

## **Basic study on rapid detection of plankton communities in Lakes**

### *Abstract:*

The possibility of the rapid detection of the phytoplankton communities with flow cytometry was examined. The measurement sample was the water in Lake Biwa and Kasumigaura. Detection of the phytoplankton communities with flow cytometry was possible by the scattering and fluorescence characteristic of each phytoplankton. Phytoplankton classification and their counting in the Lake Biwa were possible using the relationship between yellow and red fluorescence intensity. Those in the lake Kasumigaura were possible using relationship between forward scattering intensity and red fluorescence intensity. The flow cytometry is effective for the detection of the picophytoplankton in lakes. The picophytoplankton of Lake Biwa was increased in the upper layer in the summertime.

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