

# Nutrients; silicate, nitrate plus nitrite, and phosphate from R/V Weatherbird II WB0409, WB0413, WB0506, WB0508 in the Sargasso Sea from 2004-2005 (EDDIES project)

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## Project

» [Eddies Dynamics, Mixing, Export, and Species composition](#) (EDDIES)

## Program

» [Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry](#) (OCB)

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## Abstract

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent: N:32.2042 E:-64.063 S:29.723 W:-69.41**

**Temporal Extent: 2004-06-24 - 2005-08-26**

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## Dataset Description

### **Nutrients; silicate, nitrate plus nitrite, phosphate from Niskin bottle samples taken on all EDDIES WB cruises**

**dates:** 2004 - 2005  
**location:** Sargasso Sea  
**project/cruise:** EDDIES/WB0409 2004 Transect 1 (EDT1)  
EDDIES/WB0413 2004 Transect 2 (EDT2)  
EDDIES/WB0506 2005 Transect 1 (EDT3)  
EDDIES/WB0508 2005 Transect 2 (EDT4)  
**platform:** R/V Weatherbird II

**Methodology:** analyses performed by Paul Henderson (phenderson@whoi.edu) at WHOI Nutrients Facility; for sampling methodology, please refer to U.S. JGOFS BATS Method Manual Version 4 (1997). Bermuda Atlantic Time-Series Study April 1997. Anthony H. Knap, Anthony F. Michaels et al., 136 pp. (link to [BATS Method Manual version 4](#) local copy)

**Change history:** YYMMDD

061211: downloaded original data from EDDIES data web site;  
EddiesBBSR05 (client) 2006\_final.xls;  
070112: added to OCB database by Nancy Copley and Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO  
071004: downloaded CruiseID\_nuts\_final.txt files from EDDIES data Web site  
and prepared for OCB; ammonium data and EDT sample identification  
codes were not reported with this version of the data

OCB DMO note: match station number in cruise event log to determine  
sampling location, date and time; depth\_n estimated from depth and added  
to enable merge with bottle data; these data are reported in umol/kg  
for which the conversion is roughly:  $N_{\text{umol/kg}} = N_{\text{umol/L}} / 1.025$

**Analysis Note:** files listing those data that are from the sample rerun:  
[WB Silicate reruns](#)

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Cruise_ID	cruise ID designation code	alphanumeric
sta	station number	dimensionless
Nis	Niskin bottle number	dimensionless
Nis_WB	unique WB sample identification (9&&&&\$\$@@ where &&&& is cruise number, \$\$=ctd station number, @@=niskin number	dimensionless
depth	depth	meters
depth_n	depth, nominal	meters
SiO4_umol_kg	Silicate	micromoles/kilogram
NO3_NO2_umol_kg	Nitrate plus Nitrite	micromoles/kilogram
PO4_umol_kg	Phosphate	micromoles/kilogram

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Niskin bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Niskin bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	<p>A Niskin bottle (a next generation water sampler based on the Nansen bottle) is a cylindrical, non-metallic water collection device with stoppers at both ends. The bottles can be attached individually on a hydrowire or deployed in 12, 24 or 36 bottle Rosette systems mounted on a frame and combined with a CTD. Niskin bottles are used to collect discrete water samples for a range of measurements including pigments, nutrients, plankton, etc.</p>

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## Deployments

### WB0409

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57955">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57955</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Weatherbird II
<b>Start Date</b>	2004-06-23
<b>End Date</b>	2004-07-02
<b>Description</b>	EDT1 2004 Transect 1 cruise Funded by: NSF OCE-0241310

### WB0413

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57960">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57960</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Weatherbird II
<b>Start Date</b>	2004-08-02
<b>End Date</b>	2004-08-11
<b>Description</b>	EDT2 2004 Transect 2 cruise Funded by: NSF OCE-0241310

### WB0506

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57963">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57963</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Weatherbird II
<b>Start Date</b>	2005-07-06
<b>End Date</b>	2005-07-15
<b>Description</b>	EDT3 2005 Transect 1 cruise Funded by: NSF OCE-0241310

### WB0508

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57966">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57966</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Weatherbird II
<b>Start Date</b>	2005-08-17
<b>End Date</b>	2005-08-26
<b>Description</b>	EDT4 2005 Transect 2 Funded by: NSF OCE-0241310

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## Project Information

### Eddies Dynamics, Mixing, Export, and Species composition (EDDIES)

**Website:** [http://science.whoi.edu/users/olga/eddies/EDDIES\\_Project.html](http://science.whoi.edu/users/olga/eddies/EDDIES_Project.html)

**Coverage:** Sargasso Sea

The original title of this project from the NSF award is: Collaborative Research: Impacts of Eddies and Mixing on Plankton Community Structure and Biogeochemical Cycling in the Sargasso Sea". Prior results have documented eddy-driven transport of nutrients into the euphotic zone and the associated accumulation of chlorophyll. However, several key aspects of mesoscale upwelling events remain unresolved by the extant database, including: (1) phytoplankton physiological response, (2) changes in community structure, (3) impact on export out of the euphotic zone, (4) rates of mixing between the surface mixed layer and the base of the euphotic zone, and (5) implications for biogeochemistry and differential cycling of carbon and associated bioactive elements. This leads to the following hypotheses concerning the complex, non-linear biological regulation of elemental cycling in the ocean: H1: Eddy-induced upwelling, in combination with diapycnal mixing in the upper ocean, introduces new nutrients into the euphotic zone. H2: The increase in inorganic nutrients stimulates a physiological response within the phytoplankton community. H3: Differing physiological responses of the various species bring about a shift in community structure. H4: Changes in community structure lead to increases in export from, and changes in biogeochemical cycling within, the upper ocean. Publications Andrews, J.E., Hartin, C., and Buesseler, K.O.. "7Be Analyses in Seawater by Low Background Gamma-Spectroscopy.," *Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry*, v.277, 2008, p. 253. Andrews, J.E., Hartin, C., Buesseler, K.O.. "7Be Analyses in Seawater by Low Background Gamma-Spectroscopy," *Journal of Radioanalytical and Nuclear Chemistry*, v.277, 2008, p. 253. Benitez-Nelson, C.R. and McGillicuddy, D.J..

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## **Program Information**

### **Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB)**

**Website:** <http://us-ocb.org/>

**Coverage:** Global

The Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB) program focuses on the ocean's role as a component of the global Earth system, bringing together research in geochemistry, ocean physics, and ecology that inform on and advance our understanding of ocean biogeochemistry. The overall program goals are to promote, plan, and coordinate collaborative, multidisciplinary research opportunities within the U.S. research community and with international partners. Important OCB-related activities currently include: the Ocean Carbon and Climate Change (OCCC) and the North American Carbon Program (NACP); U.S. contributions to IMBER, SOLAS, CARBOOCEAN; and numerous U.S. single-investigator and medium-size research projects funded by U.S. federal agencies including NASA, NOAA, and NSF. The scientific mission of OCB is to study the evolving role of the ocean in the global carbon cycle, in the face of environmental variability and change through studies of marine biogeochemical cycles and associated ecosystems. The overarching OCB science themes include improved understanding and prediction of: 1) oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases and 2) environmental sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles, marine ecosystems, and interactions between the two. The OCB Research Priorities (updated January 2012) include: ocean acidification; terrestrial/coastal carbon fluxes and exchanges; climate sensitivities of and change in ecosystem structure and associated impacts on biogeochemical cycles; mesopelagic ecological and biogeochemical interactions; benthic-pelagic feedbacks

on biogeochemical cycles; ocean carbon uptake and storage; and expanding low-oxygen conditions in the coastal and open oceans.

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