SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Mixoplankton Database – diversity of photo-phago-trophic plankton in form, function and distribution across the global ocean by Aditee Mitra[a], David A Caron[b], Emile Faure[c], Kevin J Flynn[d], Suzana Gonçalves Leles[e], Per J Hansen[f], George B McManus[g], Fabrice Not[h], Helga do Rosario Gomes[i], Luciana Santoferrara[j], Diane K Stoecker[k], Urban Tillmann[l]

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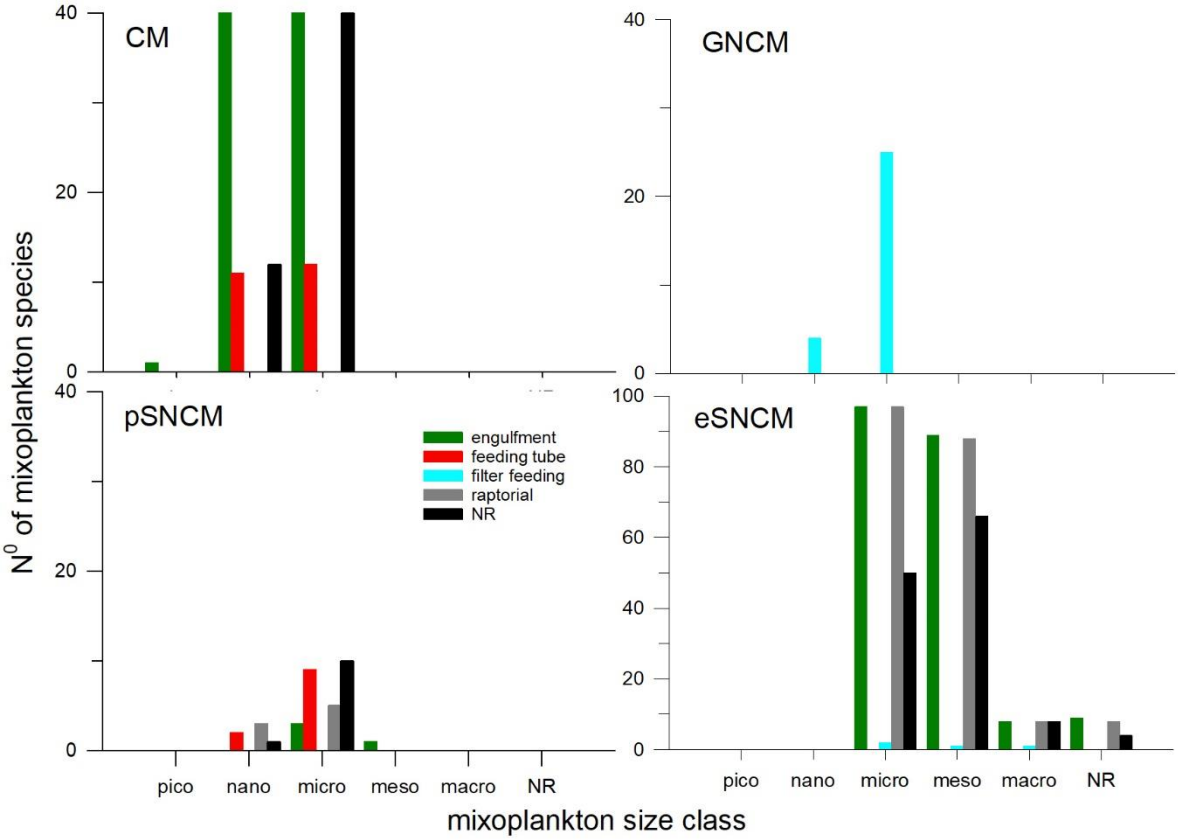
SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS



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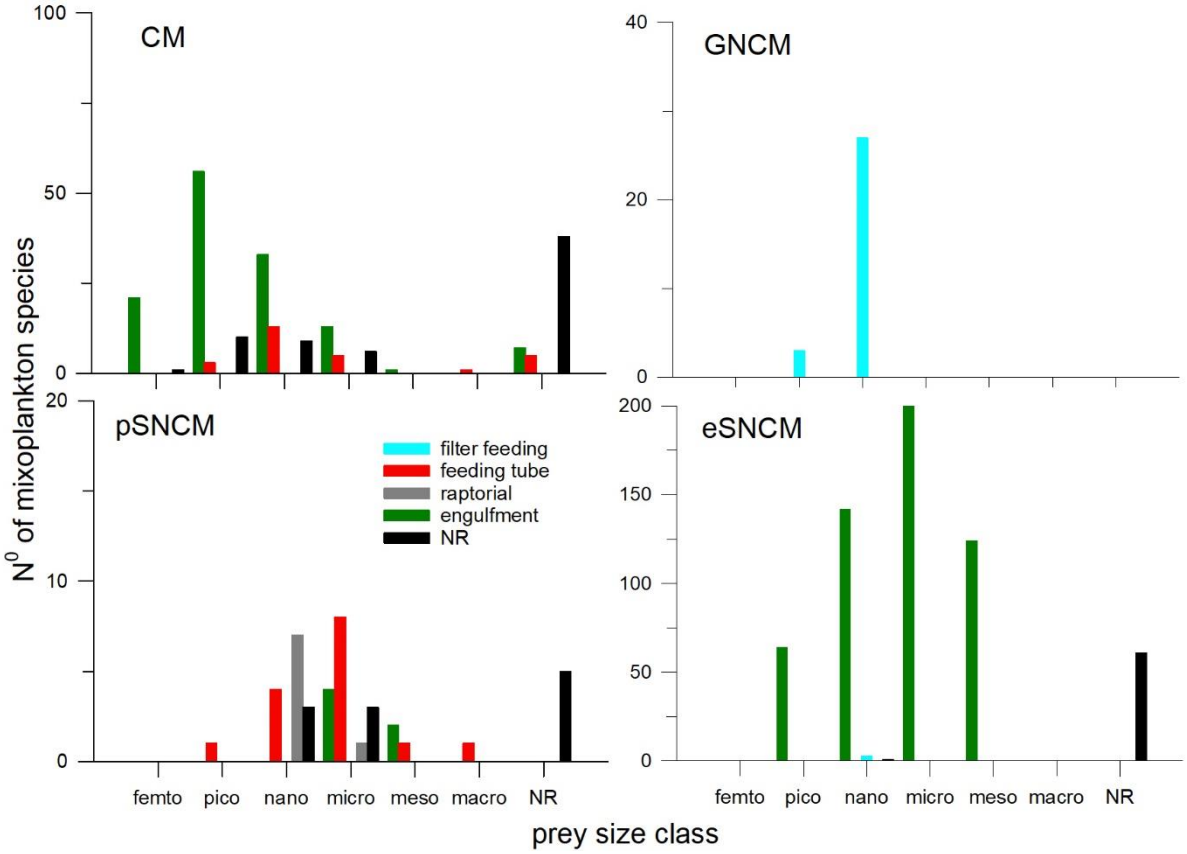

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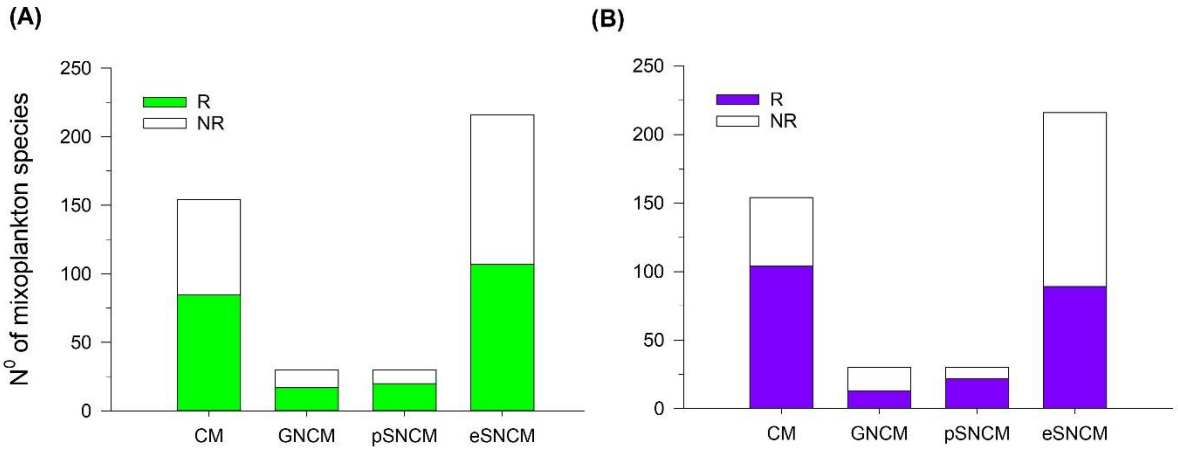

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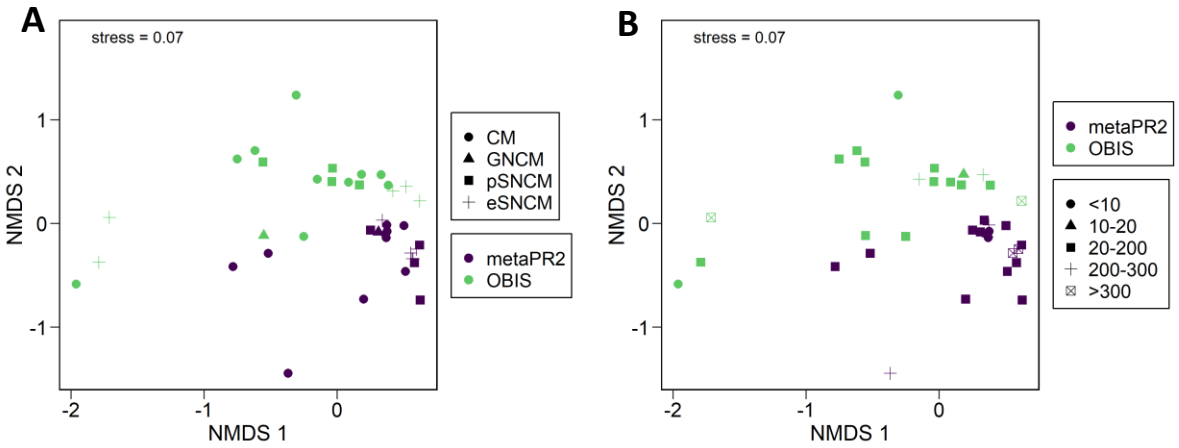

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Species name	MFT
Acanthometra pellucida	eSNCM
Akashiwo sanguinea	CM
Alexandrium minutum	CM
Alexandrium ostenfeldii	CM
Amphisolenia bidentata	eSNCM
Chrysochromulina leadbeateri	CM
Collozoum inerme	eSNCM
Dinophysis acuminata	pSNCM
Dinophysis acuta	pSNCM
Dinophysis caudata	pSNCM
Globigerinita glutinata	eSNCM
Karenia brevis	CM
Laboea strobila	GNCM
Mesodinium rubrum	pSNCM
Orbulina universa	eSNCM
Prorocentrum cordatum	CM
Tripos furca	CM
Tripos fusus	CM
Tripos longipes	CM
Phaeocystis globosa	CM