

# Preface

This book is a dedicated volume on the most recent advances in phytoplankton research. The aim of the book is to introduce the emerging and exciting field of phytoplankton research and to provide information on the newest developments and applications by leading scientists from around the world.

It will be a useful manual to postgraduate students, as well as to more senior researchers. Although some background knowledge is assumed, an authoritative chapter on methods of cultivation is included. This provides practical advice which could prove useful to even the most novice of scientists.

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