

Special Issue

The Metabolic Balance of Planktonic Communities

Message from the Guest Editor

The metabolic balance of planktonic communities (gross primary production, GPP vs. respiration, CR) is a piece of essential knowledge for understanding the ocean ecosystem. The carbon originated from planktonic primary production fuels marine food webs with organic matter, however, the diverse pool of organisms operationally grouped as phytoplankton displays ample ranges of sizes, nutrient acquisition, and growth strategies, and much work is still necessary to properly quantify primary production in the ocean, which lacks measurements in several regions in the globe. Through ocean warming, increase of UV radiation, ocean acidification, anthropogenic activities and etc, climate change may affect directly and indirectly and change the metabolic balance of planktonic communities enhancing heterotrophic (CR) or autotrophic activities (GPP). Considering the major role of the metabolic balance of planktonic communities on marine biogeochemical cycles and particularly on carbon budget, this Special Issue will aim to contribute to improve our understanding and our knowledge of planktonic metabolism and its role on the global carbon cycle

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