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The mixoplankton paradigm in marine ecology

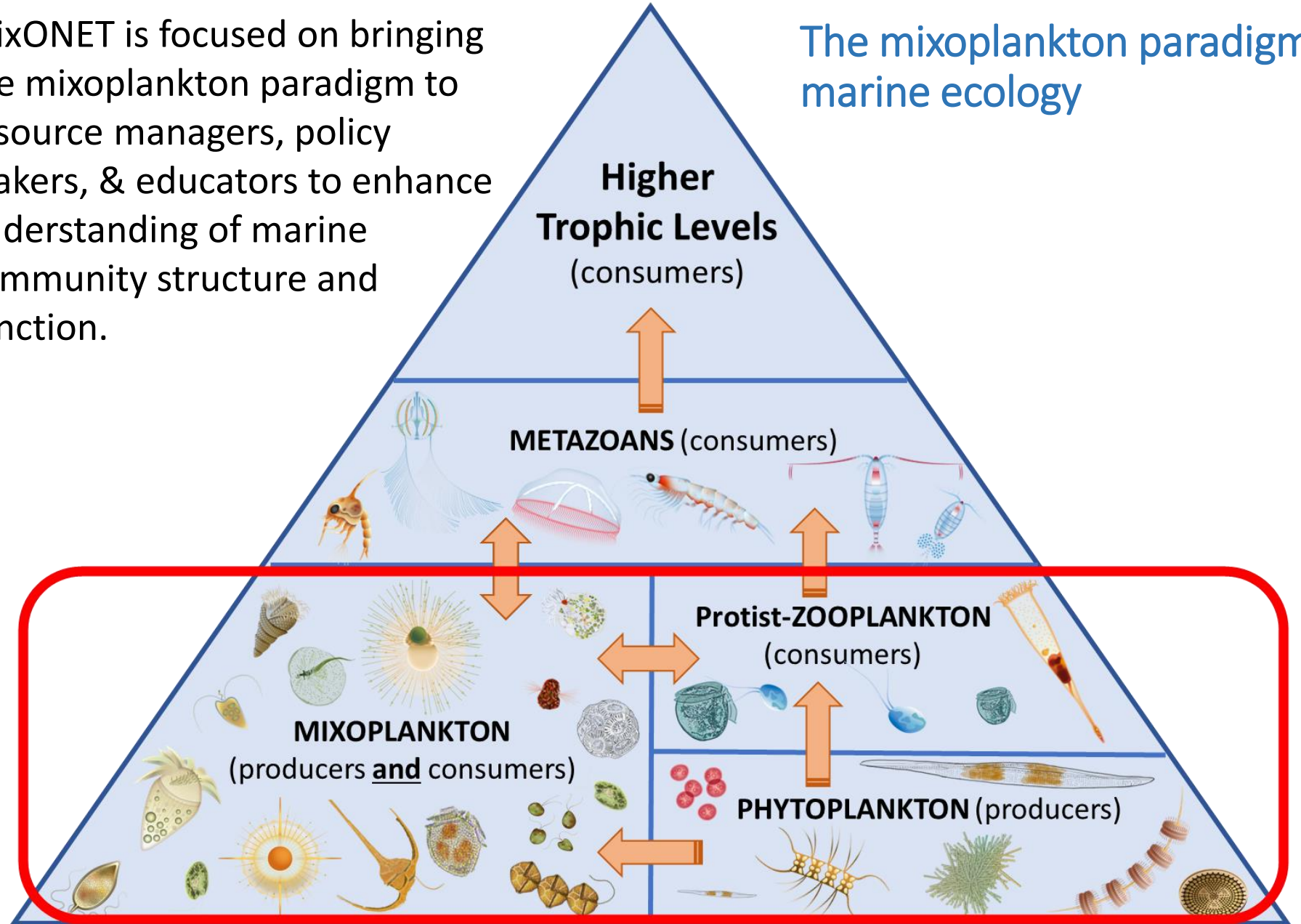
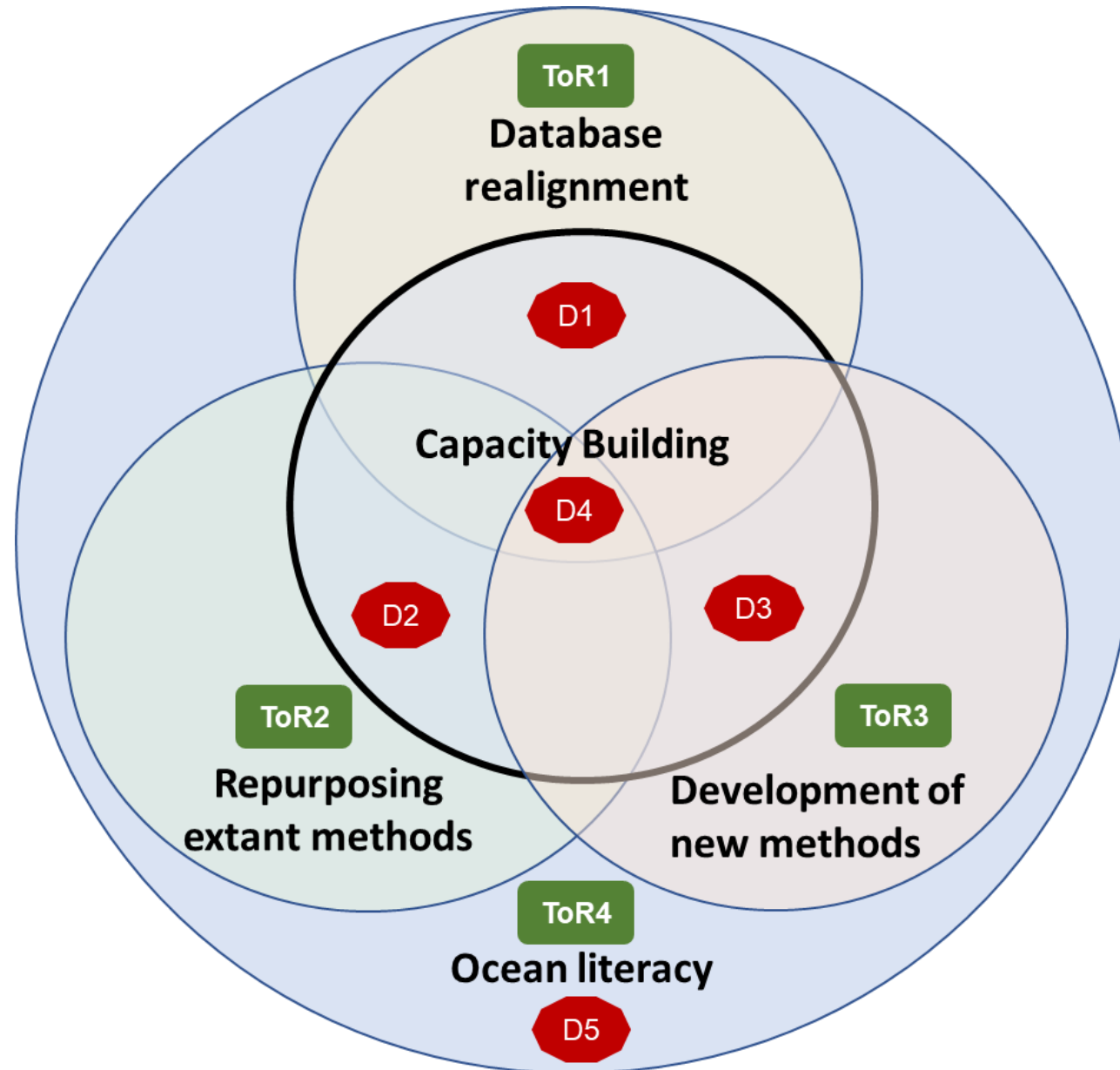
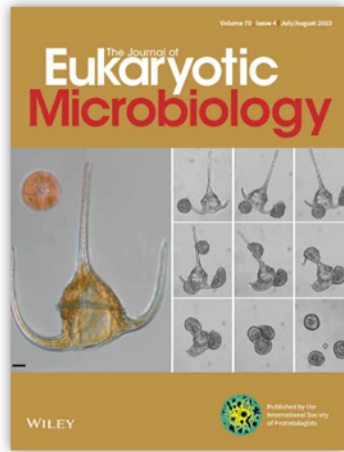




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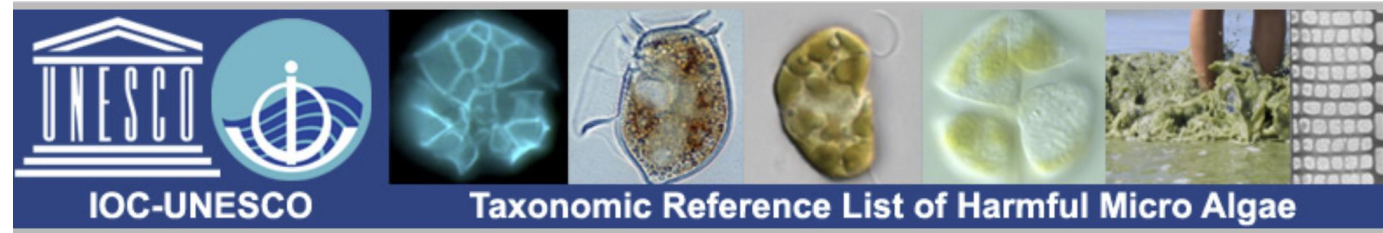


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The Mixoplankton Database (MDB): Diversity of photo-phagotrophic plankton in form, function, and distribution across the global ocean

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Functional descriptions of all relevant MDB species added within species' 'Attributes'

- 81 MDB species were missing in WoRMS; have been added with AphiaIDs
- Functional descriptions of all MDB species added

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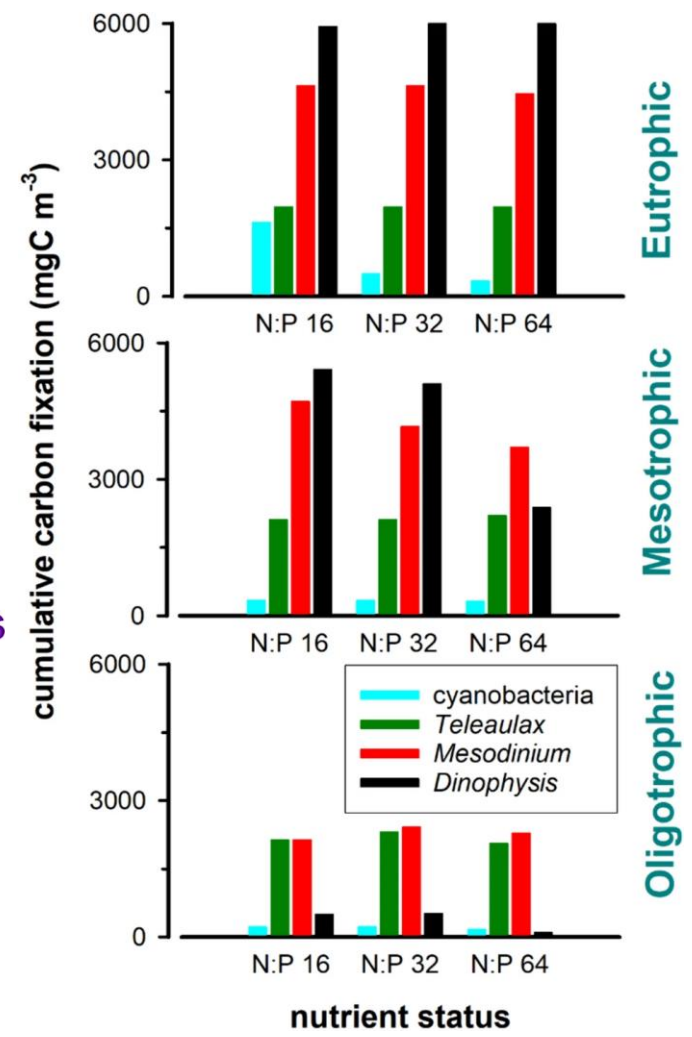
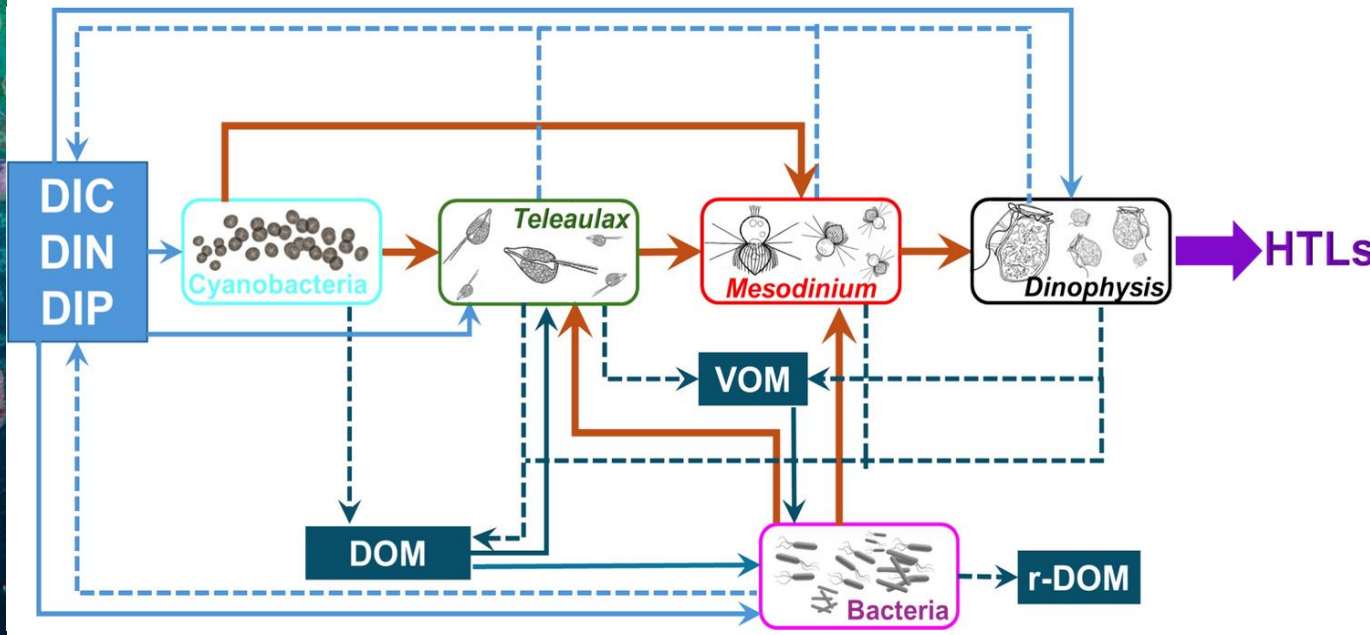


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Mixotrophs and Mixoplankton: Conceptual Integration into Aquatic Research

Quantum efficiency of chloroplasts retained from food by mixotrophic ciliate *Strombidium rassoulzadegani*

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The Photosystem II inhibitor DCMU had a much greater effect on growth when ciliates contained green algal chloroplasts, compared to cryptophyte ones, suggesting greater integration of green plastids into the ciliate's metabolism.

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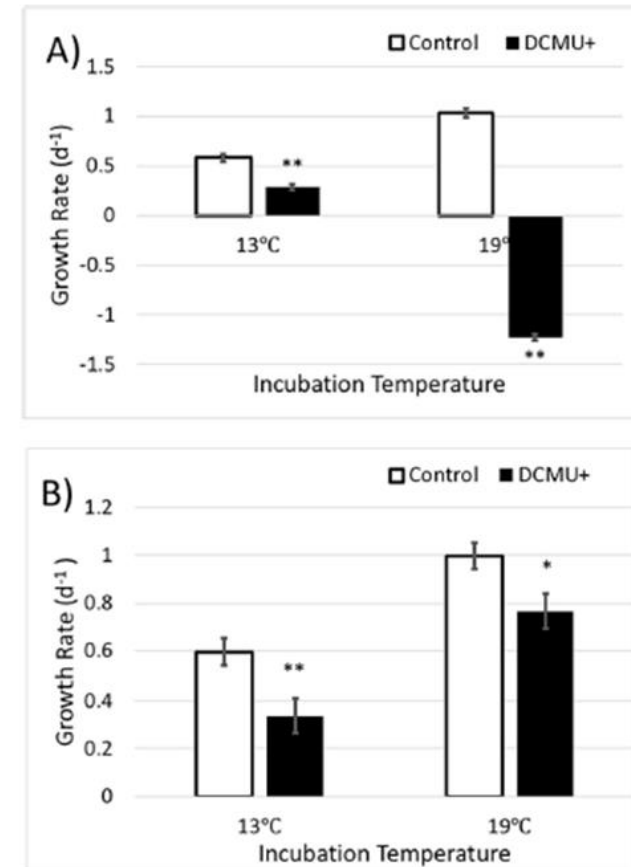


Fig. 5. Effect of DCMU on *S. rassoulzadegani* average growth rate when fed (A) PLY429 or (B) RHODO. Statistical significance is based on *t*-test: $P < 0.05$ (*) or $P < 0.01$ (**). Error bars represent SD for each treatment ($n = 3$).



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