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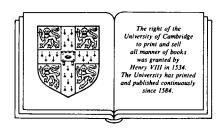
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This handbook on ecological methods for macroalgae, with its field-oriented perspective, is the fourth volume in the series and follows the original concept proposed by the first editorial committee of the Phycological Society. The inclusion of planktonic microalgal techniques was contemplated, but the prior publication in 1978 of an excellent and thorough manual on ecological methods for phytoplankton research (edited by A. Sournia) fulfilled this requirement. The editing of the present volume began with the receipt of the first manuscript draft in 1981 and progressed slowly but consistently. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and valuable help of the editorial committee throughout the time-consuming process of reviewing contributions to the volume, which augmented our own efforts considerably. The committee's suggestions of topics and contributors were instrumental in broadening the overall coverage, and their critiques, along with those of additional reviewers selected from among the phycological community, resulted in numerous significant improvements.

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