



Ecology, Diversity and Distribution of Pico-Sized Algae

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Pico-sized algae are the main components of primary producers in oceans and oligotrophic lakes, but they could be also abundant in other continental habitats; therefore, they are key members of aquatic food webs. This diverse group constitutes both small cyanobacteria and eukaryotic algae. Several environmental factors could affect the abundance and distribution of individual taxa, and the introduction of high-throughput techniques has resulted in new discoveries in recent decades.

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