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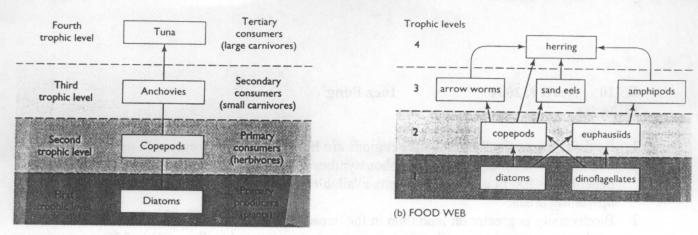
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- 1. Review: Biologically productive regions are Ekman upwelling regions (Coriolis + friction). Critical ingredients for photosynthesis: light and nutrients. Light penetrates <100 m in water; nutrients available only in coastal and open ocean upwelling areas.
- 2. Biodiversity is greater on land than in the oceans because of the range in climate. The marine environment. small range of temperature: geographically: -2C to 32C, (compared to continental temperatures of -88C to 58C); diurnally: <0.5C in open ocean, <3C coastal; annually: <10C at 45N (>100C in Siberia). Salinity ranges between 20—40 permil.
- 3. One classification of marine biota is based on lifestyle: plankton (floaters), nektons (swimmers), benthos (bottom dwellers).
- 4. Microscopic algae (phytoplankton) produce >99% of food supply. Most important are the golden algae (diatoms with silica shells and coccolithophores with calcium carbonate shells) and dinoflagellate algae (e.g. red tide).
- 5. Nektons swim to gather food and escape predators. Body and fin shapes reduce drag. A fish classification scheme: cruising, acceleration, and maneuvering
- 6. Benthic communities can be found along shorelines and intertidal zones. They are banded in the vertical, reflecting degrees of tolerance to exposure to air, competition and predation pressure.
- 7. Mirgrants Some large fish travel vast distances between their feeding and breeding grounds. Eels live in freshwater streams but breed in saltwater; salmon live in saltwater but spawn in freshwater streams.
- 8. NPP of oceans ~ NPP of land. NPP of open ocean ~ 75% of ocean total, but per unit area, open ocean ~ deserts. New production (upwelled NO3-) and regenerated production (NH3+ from decomposition).
- 9. The wood web: plants as primary producers, animals as consumers (grazers), bacteria as decomposers. Transfer of energy between trophic levels: 2% of solar energy is synthesized into organic matter. Overall 5—15% energy transfer efficiency → fewer number of individuals and total biomass of populations higher in the food chain.
- 10. Food from sea \sim 5% of protein consumed, \sim 10% of global NPP. 25—35% of coastal NPP.
- 11. About 240 million tons of fish are produced annually in the world's oceans (to be consumed by all predators). To maintain fish stock, < 110 million tons of fish should be harvested. Current fish harvest about 90 millions tons.
- 12. Maximum sustainable yield requires harvest rate < recruitment rate. Larval and juvenile survival, recruitment (addition of young fish) very sensitive to the ocean environment climate.

TABLE	10-2
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Global fish production.

Area	Primary Production (gC/m2/yr)	O COMIT / WCE		Total Primary Production		Average Number of	Material Transfer Efficiency per	Fish Production	
		(km2)	(%)	(tons C/yr)	(%)	Trophic Steps	Trophic Level (%)	(tons/yr)	(%)
Oceanic	50	325 × 106	90.0	16.3 × 109	81.5	5	10	1.6 × 106	<1
Coastal	100	36 × 106	9.9	3.6×109	18.0	3	15	120 × 106	50
Upwelling	300	0.36×106	0.1	0.1×109	0.5	1.5	20	120 × 106	50
Source: Adap	ted from L.H	Righton Colonia	166/1000	1) 72 7/					



(a) SIMPLE FOOD CHAIN

