

Box 1.2 | The classification of phytoplankton according to the scaling nomenclature of Sieburth *et al.* (1978)

<i>Maximum linear dimension</i>	<i>Name^a</i>
0.2–2 μm	picophytoplankton
2–20 μm	nanophytoplankton
20–200 μm	microphytoplankton
200 μm –2 mm	mesophytoplankton
>2 mm	macrophytoplankton

^aThe prefixes denote the same size categories when used with '-zooplankton', '-algae', '-cyanobacteria', 'flagellates', etc.