Phytoplankton decline of about 40% since 1950

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Since 1950 there has been a phytoplankton decline of about 40% across the world's oceans. The decline is seen in most parts of the world, one marked exception being the Indian Ocean. The scientists who did the research say the decline appears to be linked to rising water temperatures. Others have suggested there could be other factors involved - notably the huge expansion in open-ocean fishing that has taken place over the century leading to a zooplankton increase and reduced phytoplankton as a consequence. More here

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