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the decreasing of phosphorus loading leads, for some lakes, to their return into an oligotrophic state, and for other lakes this does not occur.

INTERACTIONS BETWEEN NUTRIENT AVAILABILITY AND CLIMATIC FLUCTUATIONS AS DETERMINANTS OF THE LONG TERM PHYTOPLANKTON COMMUNITY CHANGES IN LAKE GARDA, NORTHERN ITALY

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Major focus in interpreting phytoplankton changes in specific typologies of waterbodies or in single lakes is directed towards nutrients and climatic dynamics. The most important effects of temperature fluctuations on phytoplankton in deep and large lakes are connected with changes in thermal stratification patterns, which in turn control the extent of the growing season, deep vertical mixing processes and water turbulence. During the last 35 years, the Lake Garda ($A=368 \text{ km}^2$, $z_{\text{max}}=350 \text{ m}$) underwent a significant increase of phosphorus in the water column, from ca. $10 \mu\text{g P l}^{-1}$ to over $20 \mu\text{g P l}^{-1}$, and a significant increase of water temperatures ($0.015 \text{ }^\circ\text{C yr}^{-1}$), in line with the warming recorded in other deep lakes at the southern and northern borders of the Alps. The results obtained during the research carried out since the beginning of the 1990s in the deepest zone of the lake (Brenzzone station, LTER station since 2007) showed a major and continuous increase of Cyanobacteria (mainly *Planktothrix rubescens*) and, partly, Peridinales. At the same time, these more regular changes were linked with other modifications of the phytoplankton community occurring at the seasonal and annual scale, and controlled by the variations of air and water temperature in winter and the extent of vertical water mixing and nutrient fertilisation of surface waters in spring. In particular, the development of diatoms in mid and late spring months, and the growth of *Planktothrix* in summer and autumn, showed a strong dependence from the winter climatic oscillations and the surface spring replenishment of TP. The results highlight the necessity to study the consequences of climatic fluctuations and climate warming on the phytoplankton communities at different levels of complexity, including both the direct effects of temperature and thermal regime and the indirect effects mediated by the physiographic characteristics of water bodies.

EFFECT OF TEMPERATURE INCREASE IN THE LIFE CYCLE TRAITS OF AN EGG BEARING COPEPOD

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In order to understand the responses of individuals and populations of aquatic organisms to temperature increase like a global warming scenario we developed new experimental protocol to study through several generations all life cycle parameters of one example of egg bearing

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