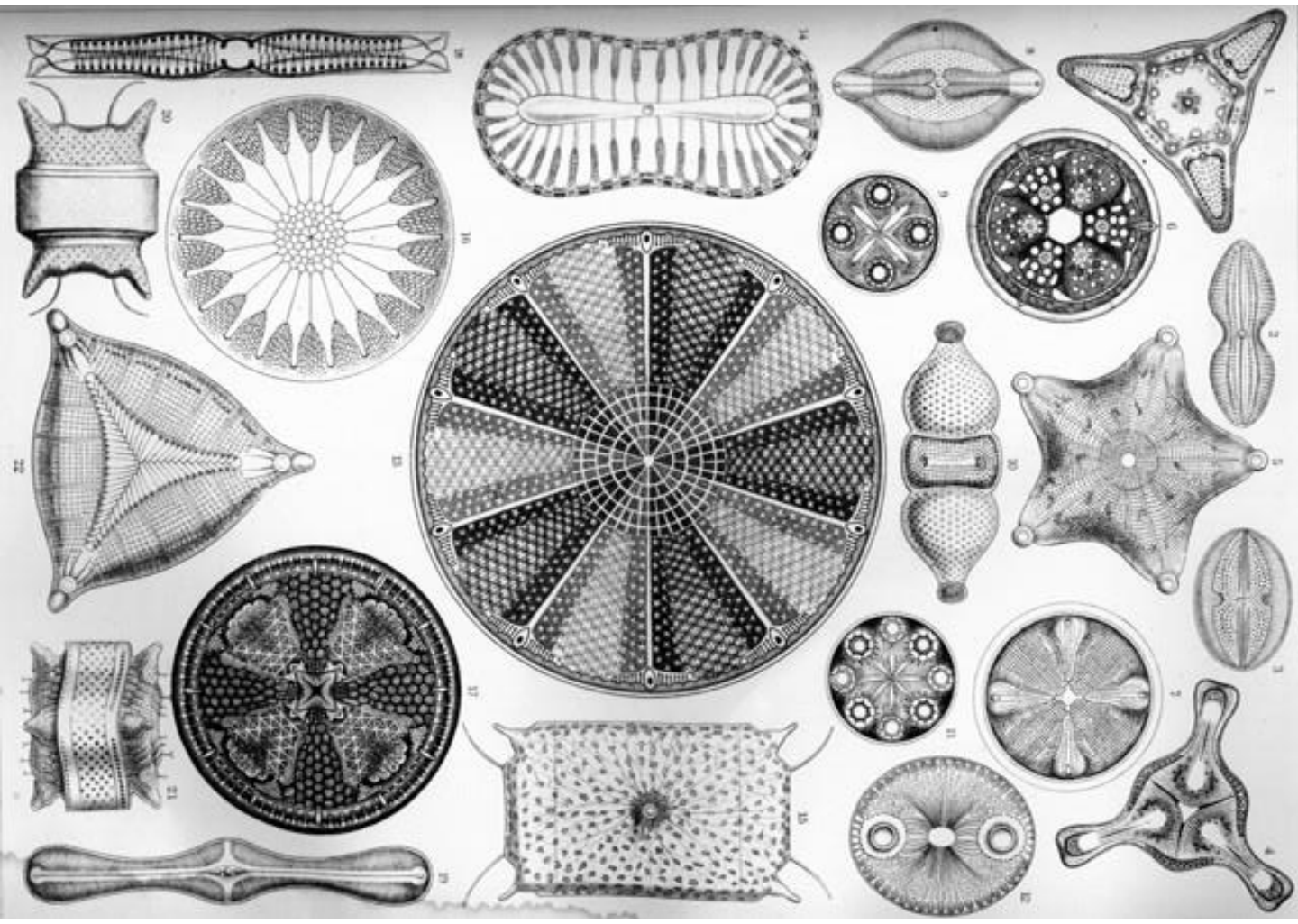
These food chains include the local fish you eat in Hong Kong

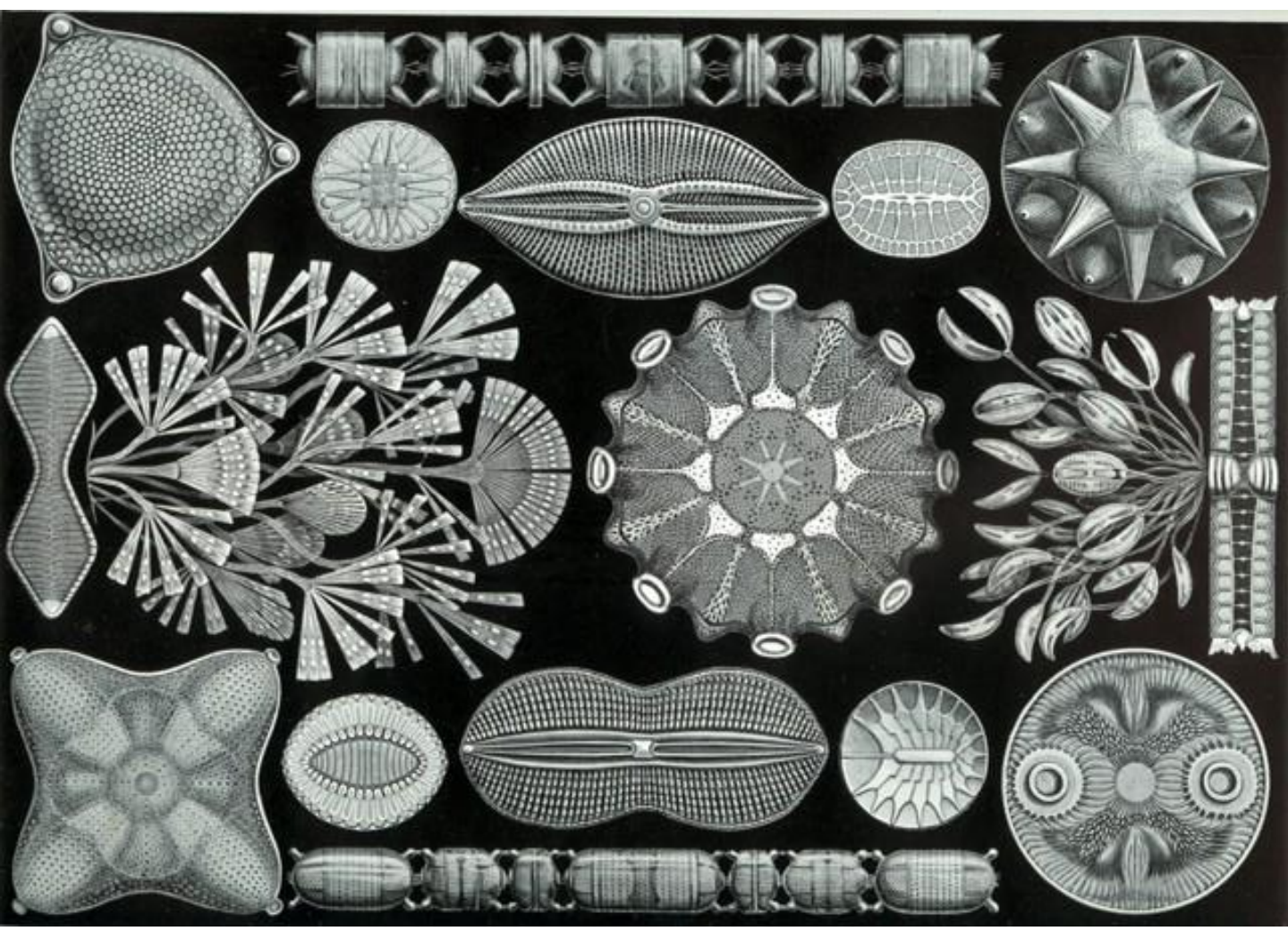




With microscopes, algae diversity fascinated scientists and artists for >100 years
(http://microscopist.net/MollerJD.html)





(http://www.silentplankton.com/Gallery/View/Haeckel)

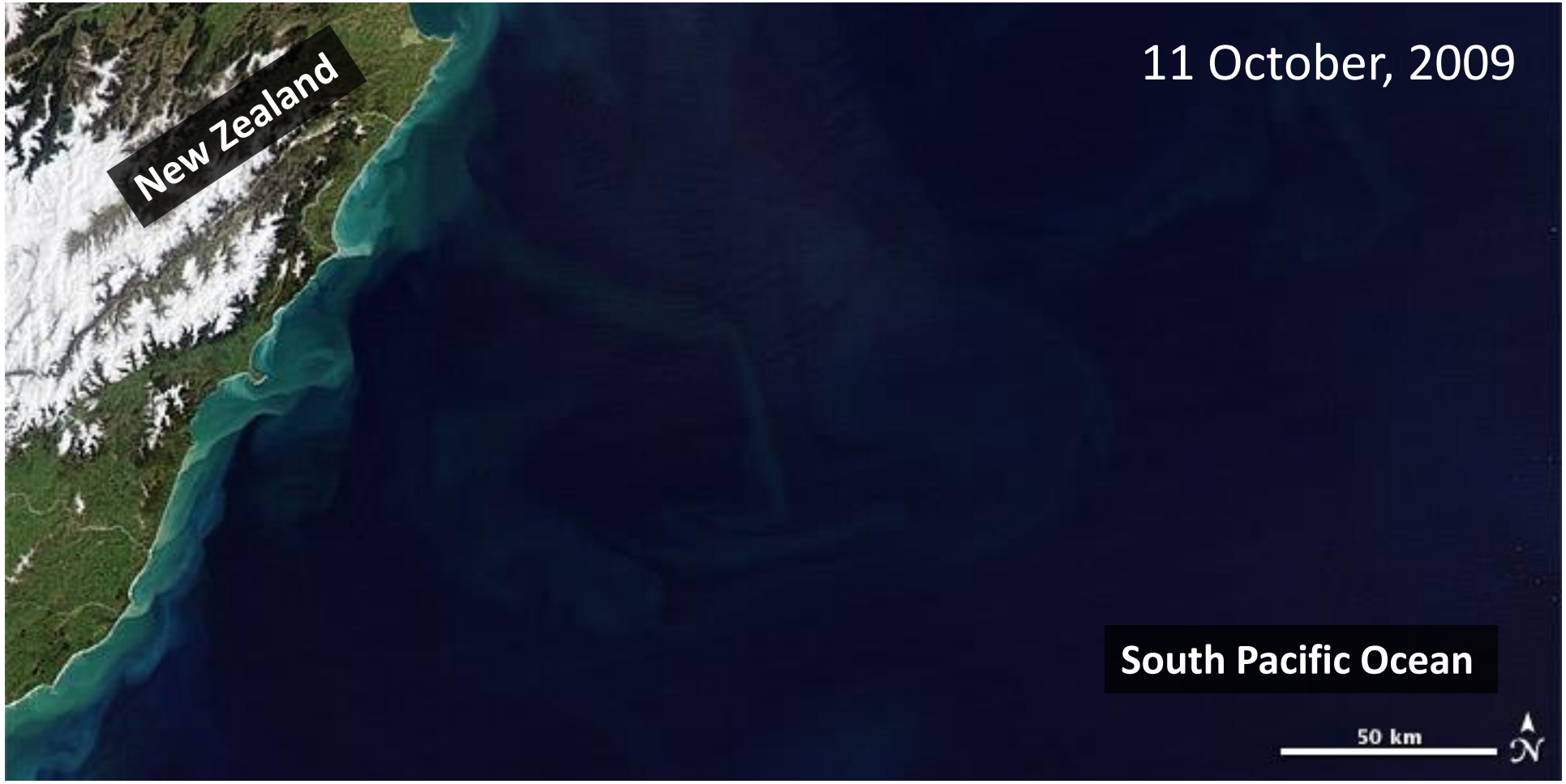
For each slide,

1. Note what specimen you have
2. Note the microscope’s magnification
3. Draw what you see
4. Write observations describing what you see
5. Compare drawings with the others in your group

Satellites today help us observe phytoplankton over larger spaces

(NASA Earth Observatory)

And their changes through time



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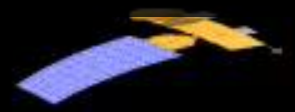
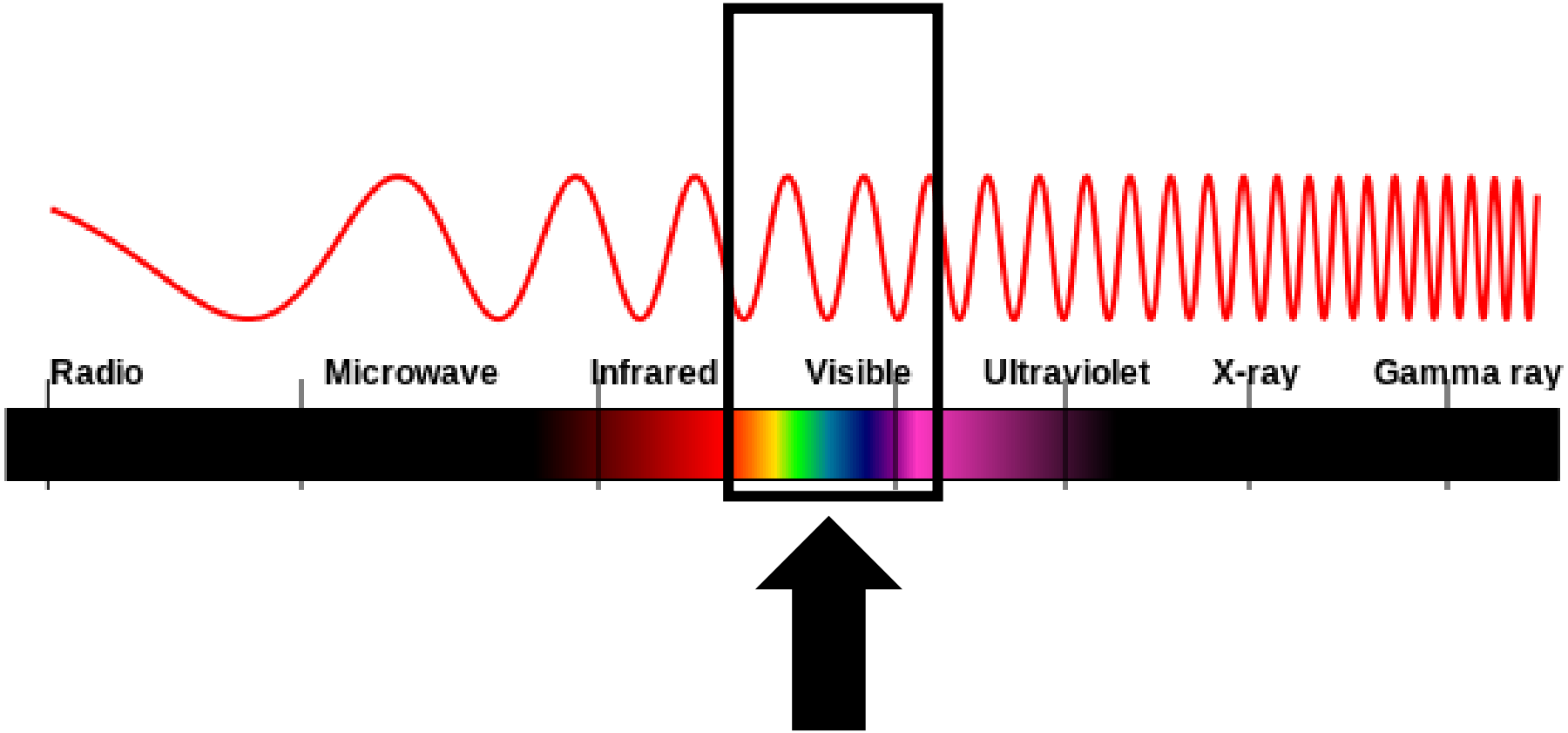
Different NASA satellites have monitored global ocean algae since 1978



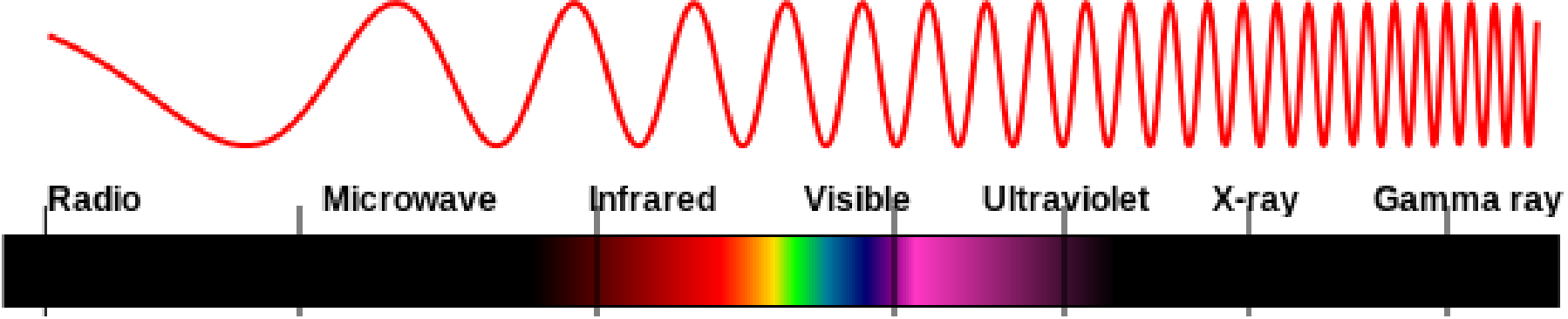

What do the satellites “see”?

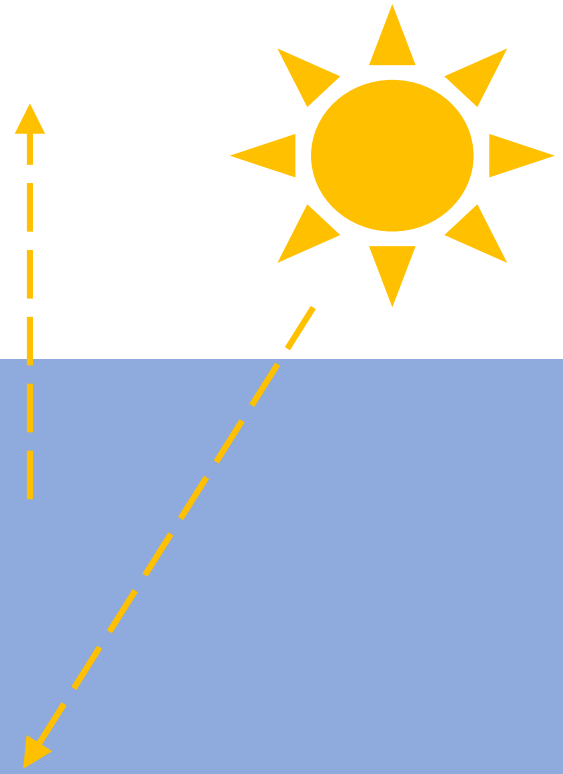
Satellites “see” the radiation coming from ocean



Visible light radiation:
What our eyes see

(NASA)



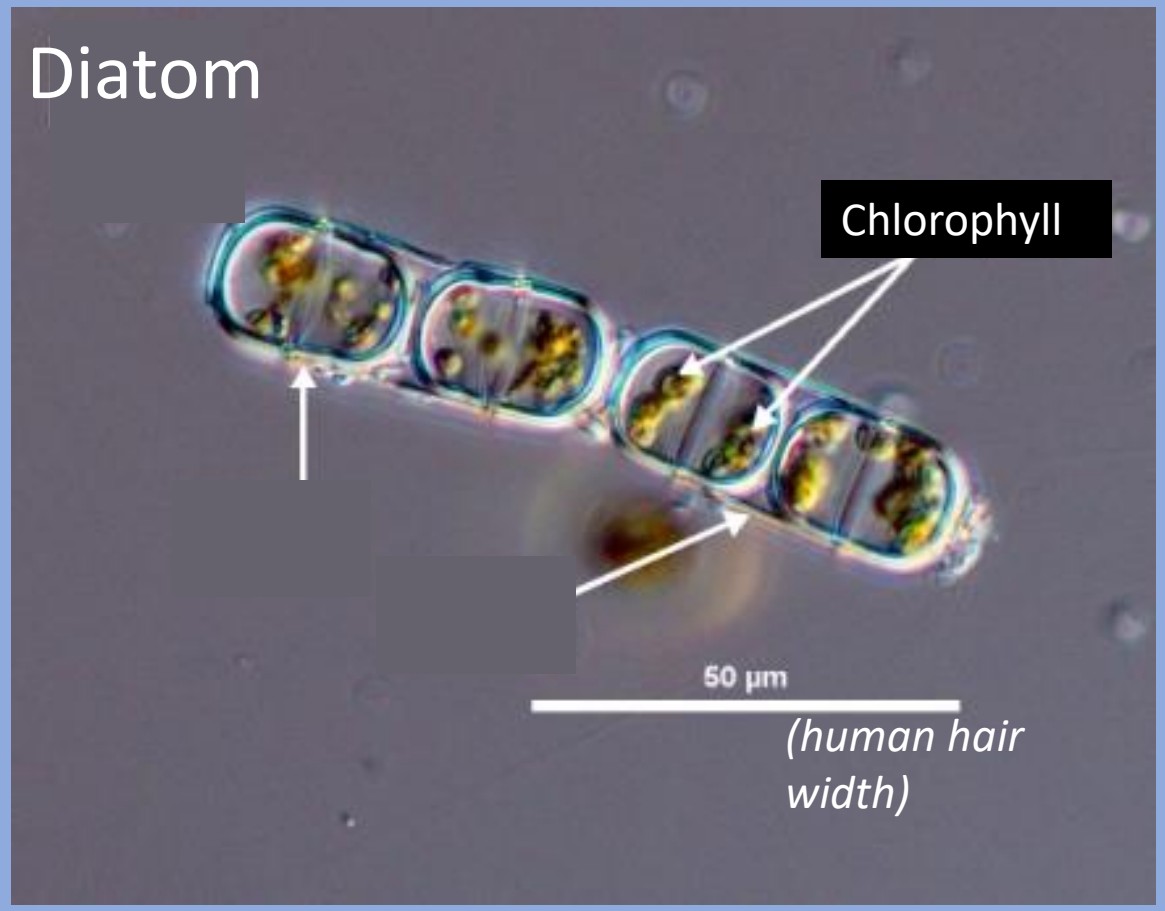


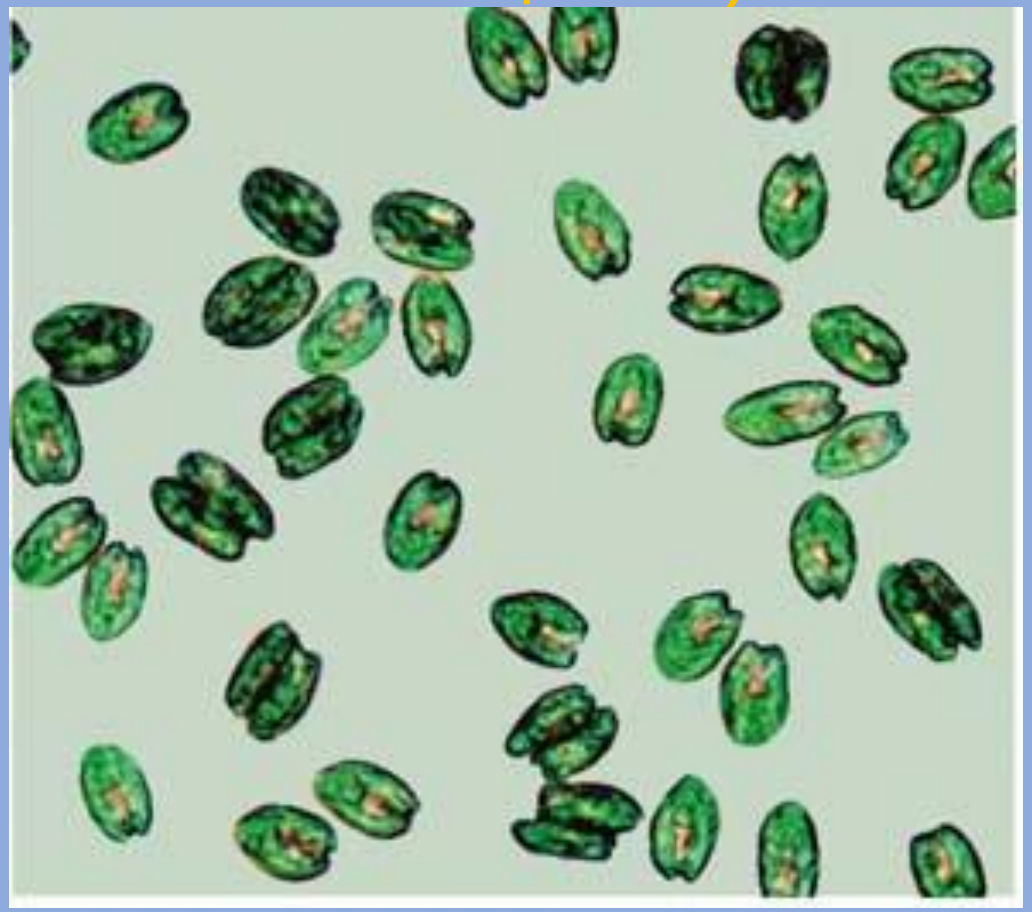
Radiation from sun/space enters the ocean, passes through seawater.

Different radiation released back to space

(NASA)

Radiation from ocean tells us # algae living there





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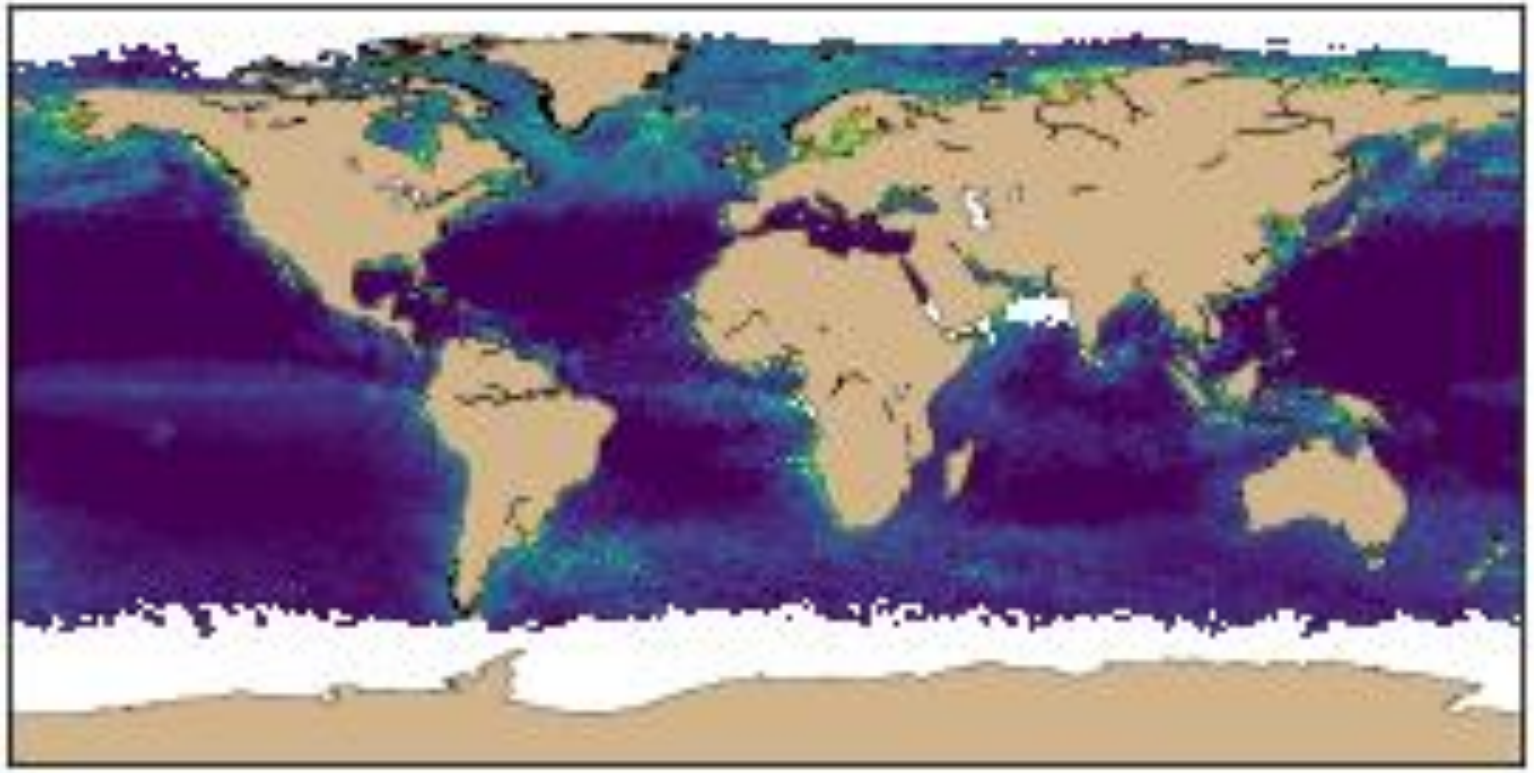
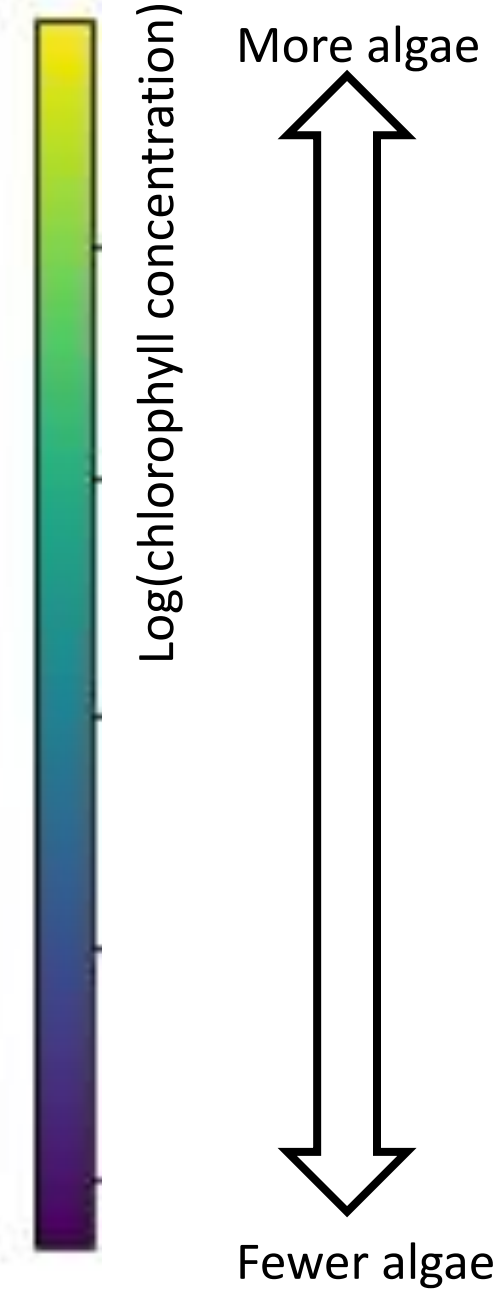
Satellites divide the ocean surface into millions of tiny sections, recording the number of algae in each section

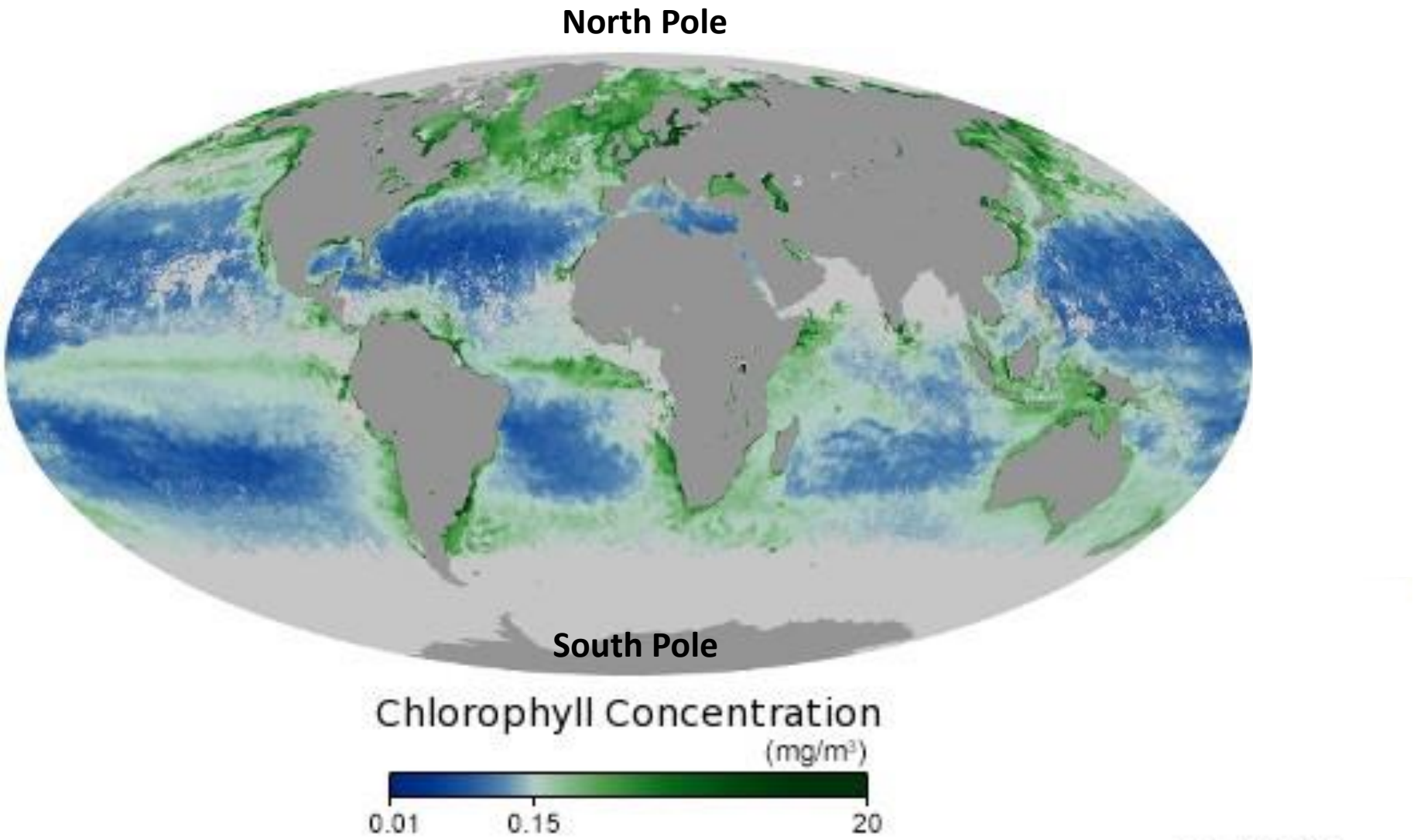
With all squares together, we create maps of where algae live





August 2017 (one year ago)

Algae populations “ebb and flow” with seasons



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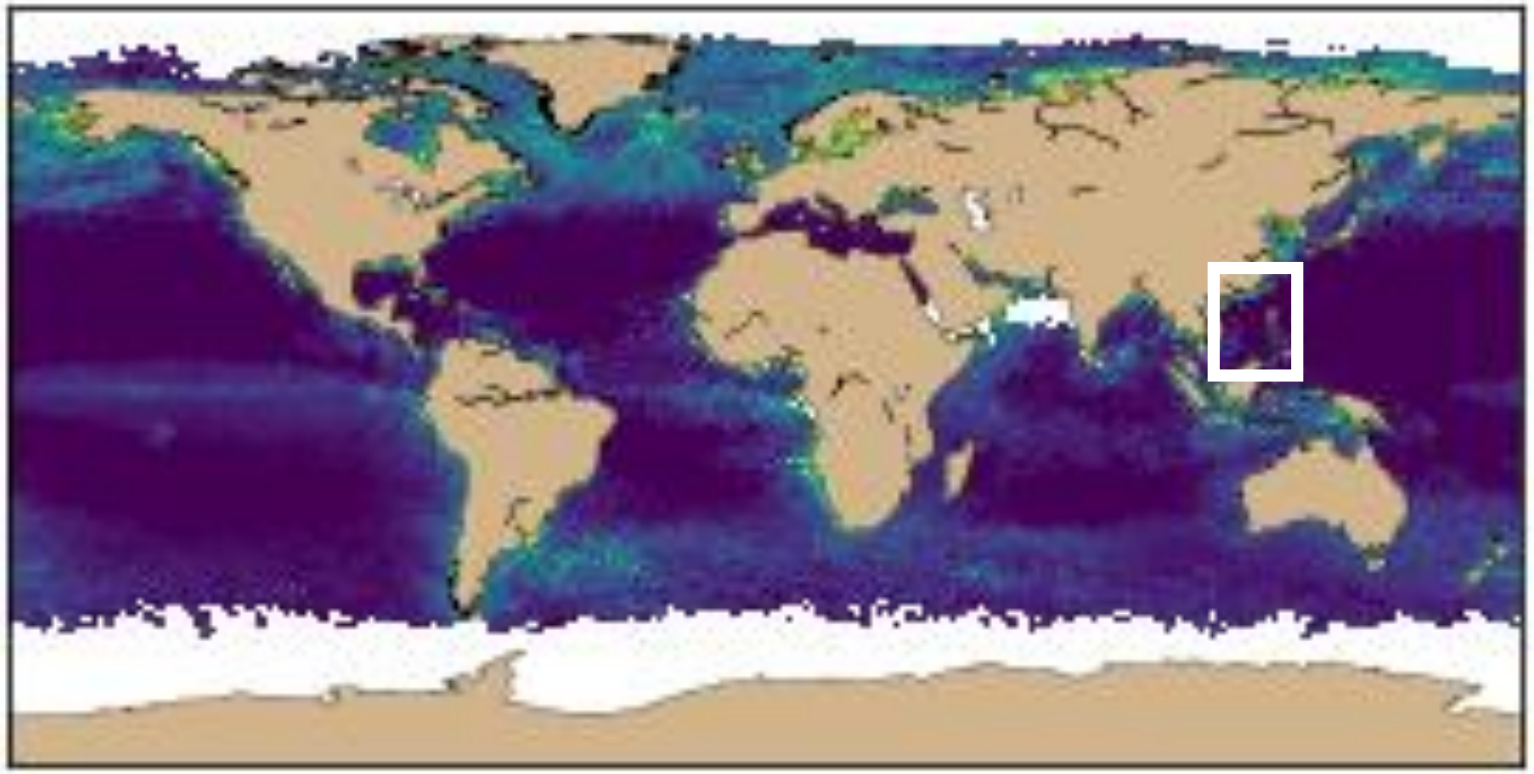
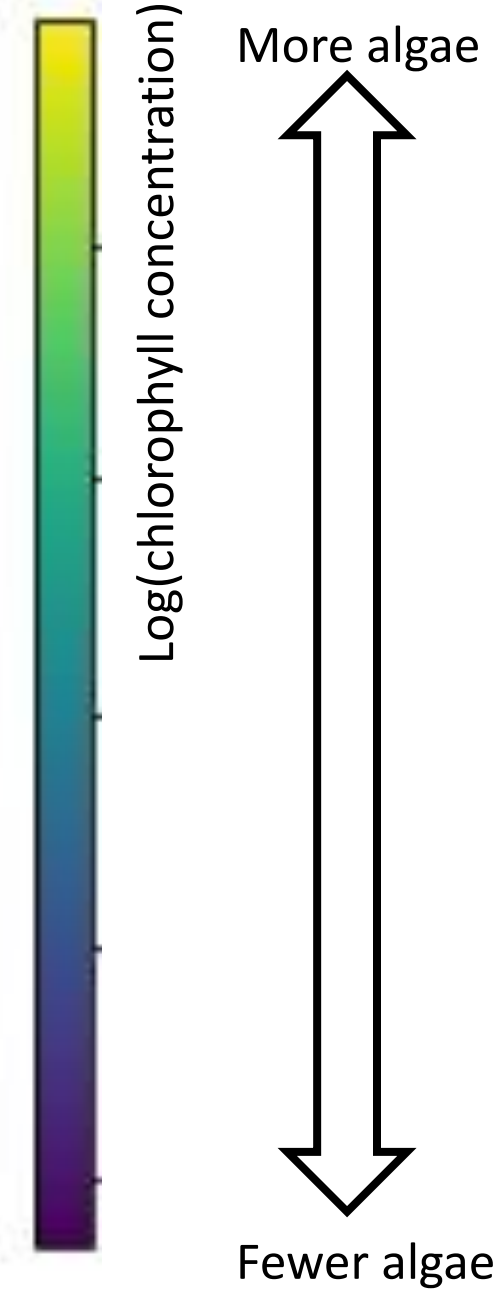
Now your turn





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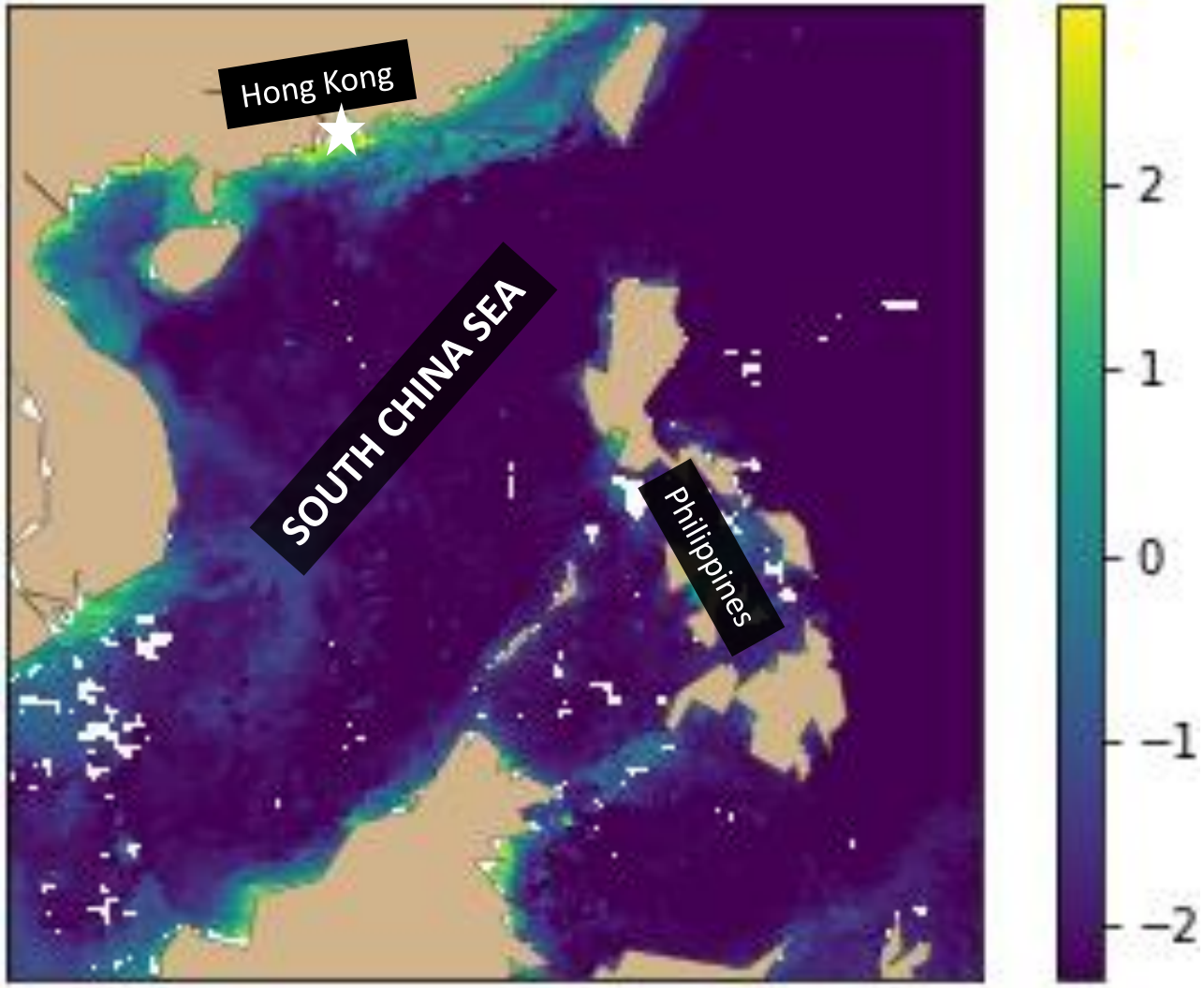
A few things you need to know

log(chlorophyll concentration)



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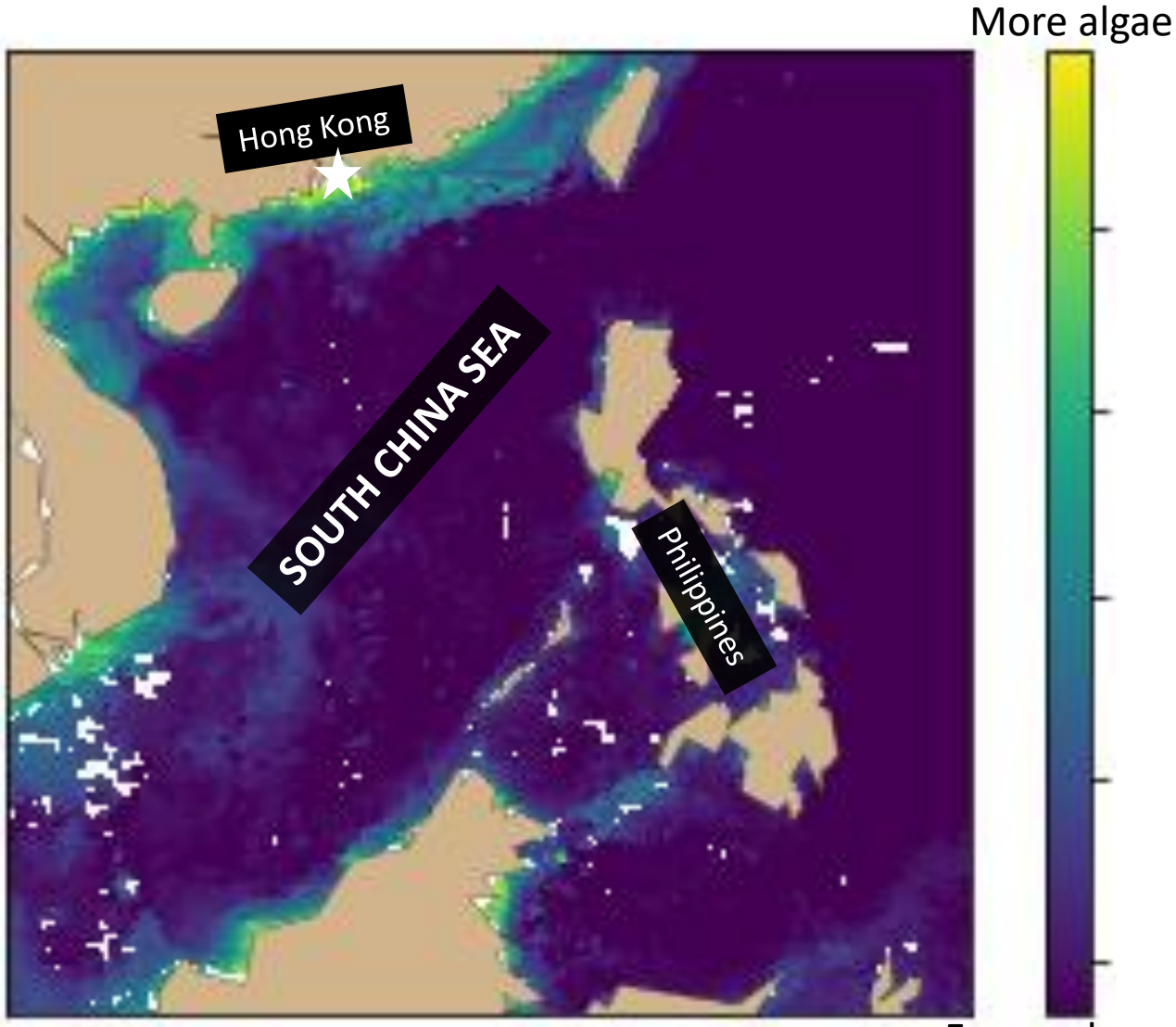

1. Each color represents numbers of algae, *not real ocean's color*

2. Each number has a specific coordinate, or a position on the map, in latitude and longitude

3. x-axis = longitudes
   y-axis = latitudes

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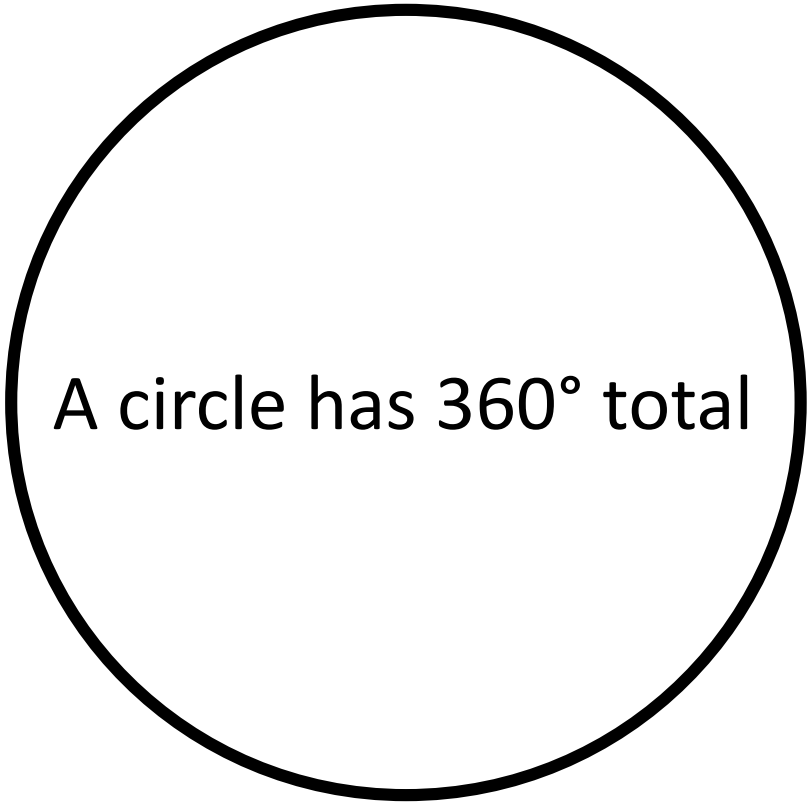
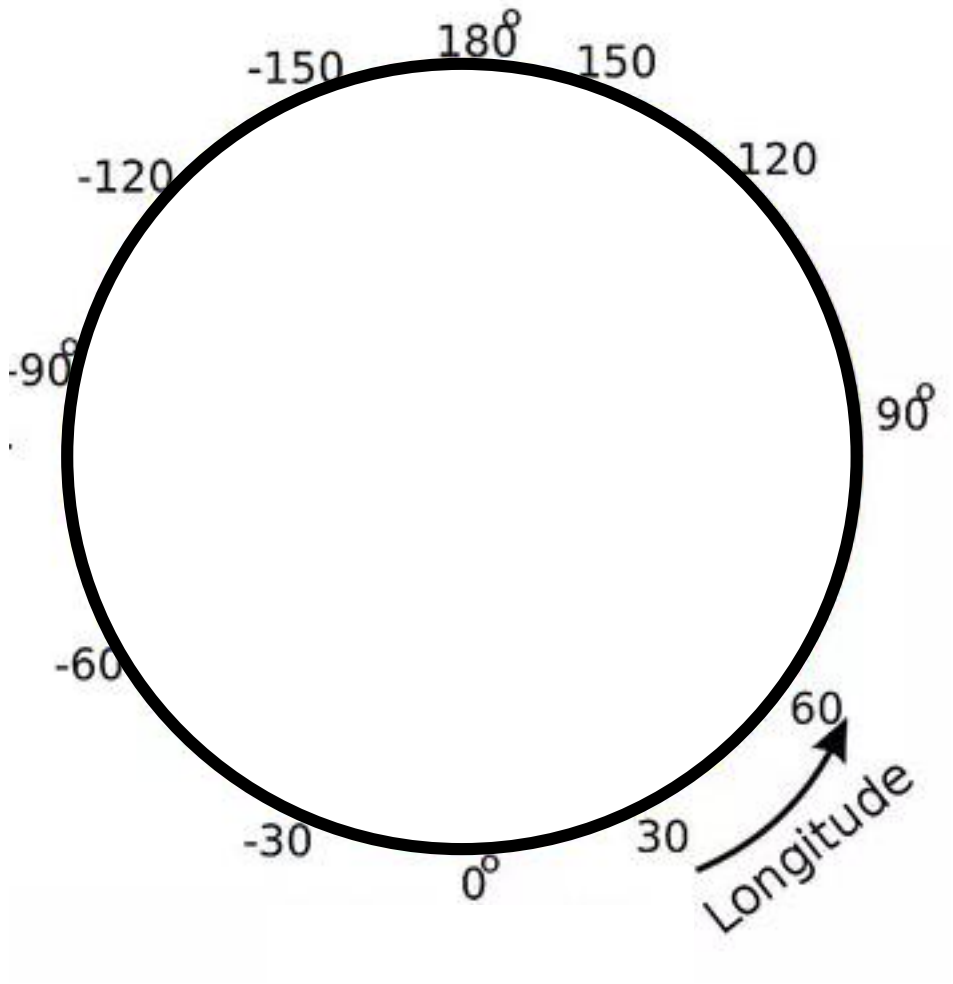


LATITUDE (-180 to 180°)
360° total
LONGITUDE (-180 to 180°)
360° total

Where is Victoria Peak (longitude)?



LONGITUDE (-180 to 180°)

If we took a slice of planet Earth in east/westdirection, and looked down at the slice from above (a circle), …

longitude is the position on that circle

(ThoughtCo.; Djexplo; Wikimedia Commons)

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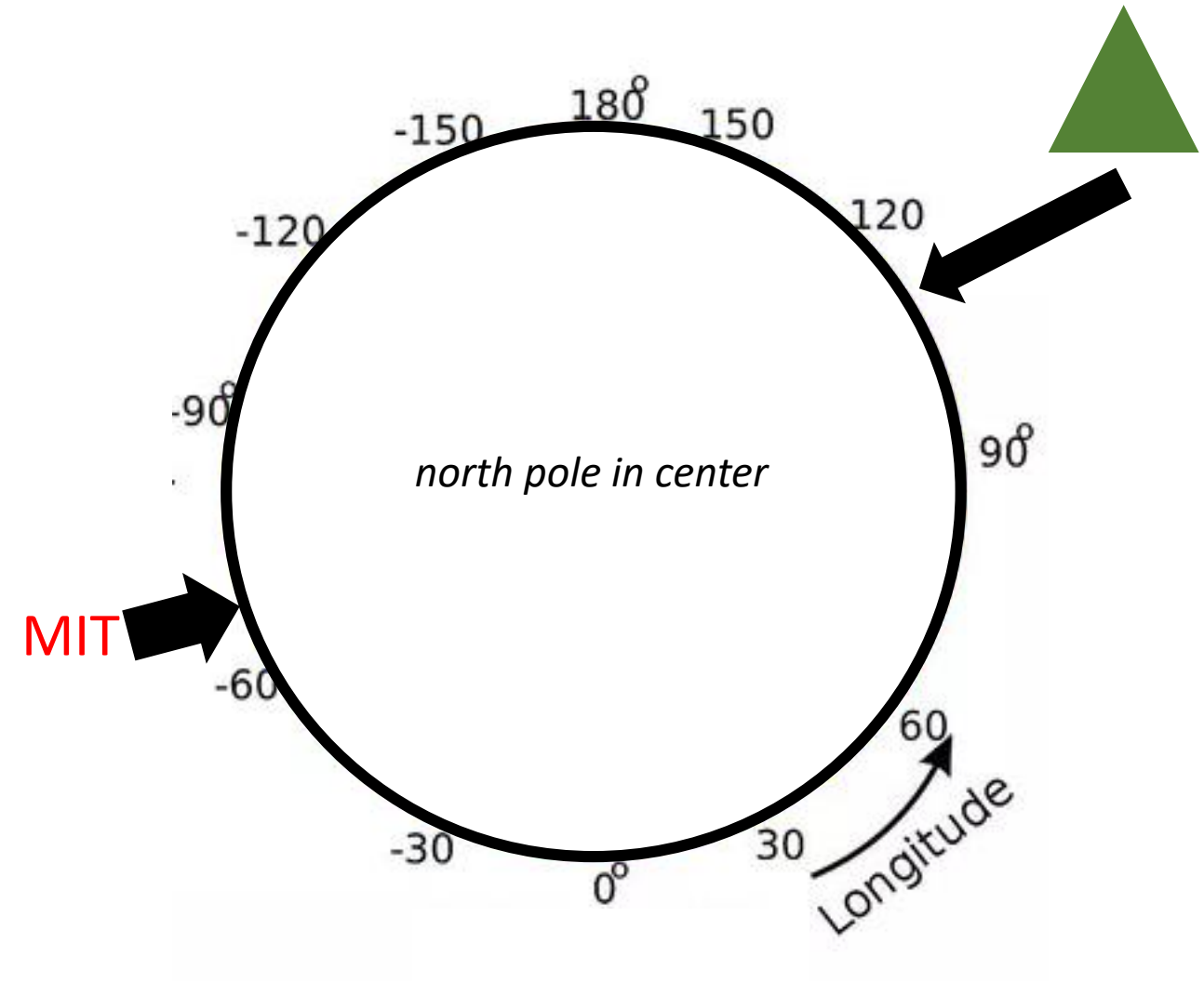

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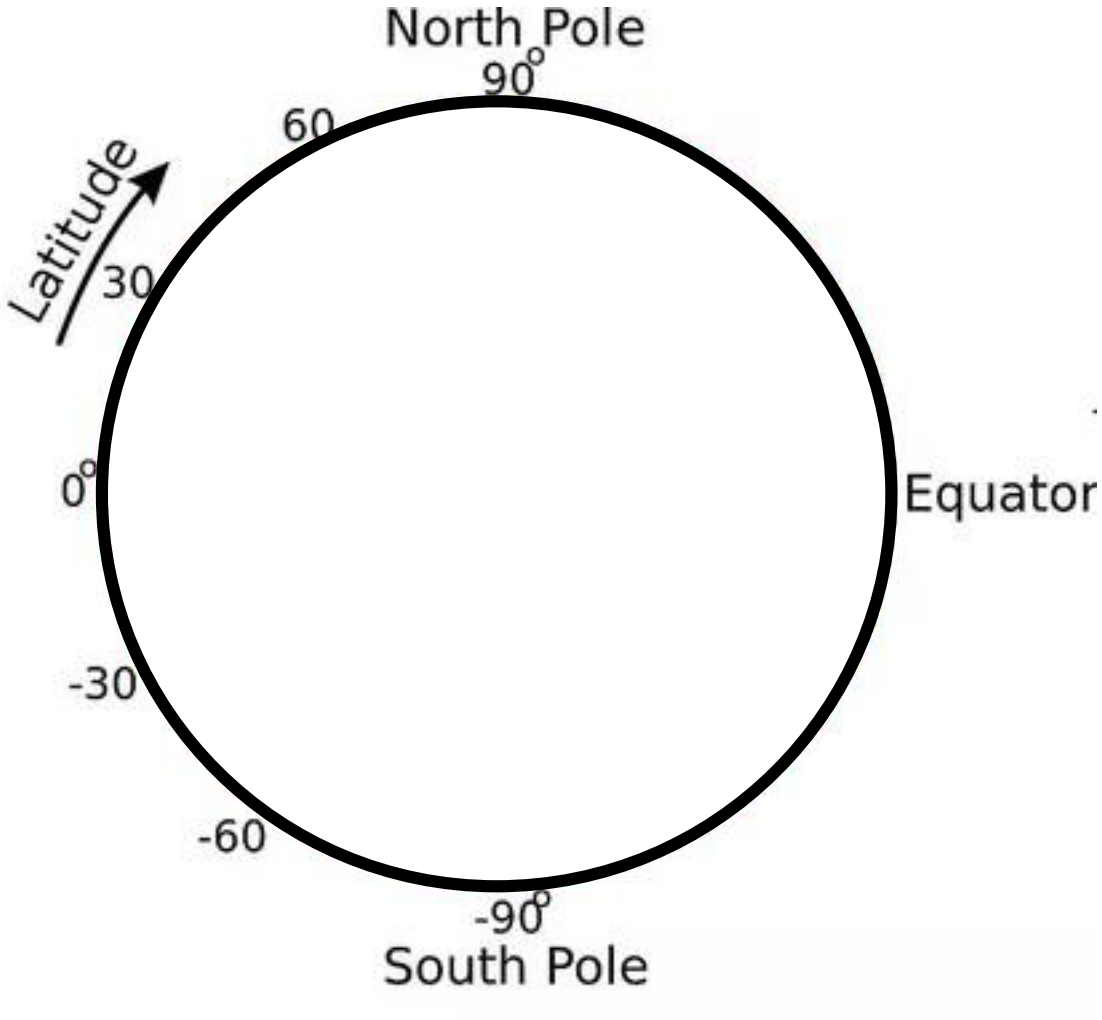

LATITUDE

If we took a slice of planet Earth in east/west direction, making another circle, …

latitude is the position on that circle

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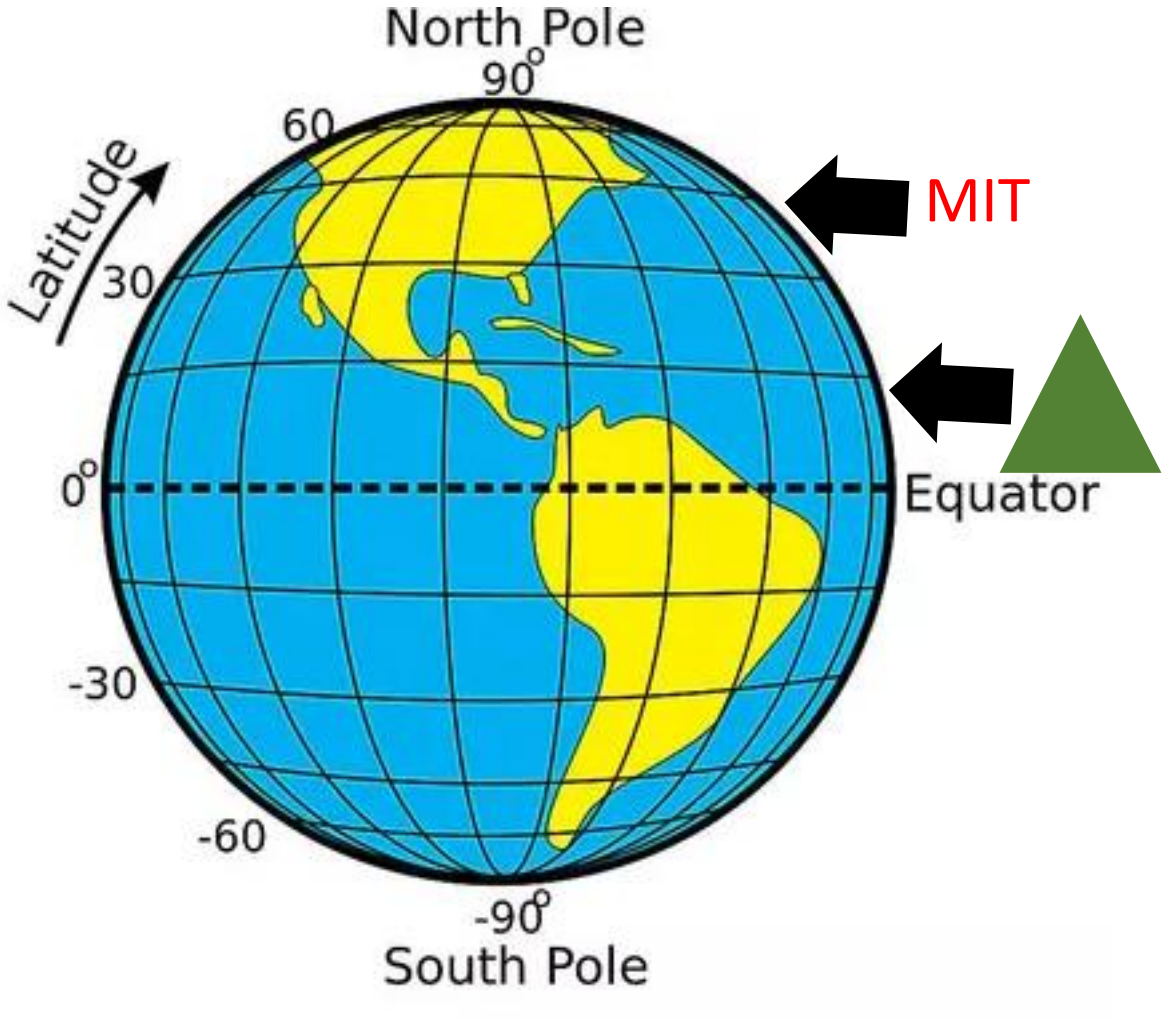
Where is Victoria Peak (latitude)?



LATITUDE

If we took a slice of planet Earth in east/west direction, making another circle, …

latitude is the position on that circle

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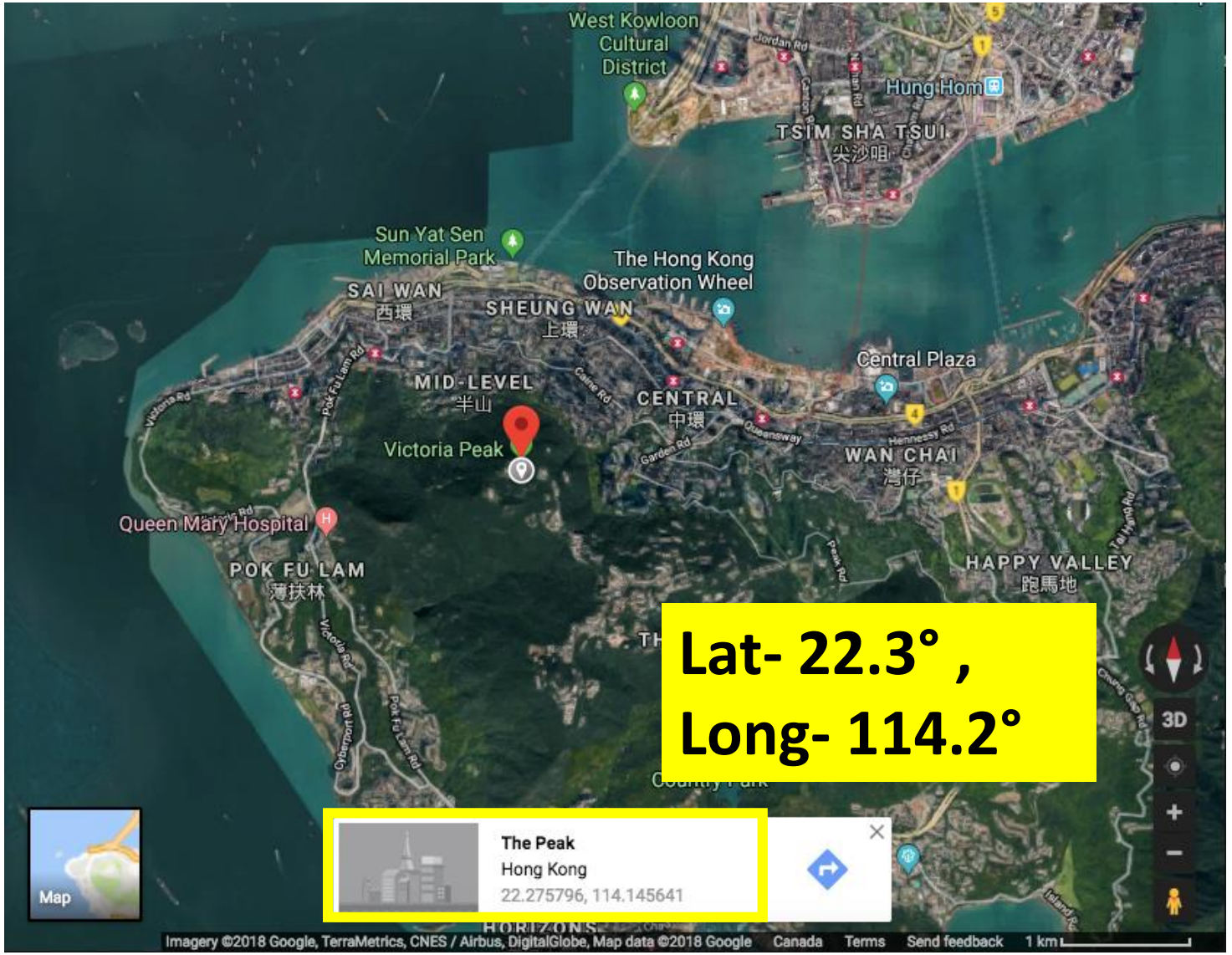
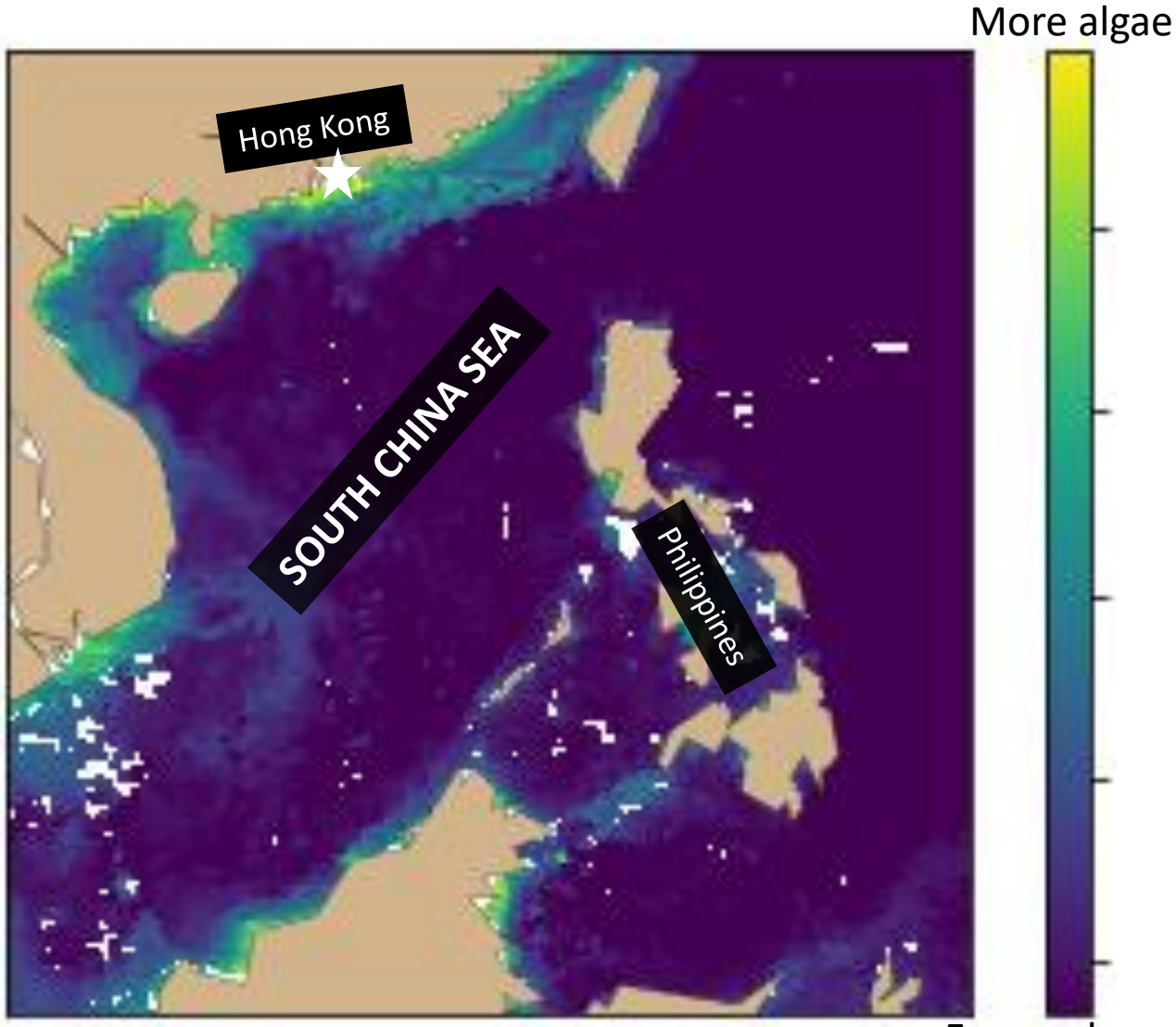


Plot your own maps and describe them



1. Each color represents numbers of algae, *not real ocean's color*

2. Each number has a specific coordinate, or a position on the map, in latitude and longitude

3. x-axis = longitudes
   y-axis = latitudes

Sometimes, there are very high #’s algae near coast

(CNN)


CHINA
VIETNAM
South China Sea
Yangtze
Guiyang
Kunming
Beipan
Nanpan
Hongshui
Long
Rong
Guilin
Liu
You
Liuzhou
Gui
He
Lian
Shaoguan
Qian
Wuzhou
Bei
Dong
Xi
Guangzhou
Yu
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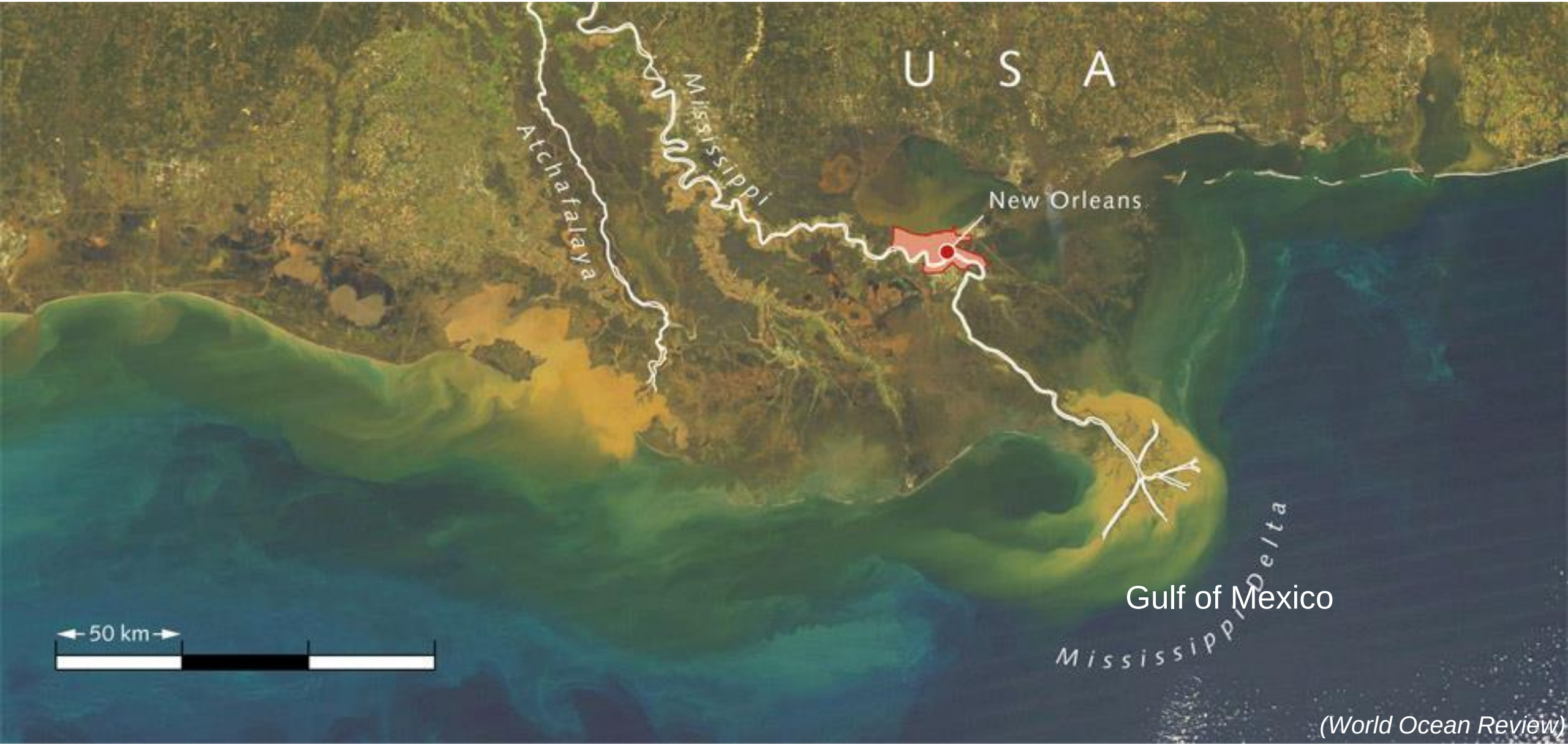
Zhaoqing
Huizhou
Jiangmen
Hong Kong
Macau
Zhu

(Kmusser)

Mississippi River mouth



(World Ocean Review)

(The Guardian)

Fish deaths

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