

## 34. CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSIL BIOSTRATIGRAPHY—LEG 31, DSDP

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### INTRODUCTION

Leg 31 of the Deep Sea Drilling Project occupied 13 sites and drilled 17 holes in the western Pacific region from June to August 1973 (Figure 1). Thirteen holes were drilled at nine sites in the Philippine Sea and five holes at four sites in the Sea of Japan. The light microscope was used to examine 825 samples, and from these, 43 critical samples were selected for further study with the scanning electron microscope. The samples range in age from middle or late Eocene to late Pleistocene with continuous core coverage through the Pleistocene, Pliocene, Miocene, and Oligocene.

### NANNOFOSSIL ZONATION

The zonation used for nannofossil age determinations throughout this report is that proposed by Bukry (1973a, 1973b) for low latitudes (Figure 2). This scheme was found to apply to most of the assemblages observed in samples from the Philippine Sea. Samples from Sites 294 and 295 in the northern portion of the West Philippine Basin could not be assigned to specific zones because indigenous age-diagnostic nannofossils were not recovered; only sparse reworked Eocene forms were observed. Three Pleistocene zones can be recognized in areas of higher latitude (Sea of Japan) where nannofossils were recovered. However, very few nannofossil

AGE	ZONE		SUBZONE
HOLOCENE			<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>
PLIUS. TOCENE	L	E	<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>
			<i>Gephyrocapsa doronicoides</i>
			<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>
			<i>Emiliania annula</i>
			<i>Cyclococcolithina mactintyrei</i>
			<i>Discoaster pentaradiatus</i>
			<i>Discoaster tamalis</i>
			<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>
			<i>Sphenolithus neobables</i>
			<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>
			<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>
			<i>Triguetrorhabdulus rugosus</i>
			<i>Ceratolithus primus</i>
			<i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>
			<i>Discoaster neorectus</i>
			<i>Discoaster bellus</i>
			<i>Discoaster hamatus</i>
			<i>Catinaster calitus</i>
			<i>Discoaster exilis</i>
			<i>Discoaster kugleri</i>
			<i>Coccilithus miopelagicus</i>
			<i>Sphenolithus heteromorphus</i>
			<i>Helicopontosphaera ampliopora</i>
			<i>Sphenolithus belemnos</i>
			<i>Discoaster druggii</i>
			<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>
			<i>Cyclicargolithus abisectus</i>
OLIGOCENE	EARLY	LATE	<i>Reticulofenestra hillae</i>
			<i>Cyclococcolithina formosa</i>
			<i>Coccilithus subdistichus</i>
			<i>Discoaster barbadiensis</i>
	M	L	<i>Reticulofenestra umbilica</i>
			<i>Discoaster saipanensis</i>
			<i>Discoaster bifax</i>

Figure 2. Calcareous nannofossil zonation scheme used for Leg 31.

assemblages older than early Pleistocene were observed in these samples because of cold-water influence and adverse depositional conditions.

An attempt has been made to compare the zonation scheme used in this report with that of Martini (1971). In Figure 3 these zonations have been placed in a radiometric age framework compiled from Berggren (1972) and Berggren and Van Couvering (1973).

### BIOSTRATIGRAPHY

The nannofossil zones represented in the core samples recovered from the Philippine Sea are listed in Table 1, and those from the Sea of Japan are listed in Table 2. Nearly complete zonal coverage is present in samples from Site 292 which was continuously cored from the Holocene to the late Eocene. Site 296, another biostratigraphic control hole, was cored continuously from the Holocene to the late Oligocene; the remainder of the hole was cored intermittently to the basal part of the late Oligocene or upper part of the early Oligocene. Virtually all of the zones described for the interval penetrated at Site 296 can be recognized.

Only fair nannofossil recovery was observed in the holes drilled in the Sea of Japan. Good Pleistocene zonal representation was recognized in the biostratigraphic control Site 299 and at Site 301. However, nannofossil recovery from pre-Pleistocene intervals in all of the Sea of Japan holes was poor at best, or entirely lacking.

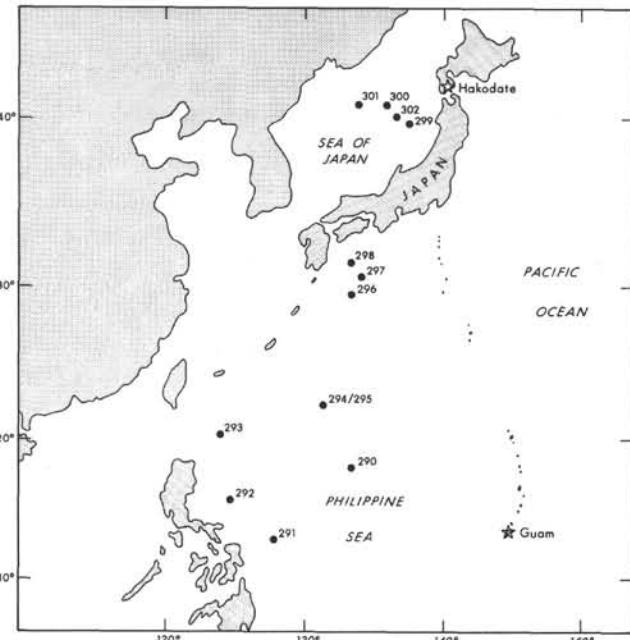


Figure 1. Location of sites cored in the Philippine Sea and the Sea of Japan during DSDP Leg 31.

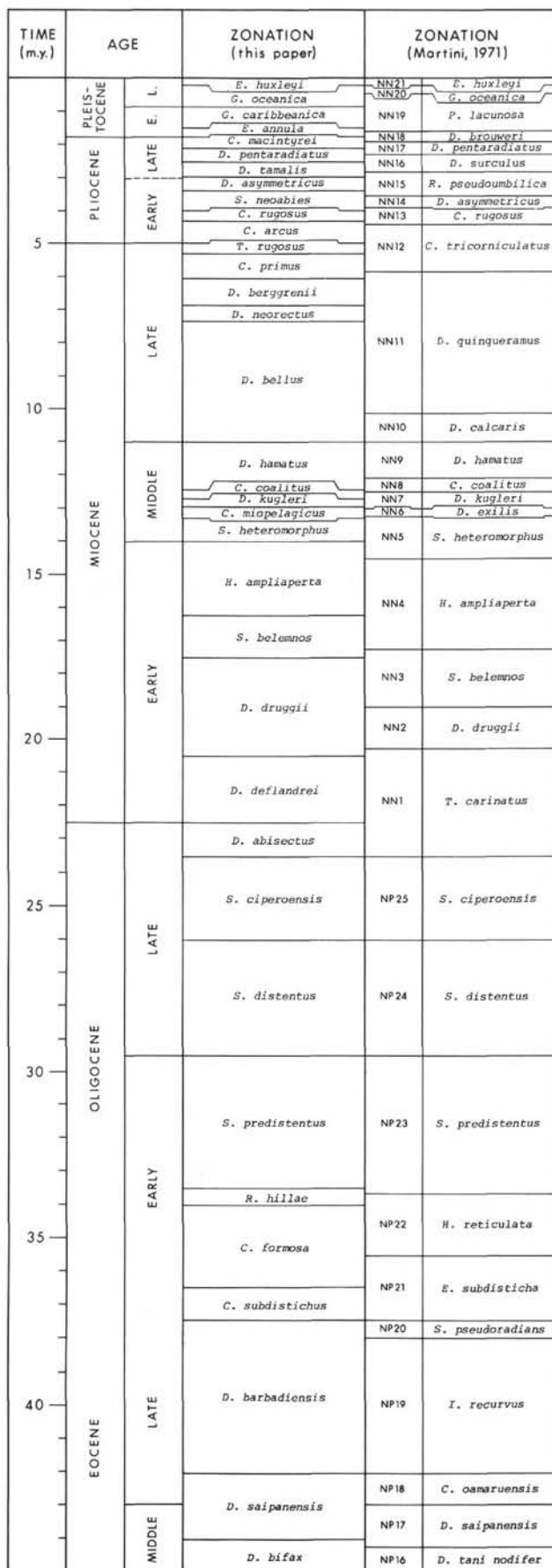


Figure 3. Comparison of calcareous nannofossil zonation schemes with radiometric time.

## SYSTEMATIC PALEONTOLOGY

Twenty-six genera and 105 species were recognized during the study of the core samples from the Leg 31 holes.

Bibliographic references of previously described species can be found in Loeblich and Tappan (1966, 1968, 1969, 1970a, 1970b, 1971, 1973); Bukry (1973a); and Roth (1973). Frequent reference was made to Bramlette and Wilcoxon (1967a, b), Roth (1970), and Roth et al. (1971) in the study of Oligocene and Miocene sphenoliths. Haq (1973) provided valuable information regarding the biostratigraphic occurrences of helicopontosphaerids.

### Genus ANGULOLITHINA Bukry, 1973

#### *Angulolithina arca* Bukry

*Angulolithina arca* Bukry, 1973a, p. 675, pl. 1, fig. 1-5.

### Genus ASPIDORHABDUS Hay and Towe, 1962

#### *Aspidorhabdus stylifer* (Lohmann)

*Rhabdosphaera stylifer* Lohmann, 1902, p. 143, pl. 5, fig. 65.

*Aspidorhabdus stylifer* (Lohmann). Boudreux and Hay, 1969, p. 269, pl. 5, fig. 11-15.

### Genus BRAARUDOSPHAERA Deflandre, 1947

#### *Braarudosphaera bigelowi* (Gran and Braarud)

*Pontosphaera bigelowi* Gran and Braarud, 1935, p. 389, fig. 67.

*Braarudosphaera bigelowi* (Gran and Braarud). Deflandre, 1947, p. 439, fig. 1-5.

#### *Braarudosphaera discula* Bramlette and Riedel

*Braarudosphaera discula* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 394, pl. 38, fig. 7.

### Genus BRAMLETTEIUS Gartner, 1969

#### *Bramletteius serraculoides* Gartner

*Bramletteius serraculoides* Gartner, 1969a, p. 31, pl. 1, fig. 1-3.

### Genus CATINASTER Martini and Bramlette, 1963

#### *Catinaster coalitus* Martini and Bramlette

*Catinaster coalitus* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 851, pl. 103, fig. 7-10.

### Genus CERATOLITHUS Kamptner, 1950

#### *Ceratolithus cristatus* Kamptner

*Ceratolithus cristatus* Kamptner, 1954, p. 43, fig. 44, 45.

#### *Ceratolithus primus* Bukry and Percival

*Ceratolithus primus* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 126, pl. 1, fig. 12-14. Bukry, 1973a, p. 676, pl. 1, fig. 11.

#### *Ceratolithus rugosus* Bukry and Bramlette

*Ceratolithus rugosus* Bukry and Bramlette, 1968, p. 152, pl. 1, fig. 5-9. *Ceratolithus tricorniculatus* Gartner  
*Ceratolithus tricorniculatus* Gartner, 1967, p. 5, pl. 10, fig. 4-6. Bukry, 1973a, p. 676.

### Genus COCCOLITHUS Schwarz, 1894

#### *Coccilithus eopelagicus* (Bramlette and Riedel)

*Tremalitus eopelagicus* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 392, pl. 38, fig. 2a, b.

*Coccilithus eopelagicus* (Bramlette and Riedel). Bramlette and Sullivan, 1961, p. 141. Roth, 1973, p. 730, pl. 8, fig. 2, 4; pl. 9, fig. 3, 4, 6; pl. 10, fig. 4; pl. 11, fig. 3.

#### *Coccilithus miopelagicus* Bukry

*Coccilithus miopelagicus* Bukry, 1971a, p. 310, pl. 2, fig. 6-9.

#### *Coccilithus pelagicus* (Wallich)

*Coccospaera pelagica* Wallich, 1877, p. 348, pl. 17, fig. 1, 2, 5, 11, 12. *Coccilithus pelagicus* (Wallich). Schiller, 1930, p. 246, fig. 123, 124.

TABLE 1  
Geologic and Zonal Age of Leg 31 Cores from the Philippine Sea

SERIES OR SUBSERIES	ZONE OR SUBZONE	DSDP HOLES										
		290	290A	291	291A	292	293	294	295	296	297	298
HOLOCENE	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>					1-1/1-2	1 cc?			1-1/3-1	1 cc /4-1	1
PLEISTOCENE	<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>					1-3/2cc	3-5			3-3/5-2	1cc/5-6	4cc/7-1
	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>					3-1				5-4/7-2	5cc/11-3	7cc/16cc
	<i>Emiliania annula</i>									7-4/7cc	11-4	
UPPER PLIOCENE	<i>Cyclococcolithina macintyreai</i>	1		1		3-2/3-3	8-2/9cc			8-1/8-3	11 cc	
	<i>Discoaster pentaradiatus</i>									8-4/10-4		
	<i>Discoaster tamalis</i>					3-4/4-4				10-5/11cc		
LOWER PLIOCENE	<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>					4-5/5-1				12-1/15-4		
	<i>Sphenolithus neoabies</i>					5-2				15cc/16-1	17/18?	
	<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>					5-3/5cc	20-1/23cc?			16-2/17cc		
	<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>					6-1/6-2						
UPPER MIocene	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus</i>					6-3						
	<i>Ceratolithus primus</i>					6-4/8cc				18-1/19-4		
	<i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>									19-5/22-6		
	<i>Discoaster neorectus</i>									22cc/23-2		
	<i>Discoaster bellus</i>											
MIDDLE MIocene	<i>Discoaster hamatus</i>					9-1/9cc				23-3/24 cc		
	<i>Catinaster coalitus</i>					10-1				25-1/25-4		
	<i>Discoaster kugleri</i>					10-2/10cc				25cc/27cc	24/26?	
	<i>Coccoolithus micipelagicus</i>					11-1/11-5						
	<i>Sphenolithus heteromorphus</i>					11-6/12-5				28-1/28cc	27	
LOWER MIocene	<i>Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta</i>									29-1/31-3		
	<i>Sphenolithus belemnos</i>						12cc/13-5			31-4/32-3		
	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>						13-6/14-2			32-4/33-1		
	<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>						14-3/16cc			33-2/33cc		
OLIGOCENE	<i>Cycligargolithus abisectus</i>						17-1/18-1			34-1/37cc		
	<i>Sphenolithus ciperoensis</i>	3-1/5-1	1/2				18-3/25-1			38-1/52cc		
	<i>Sphenolithus distentus</i>	5-3/6 cc		2/3-1			25cc/32-1			53cc/56cc?		
	<i>Sphenolithus predistentus</i>						32cc/34-2					
	<i>Reticulofenestra hillae</i>	7-1/8-5					34 cc?					
	<i>Cyclococcolithina formosa</i>						35-1/36-1					
	<i>Coccoolithus subdistichus</i>											
UPPER EOCENE	<i>Discoaster barbadiensis</i>	-9?			3-1/4cc	1/3	36-2/39cc					
MIDDLE EOCENE	<i>Discoaster saipanensis</i>				5?							
	<i>Discoaster bifax</i>											

TABLE 2  
Geologic and Zonal Age of Leg 31 Cores from the Sea of Japan

SERIES OR SUBSERIES	ZONE OR SUBZONE	DSDP HOLES			
		299	300	301	302
HOLOCENE	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	1/8	1/2	2-3/2-5	
PLEISTOCENE	<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>	9/15-2		2 cc	1/3
	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>	15-4/30 cc		4	4
	<i>Emiliania annula</i>				
UPPER PLIOCENE	<i>Cyclococcolithina macintyreai</i>				
	<i>Discoaster pentaradiatus</i>			6?	
	<i>Discoaster tamalis</i>				
LOWER PLIOCENE	<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>				
	<i>Sphenolithus neoabies</i>				5?
	<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>				
	<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>				
UPPER MIocene	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus</i>				
	<i>Ceratolithus primus</i>	38-6?			
	<i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>				10/17?
	<i>Discoaster neorectus</i>				
	<i>Discoaster bellus</i>				

Genus CORONOCYCLUS Hay, Mohler, and Wade, 1966

*Coronocyclus serratus* Hay, Mohler, and Wade

*Coronocyclus serratus* Hay, Mohler, and Wade, 1966, p. 394, pl. 11, fig. 1-5.

Genus CYCLICARGOLITHUS Bukry, 1971

*Cyclicargolithus abiseptus* (Müller)

*Coccoolithus? abiseptus* Müller, 1970, p. 92, pl. 9, fig. 9, 10; pl. 12, fig. 1.  
*Cyclicargolithus abiseptus* (Müller). Bukry, 1973b, p. 703.  
*Reticulofenestra abisepta* (Müller). Roth, 1973, p. 731, pl. 6, fig. 5; pl. 7, fig. 2.

*Cyclicargolithus floridanus* (Roth and Hay)

*Coccoolithus floridanus* Roth and Hay, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreaux, 1967, p. 445, pl. 6, fig. 1-4.

*Cyclococcolithus neogammation* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 104, pl. 3, fig. 1-3; pl. 4, fig. 3-5.

*Cyclicargolithus floridanus* (Roth and Hay). Bukry, 1971a, p. 312-313.

Genus CYCLOCOCCOLITHINA Wilcoxon, 1970

*Cyclococcolithina formosa* (Kamptner)

*Cyclococcolithus formosus* Kamptner, 1963, p. 163, pl. 2, fig. 8.  
*Coccoolithus lusitanicus* Black, 1964, p. 308, pl. 50, fig. 1, 2.  
*Cyclococcolithina formosa* (Kamptner). Wilcoxon, 1970, p. 82.

*Cyclococcolithina leptopora* (Murray and Blackman)

*Coccophaera leptopora* Murray and Blackman, 1898, p. 430, pl. 15, fig. 1-7.

*Cyclococcolithus leptopora* (Murray and Blackman). Boudreault and Hay, 1969, p. 263, 264, pl. 2, fig. 13, 14; pl. 3, fig. 1-6.

*Cyclococcolithus macintyreai* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969, p. 132, pl. 1, fig. 1-3.

*Cyclococcolithina leptopora* (Murray and Blackman). Wilcoxon, 1970, p. 82. Ellis, Lohman, and Wray, 1972, p. 15-17, pl. 1, fig. 2-6; text-fig. 5.

**Remarks:** The species *Cyclococcolithina macintyreai* was not differentiated from *C. leptopora* as discussed by Ellis, Lohman, and Wray (1972). However, in their discussion of the two species, samples from the Pliocene and late Miocene intervals were used to provide the statistical data. Subsequent studies have shown that *C. macintyreai* and *C. leptopora* have somewhat different stratigraphic ranges, so recognition of the two species may be perfectly valid in the early Miocene and the early Pleistocene. Except for end members of the two species, they are still very difficult to separate in the late Miocene and Pliocene.

Genus DICTYOCOCCITES Black, 1967

*Dictyococcites bisectus* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade)

*Syracospaera bisecta* Hay, Mohler, and Wade, 1966, p. 393, pl. 10, fig. 1-6.

*Coccoolithus bisectus* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade). Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 102, pl. 4, fig. 11-13.

*Dictyococcites bisectus* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade). Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 127, pl. 2, fig. 12, 13.

*Reticulofenestra bisecta* (Hay, Mohler, and Wade). Roth, 1973, p. 732, pl. 4, fig. 1; pl. 7, fig. 4, 5; pl. 9, fig. 1, 2; pl. 10, fig. 2.

*Dictyococcites scrippsae* Bukry and Percival

*Dictyococcites scrippsae* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 128, pl. 2, fig. 7, 8.

Genus DISCOASTER Tan Sin Hok, 1927

*Discoaster aster* Bramlette and Riedel

*Discoaster aster* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 400, pl. 39, fig. 7.

*Discoaster asymmetricus* Gartner

*Discoaster asymmetricus* Gartner, 1969b, p. 598, pl. 1, fig. 1-3.

*Discoaster aulakos* Gartner

*Discoaster aulakos* Gartner, 1967, p. 2, pl. 4, fig. 4, 5.

*Discoaster barbadiensis* Tan Sin Hok

*Discoaster barbadiensis* Tan Sin Hok, 1927, p. 119. Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 398, pl. 39, fig. 5.

*Discoaster bellus* Bukry and Percival

*Discoaster bellus* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 128, pl. 3, fig. 1, 2.

*Discoaster berggrenii* Bukry

*Discoaster berggrenii* Bukry, 1971b, p. 45, pl. 2, fig. 4-6.

*Discoaster binodosus* Martini

*Discoaster binodosus* Martini, 1958, p. 361, pl. 4, fig. 18b. Hay and Mohler, 1967, p. 1538.

*Discoaster blackstockae* Bukry

*Discoaster blackstockae* Bukry, 1973c, p. 307, pl. 1, fig. 1-4.

**Discoaster bollii Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster bollii* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 851, pl. 105, fig. 1-4, 7.

**Discoaster braarudii Bukry**

*Discoaster braarudii* Bukry, 1971b, p. 45, pl. 2, fig. 10.

**Discoaster brouweri Tan Sin Hok**

*Discoaster brouweri* Tan Sin Hok, 1927, p. 120, fig. 8a-b. Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 402, pl. 39, fig. 12; text-fig. 3a-b.

**Discoaster brouweri rutellus Gartner**

*Discoaster brouweri rutellus* Gartner, 1967, p. 2, pl. 1, fig. 1, 2.

**Discoaster calcaris Gartner**

*Discoaster calcaris* Gartner, 1967, p. 2, pl. 2, fig. 1-3.

**Discoaster challengereri Bramlette and Riedel**

*Discoaster challengereri* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 401, pl. 39, fig. 10.

**Discoaster decorus (Bukry)**

*Discoaster variabilis decorus* Bukry, 1971b, p. 48, pl. 3, fig. 5, 6. *Discoaster decorus* (Bukry). Bukry, 1973a, p. 677, pl. 2, fig. 8, 9; pl. 4, fig. 11.

**Discoaster deflandrei Bramlette and Riedel**

*Discoaster deflandrei* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 399, pl. 39, fig. 6; text-fig. 1a-c.

**Discoaster druggii Bramlette and Wilcoxon**

*Discoaster druggii* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 110, pl. 8, fig. 2-8. Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967b, p. 220.

**Discoaster exilis, Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster exilis*, Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 852, pl. 104, fig. 1-3.

**Discoaster hamatus Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster hamatus* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 852, pl. 105, fig. 8, 10, 11.

**Discoaster intercalaris Bukry**

*Discoaster intercalaris* Bukry, 1971a, p. 315, pl. 3, fig. 12; pl. 4, fig. 1, 2.

**Discoaster kugleri Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster kugleri* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 853, pl. 102, fig. 11-13.

**Discoaster loeblichii Bukry**

*Discoaster loeblichii* Bukry, 1971a, p. 315-316, pl. 4, fig. 3-5.

**Discoaster neohamatus Bukry and Bramlette**

*Discoaster neohamatus* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969, p. 133, pl. 1, fig. 4-6.

**Discoaster neorectus Bukry**

*Discoaster neorectus* Bukry, 1971a, p. 316-318, pl. 4, fig. 6, 7.

**Discoaster nodifer (Bramlette and Riedel)**

*Discoaster tani nodifer* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 397, pl. 38, fig. 2. *Discoaster nodifer* (Bramlette and Riedel). Bukry, 1973a, p. 678, pl. 4, fig. 24.

**Discoaster pentaradiatus Tan Sin Hok**

*Discoaster pentaradiatus* Tan Sin Hok, 1927, p. 120, fig. 2.

**Discoaster prepentaradiatus Bukry and Percival**

*Discoaster prepentaradiatus* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 129, pl. 3, fig. 6, 7.

**Discoaster pseudovariabilis Martini and Worsley**

*Discoaster pseudovariabilis* Martini and Worsley, 1971, p. 1500, pl. 3, fig. 2-8.

**Discoaster quadramus Bukry**

*Discoaster quadramus* Bukry, 1973c, p. 307, pl. 1, fig. 5, 6.

**Discoaster quinqueramus Gartner**

*Discoaster quinqueramus* Gartner, 1969b, p. 598, pl. 1, fig. 6, 7. *Discoaster quintatus* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969, p. 133, pl. 1, fig. 6-8.

**Discoaster saipanensis Bramlette and Riedel**

*Discoaster saipanensis* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 398, pl. 39, fig. 4.

**Discoaster signus Bukry**

*Discoaster signus* Bukry, 1971b, p. 48, pl. 3, fig. 3, 4.

**Discoaster surculus Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster surculus* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 854, pl. 104, fig. 10-12.

**Discoaster tamalis Kamptner**

*Discoaster tamalis* Kamptner, 1967, p. 166, pl. 24, fig. 131; text-fig. 28.

**Discoaster tani Bramlette and Riedel**

*Discoaster tani* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 397, pl. 39, fig. 1.

**Discoaster toralus Ellis, Lohman, and Wray**

*Discoaster toralus* Ellis, Lohman, and Wray, 1972, p. 53, pl. 16, fig. 2-6.

**Discoaster triradiatus Tan Sin Hok**

*Discoaster triradiatus* Tan Sin Hok, 1927, p. 417.

**Discoaster variabilis Martini and Bramlette**

*Discoaster variabilis* Martini and Bramlette, 1963, p. 854, pl. 104, fig. 4-8.

**Genus EMILIANIA Hay and Mohler, 1967****Emiliania annula (Cohen)**

*Coccolithites annulus* Cohen, 1964, p. 237, pl. 3, fig. 1a-c. *Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* (Kamptner). Gartner, 1969b, p. 598, pl. 2, fig. 9, 10.

*Emiliania annula* (Cohen). Bukry, 1973a, p. 678.

**Remarks:** The genus and species *Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* have been judged invalid (Loeblich and Tappan, 1970b). Taxonomic assignment of these taxa in this report to *Emiliania annula* follows the suggestion of Bukry (1973a, p. 678).

**Emiliania huxleyi (Lohmann)**

*Pontosphaera huxleyi* Lohmann, 1902, p. 130, pl. 4, fig. 1-6; pl. 6, fig. 69.

*Coccolithus huxleyi* (Lohmann). Kamptner, 1943, p. 44.

*Emiliania huxleyi* (Lohmann). Hay and Mohler, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreault, 1967, p. 447, pl. 10, 11, fig. 1, 2.

**Emiliania ovata Bukry**

*Emiliania ovata* Bukry, 1973a, p. 678, pl. 2, fig. 10-12.

**Genus GEPHYROCAPSA Kamptner, 1943****Gephyrocapsa aperta Kamptner**

*Gephyrocapsa aperta* Kamptner, 1963, p. 173, pl. 6, fig. 32, 35.

- Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica** Boudreux and Hay  
*Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* Boudreux and Hay, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreux, 1967, p. 447, pl. 12, 13, fig. 1-4.
- Gephyrocapsa doronicoides** (Black and Barnes)  
*Coccolithus doronicoides* Black and Barnes, 1961, p. 142, pl. 25, fig. 3.  
*Gephyrocapsa doronicoides* (Black and Barnes). Bukry, 1973a, p. 678.  
**Remarks:** Although this species lacks a diagonal bar across the central area, it does possess the rim structure, form, and crystallography of the genus *Gephyrocapsa*.
- Gephyrocapsa oceanica** Kamptner  
*Gephyrocapsa oceanica* Kamptner, 1943, p. 43-49.
- Genus HAYASTER** Bukry, 1973  
**Hayaster perplexus** (Bramlette and Riedel)  
*Discoaster perplexus* Bramlette and Riedel, 1954, p. 400, pl. 39, fig. 9.  
*Hayaster perplexus* (Bramlette and Riedel). Bukry, 1973c, p. 308.  
**Remarks:** This combination became apparent after the nannofossil occurrence tables had been completed for this report; consequently, the original name for this taxon, *Discoaster perplexus*, appears in the tables.
- Genus HELICOPONTOSPHAERA** Hay and Mohler, 1967  
**Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta** (Bramlette and Wilcoxon)  
*Helicosphaera ampliaperta* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 105, pl. 6, fig. 1-4.  
*Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta* (Bramlette and Wilcoxon). Bukry, 1970, p. 377.  
**Helicopontosphaera compacta** (Bramlette and Wilcoxon)  
*Helicosphaera compacta* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 105, fig. 5-8.  
*Helicopontosphaera compacta* (Bramlette and Wilcoxon). Hay, 1970, p. 458.  
**Helicopontosphaera euphratis** (Haq)  
*Helicosphaera euphratis* Haq, 1966, p. 33, pl. 2, fig. 1, 3.  
*Helicopontosphaera euphratis* (Haq). Martini, 1969, p. 136.  
**Helicopontosphaera hyalina** (Gaarder)  
*Helicosphaera hyalina* Gaarder, 1970, p. 113-114, text-fig. 1-3.  
*Helicopontosphaera hyalina* (Gaarder). Haq, 1973, p. 37.  
**Helicopontosphaera intermedia** (Martini)  
*Helicosphaera intermedia* Martini, 1965, p. 404, pl. 35, figs. 1, 2.  
*Helicopontosphaera intermedia* (Martini). Hay and Mohler, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreux, 1967, p. 448.  
**Helicopontosphaera kamptneri** Hay and Mohler  
*Helicopontosphaera kamptneri* Hay and Mohler, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreux, 1967, p. 448, pl. 10, 11, fig. 5.  
**Helicopontosphaera reticulata** (Bramlette and Wilcoxon)  
*Helicosphaera reticulata* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 106, pl. 6, fig. 15.  
*Helicopontosphaera reticulata* (Bramlette and Wilcoxon). Roth, 1970, p. 863, pl. 10, fig. 5.  
**Helicopontosphaera sellii** Bukry and Bramlette  
*Helicopontosphaera sellii* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969, p. 134, pl. 2, fig. 3-7.  
**Genus PONTOSPHAERA** Lohmann, 1902  
**Pontosphaera multipora** (Kamptner)  
*Discolithus multiporus* Kamptner, 1948, p. 5, pl. 1, fig. 9.  
*Discolithina multipora* (Kamptner). Martini, 1965, p. 400.
- Pontosphaera multipora** (Kamptner). Roth, 1970, p. 860-861. Ellis, Lohmann, and Wray, 1972, p. 30, pl. 6, figs. 4-6; pl. 7, fig. 1, 2.
- Genus RETICULOFENESTRA** Hay, Mohler, and Wade, 1966  
**Reticulofenestra hillae** Bukry and Percival  
*Reticulofenestra hillae* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 136, pl. 6, fig. 1-3.
- Reticulofenestra laevis** Roth and Hay  
*Reticulofenestra laevis* Roth and Hay, in Hay, Mohler, Roth, Schmidt, and Boudreux, 1967, p. 449, pl. 7, fig. 11.
- Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica** (Gartner)  
*Coccolithus pseudoumbilicus* Gartner, 1967, p. 4, pl. 6, fig. 3.  
*Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica* (Gartner). Gartner, 1969b, p. 587-598.
- Reticulofenestra reticulata** (Gartner and Smith)  
*Cyclococcolithus reticulatus* Gartner and Smith, 1967, p. 4, pl. 5, fig. 1-4.
- Reticulofenestra reticulata** (Gartner and Smith). Roth, in Roth and Thierstein, 1972, p. 436.
- Reticulofenestra umbilica** (Levin)  
*Coccolithus umbilicus* Levin, 1965, p. 265, pl. 41, fig. 2.  
*Reticulofenestra caucasica* Hay, Mohler, and Wade, 1966, p. 386, pl. 3, fig. 1, 2; pl. 4, fig. 1, 2.
- Reticulofenestra umbilica** (Levin). Martini and Ritzkowski, 1968, p. 245, pl. 1, fig. 11, 12.
- Genus RHABDOSPHAERA** Haeckel, 1894  
**Rhabdosphaera clavigera** Murray and Blackman  
*Rhabdosphaera clavigera* Murray and Blackman, 1898, p. 438, pl. 15, fig. 13-15.
- Genus SCYPHOSPHAERA** Lohmann, 1902  
**Scyphosphaera apsteini** Lohmann  
*Scyphosphaera apsteini* Lohmann, 1902, p. 132, pl. 4, fig. 26-30.
- Scyphosphaera pulcherrima** Deflandre  
*Scyphosphaera pulcherrima* Deflandre, 1942, p. 133, fig. 28-31.
- Scyphosphaera recurvata** Deflandre  
*Scyphosphaera recurvata* Deflandre, 1942, p. 132, fig. 17-20.
- Genus SPHENOLITHUS** Deflandre, 1952  
**Sphenolithus abies** Deflandre  
*Sphenolithus abies* Deflandre, in Deflandre and Fert, 1954, p. 164, pl. 10, fig. 1-4.
- Sphenolithus belemnos** Bramlette and Wilcoxon  
*Sphenolithus belemnos* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 118, pl. 2, fig. 1-3.
- Sphenolithus ciperoensis** Bramlette and Wilcoxon  
*Sphenolithus ciperoensis* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 120, pl. 2, fig. 15-18.
- Sphenolithus dissimilis** Bukry and Percival  
*Sphenolithus dissimilis* Bukry and Percival, 1971, p. 140, pl. 6, fig. 7-9.
- Sphenolithus heteromorphus** Deflandre  
*Sphenolithus heteromorphus* Deflandre, 1953, p. 1785-86, fig. 1, 2.
- Sphenolithus moriformis** (Brönnimann and Stradner)  
*Nannoturbella moriformis* Brönnimann and Stradner, 1960, p. 368, fig. 11-16.
- Sphenolithus pacificus** Martini, 1965, p. 407, pl. 36, fig. 7-10.
- Sphenolithus moriformis** (Brönnimann and Stradner). Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 124-126, pl. 3, fig. 1-6.

**Sphenolithus neoabies** Bukry and Bramlette

*Sphenolithus neoabies* Bukry and Bramlette, 1969, p. 140, pl. 3, fig. 9-11.

**Sphenolithus predistentus** Bramlette and Wilcoxon

*Sphenolithus predistentus* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 126, pl. 1, fig. 6; pl. 2, fig. 10, 11.

**Sphenolithus pseudoradians** Bramlette and Wilcoxon

*Sphenolithus pseudoradians* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 126-128, pl. 2, fig. 12-14.

**Sphenolithus radians** Deflandre

*Sphenolithus radians* Deflandre, in Grassé, 1952, p. 466, fig. 343J-K, 363A-G.

**Sphenolithus tribulosus** Roth

*Sphenolithus tribulosus* Roth, 1970, p. 870-871, pl. 14, fig. 5, 7, 8.

## Genus SYRACOSPHAERA Lohmann, 1902

**Syracospaera pulchra** Lohmann

*Syracospaera pulchra* Lohmann, 1902, p. 134, pl. 4, fig. 33, 36, 37.

## Genus THORACOSPHAERA Kamptner, 1927

**Thoracosphaera saxea** Stradner

*Thoracosphaera saxea* Stradner, 1961, p. 84, fig. 71.

## Genus TRIQUETRORHABDULUS Martini, 1965

**Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus** Martini

*Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus* Martini, 1965, p. 408, pl. 36, fig. 1-3.

**Triquetrorhabdulus milowii** Bukry

*Triquetrorhabdulus milowii* Bukry, 1971a, p. 325, pl. 7, fig. 9-12.

**Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus** Bramlette and Wilcoxon

*Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus* Bramlette and Wilcoxon, 1967a, p. 128-129, pl. 9, fig. 17, 18.

## Genus UMBELLOSPHAERA Paasche, 1955

**Umbellosphaera tenuis** (Kamptner)

*Coccolithus tenuis* Kamptner, 1937, p. 311, pl. 17, figs. 41, 42.

*Umbellosphaera tenuis* (Kamptner). Paasche, in Markali and Paasche, 1955, p. 96.

## Genus UMBILICOSPHAERA Lohmann, 1902

**Umbilicosphaera cricota** (Gartner)

*Cyclococcilithus cricotus* Gartner, 1967, p. 5, pl. 7, fig. 5-7.

*Umbilicosphaera cricota* (Gartner). Cohen and Reinhardt, 1968, p. 296, pl. 19, fig. 1, 5; pl. 21, fig. 3; text-fig. 6.

**Umbilicosphaera sibogae** (Weber van Bosse)

*Coccospaera sibogae* Weber van Bosse, 1901, p. 137, 140, pl. 17, fig. 1, 2.

*Umbilicosphaera mirabilis* Lohmann, 1902, p. 139, pl. 5, fig. 66, 66a. *Umbilicosphaera sibogae* (Weber van Bosse). Gaarder, 1970, p. 126.

**SUMMARY OF NANNOFOSSIL STRATIGRAPHY**

Tables of nannofossil occurrences have been prepared for those sites containing significant assemblages. The state of preservation is designated as follows: G=good, little or no etching or overgrowth; M=moderate, some etching or overgrowth which has destroyed or obscures delicate structures and ornamentation; P=poor, strong solution or overgrowth which has destroyed many species or made the original species difficult to be

recognized. The abundance of specimens is noted as: VA=very abundant (flood); A=abundant; C=common; F=few; R=rare; VR=very rare (one or two specimens per slide).

**Site 290 (Holes 290 and 290A)**

The productive samples examined from these holes and the nannofossils they contain are listed in Table 3. Rare occurrences of moderately preserved *Discoaster brouweri* and *D. asymmetricus* in Core 1 samples suggest that this interval can be correlated with the late Pliocene *Cyclococcilithina macintyrei* Subzone. The absence of other diagnostic nannofossil species may indicate reworking into a younger, nonfossiliferous interval. The early Pliocene and the entire Miocene intervals are not represented in samples from this site. Samples 290-3-1, 50-51 cm through 290-6, CC are of late Oligocene age, and samples from Core 7 are of early Oligocene age. Core 8 is a hard, coarse, volcanic conglomerate from which one of the pebbles and some of the matrix were examined for nannofossils. A few specimens of late middle Eocene to early Oligocene age were recovered. All of Core 9 consists of a very "soupy" suspended mud and in all probability represents a thorough mixing of sediments from above. Several late Eocene species were recorded that were not observed in overlying samples. Consequently, reliable age determinations cannot be made for samples from Cores 8 and 9.

Samples from the late Oligocene Cores 1 and 2 of Hole 290A can be correlated with Samples 290-3-1, 50-51 cm to 290-5-1, 135-136 cm. The early Oligocene and late Eocene ? were penetrated only in Hole 290.

**Site 291 (Holes 291 and 291A)**

Table 4 lists the productive samples examined from these holes and the nannofossils they contain. Sample 291-1, CC contains rare specimens of *Discoaster brouweri* and *D. asymmetricus* which can be best correlated with the *Cyclococcilithina macintyrei* Subzone. Preservation is very poor; consequently, these specimens could represent reworking of late Pliocene fossils into younger nonfossiliferous sediments. Samples 291-2-2, 86-87 cm through 291-3-1, 110-111 cm contain the index species *Sphenolithus distentus* and are of late Oligocene age, while Sample 291-3-1, 124-124.5 cm and below contain a typical late Eocene assemblage. Clearly a hiatus is present in Core 3, Section 1 with the entire early Oligocene being absent. Sample 291-5-1, 115-116 cm immediately overlies basalt and contains only two specimens of *Cyclococcilithina formosa*. While not a true age-diagnostic species, it does indicate that this sample is no older than early Eocene. The absence of other diagnostic species suggests that these more resistant specimens have been reworked into younger Eocene sediments.

Cores 1 to 3 of Hole 291A can be correlated with the late Eocene cores of Hole 291. (Core 3 consists of red mud recovered from the drill bit upon completion of the hole.) The similarity in the assemblages recovered from Samples 291-3, CC and 291A-1, CC is striking; even to the presence of a late Oligocene component which must represent contamination from up-hole.

TABLE 3  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 290

SITE 290									
AGE		NANNOFOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE		CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)		PRESERVATION			
EOC.	OLIGOCENE	L.	PLIO.	LATE					
					HOLE 290				
					1-1, 1-2	M	Bramletteius serraculoides		
					1 cc	M	Coccolithus eopelagicus		
							C. pelagicus		
							Coronocyclus sp.		
							Cyclcocargolithus abiseptus		
							C. floridanus		
							Cyclococcilithina formosa		
							Dictyococcites bisectus		
							D. scrippsae		
							Discoaster aster		
							D. asymmetricus		
							D. barbadiensis		
							D. deflandrei		
							D. nodifer		
							D. tani		
							Helicopontosphaera intermedia		
							H. reticulata		
							Reticulofenestra hillae		
							R. umbilica		
							Sphenolithus ciperoensis		
							S. distentus		
							S. moriformis		
							S. pseudoradians		
							S. radians		
							Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus		
Olig.	LATE	S. ciperoensis	HOLE 290A						
			1-2, 90-91	M	R	R C A	F R R	R R	R R
			1 cc	G	F	C	R	F	R
			2 cc	M		A	C	F	C

### Site 292

The productive samples examined from this biostratigraphic control hole and the many well-preserved nannofossils they contain are listed in Table 5. The continuously cored intervals provide an unusually fine representation of the Holocene through the late Eocene nannofossil zones and subzones. Several sub-zones in the early half of the late Miocene cannot be identified. This agrees with foraminiferal data which also indicate a zone is missing, but apparently there is no break in deposition. The absence of the early Miocene *Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta* Zone coincides with missing foraminiferal zones and probably represents a hiatus. The other missing subzones shown in Table 5 may reflect too large a sampling interval for them to be

recognized, or it may reflect the failure to recognize zone-defining species.

Of particular note is the continuously cored Oligocene interval which contains well-preserved nannofossil assemblages representative of all the major zones within this interval. The relationship of these assemblages with both underlying and overlying sediments can be seen because the cored intervals record both the upper and lower contacts.

### Site 293

The present water depth (5599m) in addition to the very poor state of preservation of the few forms that were recovered from cores at this site suggest that deposition occurred well below the carbonate compen-

TABLE 4  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 291

SITE 291									
AGE		NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE		CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)		PRESERVATION			
EOCENE	LATE	C. macintyreai	HOLE 291	P		Bramletteius serraculoides			
			1 cc			Coccolithus eopelagicus			
			2-2, 86-87	M	R R F	C. pelagicus			
			2 cc	M	R R R	Coronocyclus sp.			
			3-1, 105-106	M	R F F	Cyclicargolithus abisectus			
			3-1, 110-111	P	F F F	C. floridanus			
			3-1, 117-118	M	R	Cyclococcolithina formosa			
			3-1, 124-125	M	R	Dictyococcites bisectus			
			3-1, 140-141	M	R	Discoaster aster			
			3 cc	M	R R R R	D. asymmetricus			
			4-1, 60-61	M	R	D. barbadiensis			
			4-1, 65-66	M	F	D. binodosus			
			4-2, 50-51	P	R	D. brouweri			
			4-3, 50-51	M	R R	D. deflandrei			
			4-3, 75-76	P	C	D. nodifer			
			4 cc	P	R R R	D. saipanensis			
			5-1, 115-116	M	R	D. tani			
OLIGO-MIOCENE	LATE	S. distentus	HOLE 291A			Helicopontosphaera compacta			
			1 cc	M	R R R R	Reticulofenestra umbilicata			
			2 cc	M	R	Sphenolithus distentus			
			3 cc	M	R	S. moriformis			
						S. pseudoradians			
						S. tribulosus			
EOCENE	LATE	D. barb.							

sation depth. Rapid burial can probably best explain the few fairly well-preserved specimens which were recovered from the silty fraction of a turbidite sequence. In general, there are very few age-diagnostic indigenous species in these cores, and the major portion of the specimens in the recovered assemblages are reworked into the late Pliocene samples (Table 6). A sample of the basaltic breccia matrix, 293-20-1, 15-16 cm, was found to contain the early Pliocene ? species *Discoaster brouweri* and *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica*. The recovery of *Discoaster pentaradiatus* from sediment chips found lining the core catcher after attempting to retrieve Core 23 further confirms the early Pliocene ? age determination for this lower rock unit.

An attempt was made to see how the character of the nannofossil assemblages might change through an interval following the deposition of a coarse turbidite. A series of very fine-grained sand to clay-sized graded beds

overlying a coarse sand interval in Core 7, Section 2 was sampled and examined for nannofossils. Unfortunately, all four samples were found to be barren.

#### Site 294

Nannofossils occur sparsely, and their recovery was very poor from samples at this site and no specific zones or subzones could be recognized. Most of the recovered specimens are reworked Eocene forms, although the assemblage recovered from Sample 294-1-2, 75-76 cm is not incompatible with the Quaternary age determined for this core with the use of radiolarians. The samples and their fossil constituents are listed below.

294-1-2, 75-76 cm: *Cyclococcolithina leptopora*. Reworked *Discoaster deflandrei*, *Sphenolithus* sp.

294-2, CC: *Cyclococcolithina leptopora*.

294-3, CC: *Cyclococcolithina leptopora*. Reworked *Discoaster deflandrei*, *Helicopontosphaera kampfneri*.

**TABLE 5**  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 292

TABLE 5 – Continued

SITE 292 (CONTINUED)			
AGE	NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION
MIOCENE			
EARLY			
LATE			
D. kugleri	10-2, 40-41 10 cc	G G	<i>Angiolithina arca</i> <i>Aspidorhabdus stellifer</i> <i>Brauniodiophphaea discula</i> <i>Branletteus sericuloides</i> <i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i> <i>C. primus</i> <i>C. rugosus</i> <i>C. tricarinatus</i> <i>Coccolithus septagicus</i> <i>C. niopelagenicus</i> <i>C. pelagicus</i> <i>Corallinolithus teretatus</i> <i>Cyclcococcolithina tornosa</i> <i>Dicyococcites bisectus</i> <i>Discoaster aster</i> <i>C. trilocularis</i> <i>D. aulakos</i> <i>D. barbadensis</i> <i>D. bellus</i> <i>C. leptopora</i> <i>D. heterogeni</i> <i>D. blackstockae</i> <i>D. hiraiardii</i> <i>D. larovieri</i> <i>D. challengeri</i> <i>D. nodifer</i> <i>D. pentaradiatus</i> <i>D. deflandrei</i> <i>D. druggii</i> <i>D. exilis</i> <i>D. hamatus</i> <i>D. kugleri</i> <i>D. salpanensis</i> <i>D. sinicus</i> <i>D. perplexus</i> <i>D. pentaradiatus</i> <i>D. quadratum</i> <i>D. quinqueramus</i> <i>D. radiatus</i> <i>D. variabilis</i> <i>E. annula</i> <i>E. lux legi</i> <i>E. ovata</i> <i>Gephyrocapsa aperta</i> <i>G. caribbeanica</i> <i>G. coronicoides</i> <i>G. oceanica</i> <i>Helicopontosphera compacta</i> <i>H. intermedia</i> <i>H. kampthneri</i> <i>H. reticulata</i> <i>H. sellii</i> <i>Reticulofenestra laevis</i> <i>R. pseudumbilicalis</i> <i>R. reticulata</i> <i>R. umbilicalis</i> <i>Rhadiospheira clavigera</i> <i>Syrcomorphaea pulchra</i> <i>Sycomorphaea agasteini</i> <i>S. folchartiana</i> <i>S. sphaerostriata</i> <i>S. sphaerostriata</i> <i>S. sphaerostriata</i> <i>T. quadrituberculatus carinatus</i> <i>T. rugosus</i> <i>Umbilicosphaera cricota</i>
<i>Coccolithus mio-pelagicus</i>	11-1, 40-41 11-2, 40-41 11-3, 40-41 11-4, 40-41 11-5, 40-41	P P P M P	
<i>Sphenolithus heteromorphus</i>	11-6, 40-41 11 cc 12-1, 120-121 12-2, 32-33 12-3, 40-41 12-4, 40-41 12-5, 40-41	P G P P M M M	
<i>Sphenolithus belemnos</i>	12 cc 13-1, 125-126 13-3, 40-41 13-4, 40-41 13-5, 40-41 13-5, 112-113	M M M M M M	
<i>D. deflandrei</i>	13-6, 40-41 13 cc 14-1, 114-115 14-2, 40-41	M M M P	
<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>	14-3, 60-61 14-5, 40-41 14 cc 15-1, 48-49 15-3, 40-41 15-6, 40-41 15 cc 16-2, 40-41 16-4, 40-41 16-6, 59-60 16 cc	M P M P P P M M P P P M M P P P	
<i>C. abiseptus</i>	17-1, 126-127 17-3, 56-57 17-5, 40-41 17 cc	P P P G	
<i>Sphenolithus ciperoensis</i>	18-1, 40-41 18-3, 40-41 18-5, 40-41 18 cc 19-1, 40-41 19-3, 40-41 19-5, 40-41 19 cc 20-2, 40-41 20 cc 21-1, 100-101	P M M G P P P G P P P	

TABLE 5 - *Continued*

SITE 292 (CONTINUED)			
AGE	NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION
			<i>Anguillolithina arca</i> <i>Aspidorhabdus stylifer</i> <i>Braarudosphaera discula</i> <i>Bramlettea setiglobulus</i> <i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i> <i>C. primus</i> <i>C. rugosus</i> <i>C. tectoniculatus</i> <i>Coccolithus epelagicus</i> <i>C. miopelagicus</i> <i>C. pelagicus</i> <i>Coronocyclus serratus</i> <i>Cyclcocarpothithus abiseptus</i> <i>C. floridanus</i> <i>Cyclococcolithina formosa</i> <i>C. leptopora</i> <i>Dicryococcites bissectus</i> <i>Discoaster aster</i> <i>D. asymmetricus</i> <i>D. australis</i> <i>D. bellensis</i> <i>D. bergeronii</i> <i>D. blackstockae</i> <i>D. braueri</i> <i>D. browneri</i> <i>D. challengerii</i> <i>D. decorus</i> <i>D. deflandrei</i> <i>D. dugili</i> <i>D. exilis</i> <i>D. hamatus</i> <i>D. kugleri</i> <i>D. nodiflor</i> <i>D. pantaradiatus</i> <i>D. perplexus</i> <i>D. prepeniculatus</i> <i>D. graniferus</i> <i>D. guingueraurus</i> <i>D. saipanensis</i> <i>D. signatus</i> <i>D. surculatus</i> <i>D. eamulis</i> <i>D. tanii</i> <i>D. torulatus</i> <i>D. triradiatus</i> <i>D. variabilis</i> <i>Emiliania annula</i> <i>E. huxleyi</i> <i>E. ovata</i> <i>Gephyrocapsa aperta</i> <i>G. caribbeanica</i> <i>G. doronicondes</i> <i>G. oceanica</i> <i>Helicopontosphaera compacta</i> <i>H. intermediata</i> <i>H. kampfneri</i> <i>H. reticulata</i> <i>H. sellii</i> <i>Reticulofenestra laevis</i> <i>R. pseudounbilicalis</i> <i>R. reticulata</i> <i>R. umbilicalis</i> <i>Rhabdosphaera clavigera</i> <i>Syracosphaera pulchra</i> <i>Scyphosphaera apseptata</i> <i>S. pulcherrima</i> <i>S. recurvata</i> <i>S. bellicosus</i> <i>S. ciperiensis</i> <i>S. distans</i> <i>S. heteromorphus</i> <i>S. moriformis</i> <i>S. neobies</i> <i>S. predilectus</i> <i>S. pseudoradians</i> <i>Thraustosphaera sinaxea</i> <i>T. rugosus</i> <i>Umbilicosphaera cricta</i>
OLIGOCENE	<i>Sphenolithus ciperiensis</i>	LATE	
		21-5, 40-41	P
		21 cc	G
		22-2, 40-41	M
		22 cc	G
		23-1, 40-41	M
		23-3, 40-41	P
		23 cc	G
		24-2, 45-46	P
		24-3, 40-41	P
		24 cc	G
		25-1, 40-41	M
		25 cc	G
		26-1, 60-61	P
		26-2, 40-41	P
		26 cc	M
		27-1, 40-41	P
		27 cc	M
		28 cc	M
		29-1, 90-91	M
		29 cc	M
		30-1, 103-104	M
		30 cc	M
		31-2, 40-41	M
		31 cc	G
		32-1, 95-96	P
<i>S. pre-distentus</i>	<i>Sphenolithus distentus</i>	32 cc	G
		33-2, 55-56	P
		33 cc	G
		34-2, 40-41	M
		R. hillae?	G
		34 cc	A
		C. formosa	F
		35-1, 83-84	M
		35-3, 61-62	M
		35 cc	P
<i>EOCENE</i>	<i>Discoaster bar-badiensis</i>	36-1, 66-67	P
		36-2, 78-79	P
		36-3, 31-32	P
		36 cc	M
		37-1, 131-132	M
		37-3, 69-70	M
		37 cc	M
		38-2, 102-103	P
		38 cc	G
		39-2, 72-73	M
		39-3, 71-72	P
		39 cc	G
		C	R

TABLE 6  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 293

SITE 293		CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION																								
AGE	NANNOFOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE			Ceratolithus cristatus	Coccolithus pelagicus	Cyclococcolithina formosa	C. leptopora	Discoaster barbadiensis	D. brouweri	D. challengerii	D. deflandrei	D. hamatus	D. pentaradiatus	D. saipanensis	D. surculus	D. tani	D. variabilis	D. spp.	G. oceanica	G. sp.	Helicopontosphaera kampfneri	Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica	R. umbilica	Sphenolithus pseudoradians	S. radians	S. spp.	
HOLO./ PLEIST.	LATE PLIOCENE	1 cc	P				R R								F		F							R		R	
		3-5, 80-81	P				R									R R ?			R R						R		R
		4-2, 81-82	P						R																	?	
		4-2, 137-138	P	R	R																						
		7 cc	P							?																	
		8-2, 101-102	P	R R	R	R	R	R				R	R	R	R	R	R	R							F		
		9 cc	M F		F					R			R R							R						R	R
		10 cc	P																			R					
		12 cc	P																								R
		13 cc	P									R															
		17 cc	P			R																					
		18-1, 60-61	P					R																			R
		20-1, 15-16	G				R																			R	
		22 cc	P	R R				R																		F	?
		23 cc	G									R															

294-4-4, 120-121 cm: Reworked *Discoaster barbadiensis*, *D. nodifer*.

294-4, CC: Reworked *Discoaster deflandrei*, *D. tani*.

#### Site 295

No indigenous nannofossils were recovered from samples of this hole. Only the 295-bit sample was found to contain the reworked Eocene species *Discoaster saipanensis* and *Reticulofenestra umbilica*.

#### Site 296

The productive samples examined from this biostratigraphic control hole and the nannofossils they contain are listed in Table 7. The continuously cored Holocene to late Oligocene interval of this hole provides a fine representation of nearly all the Neogene nannofossil zones and subzones. Two subzones in the early Pliocene-late Miocene and a subzone in each of the late Miocene and the middle Miocene intervals were not recognized. Their absence could reflect too great a sampling interval or a hiatus. Although the interval below 472 meters was only intermittently cored, a complete sequence of late Oligocene zones was observed in

Cores 34 through 63. The boundary between the *Sphenolithus ciperoensis* Zone and the *Sphenolithus disjunctus* Zone cannot be clearly defined. If the specimen questionably identified as *S. ciperoensis* from Core 56 is truly that species, then the zone boundary lies between Cores 56 and 57. However, if *S. ciperoensis* has its first occurrence in Core 52, then the zone boundary lies between Cores 52 and 53. Consequently, until this problem is resolved, the interval represented by Cores 53 through 56 is considered to be a transitional interval between the two zones. Cores 64 and 65 contain only a few specimens of the nannofossil species *Helicopontosphaera compacta*, *Dictyococcites bisectus*, and possibly *Cyclococcolithina formosa*. These species have reported occurrences ranging from the middle early Eocene to the early Oligocene and while they may not be very age definitive, they do provide some indication of the possible minimum and maximum ages for these samples. If the identification of *C. formosa* in Core 65 is correct, then the sample can be no younger than early Oligocene. However, the poor state of preservation of the specimens in these lower few cores may indicate that these are reworked individuals.

TABLE 7  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 296

SITE 296				PRESERVATION
AGE	HOLOCENE/ PLEISTOCENE		CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	
	EARLY	LATE		
<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	1-1, 31-32	G	<i>Angulolithina arca</i>	
	1-4, 90-91	M	<i>Aspidorhabus stylifer</i>	
	1 fc	G	<i>Catinaaster coalitus</i>	
	2-2, 34-35	G	<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>	
	2-6, 68-69	G	<i>C. primus</i>	
	2 cc	G	<i>C. rugosus</i>	
	3-1, 19-20	G	<i>C. tricorniculatus</i>	
	3-3, 100-101	G	<i>Coccolithus exoplagicus</i>	
	3-4, 96-97	G	<i>C. miopelagicus</i>	
	3 cc	G	<i>C. pelagicus</i>	
<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>	4-2, 51-52	M	<i>Coronocyathus serratus</i>	
	4-3, 127-128	M	<i>Cyclitargoithus abisectus</i>	
	4 cc	G	<i>C. floridanus</i>	
	5-1, 75-76	M	<i>Cyllococcolithina formosa</i>	
	5-2, 7-8	G	<i>C. leptopora</i>	
	5-4, 41-42	M	<i>Dictyococtites bisectus</i>	
	5 cc	G	<i>D. scriptosae</i>	
	6-1, 62-63	M	<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>	
	6-5, 30-31	M	<i>D. aulakos</i>	
	6 cc	G	<i>D. belius</i>	
<i>Gephyrocapsa caribeanica</i>	7-2, 70-71	M	<i>D. bargoni</i>	
	7-4, 140-141	M	<i>D. blackstockae</i>	
	7 cc	G	<i>D. bolivi</i>	
	8-1, 134-135	G	<i>D. braazurii</i>	
	8-2, 100-101	G	<i>D. brouweri</i>	
	8-3, 136-137	M	<i>D. rutellus</i>	
	8-4, 30-31	G	<i>D. calcaris</i>	
	8-4, 52-53	M	<i>D. challengerii</i>	
	8-4, 115-116	M	<i>D. decorus</i>	
	8 cc	G	<i>D. deflandrei</i>	
<i>E. annula</i>	9-1, 72-73	M	<i>D. druggii</i>	
	9-2, 120-121	M	<i>D. exilis</i>	
	9-3, 89-90	M	<i>D. hamatus</i>	
	9-4, 21-22	M	<i>D. intercalaris</i>	
	9-5, 72-73	M	<i>D. kugleri</i>	
	9-6, 91-92	M	<i>D. loeblichii</i>	
	9 cc	G	<i>D. neohamatus</i>	
	10-2, 24-25	M	<i>D. neorectus</i>	
	10-4, 21-22	M	<i>D. nodifer</i>	
	10-5, 115-116	M	<i>D. pentaradiatus</i>	
<i>Discoaster pental радиатус</i>	10-6, 60-61	G	<i>D. prepentaradiatus</i>	
	10 cc	G	<i>D. pseudovariabilis</i>	
	11-2, 75-76	G	<i>D. quinqueramus</i>	
	11-4, 80-81	G	<i>D. signus</i>	
	11 cc	G	<i>D. surculus</i>	
	12-1, 103-104	M	<i>D. tamalis</i>	
	12-4, 95-96	M	<i>D. tani</i>	
	12-5, 85-86	M	<i>D. torulus</i>	
	12 cc	G	<i>D. variabilis</i>	
	13-3, 95-96	M	<i>Emiliania annula</i>	
<i>C. macintyrei</i>	13-4, 96-97	G	<i>E. huxleyi</i>	
	13 cc	G	<i>E. ovata</i>	
	14-1, 100-101	M	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribeanica</i>	
	14-2, 136-137	M	<i>G. doxonicoidea</i>	
	14-3, 136-137	M	<i>G. oceanica</i>	
	14-4, 30-31	G	<i>Helicopontosphaera ampliapora</i>	
	14-5, 52-53	M	<i>H. compacta</i>	
	14-6, 115-116	M	<i>H. conspicua</i>	
	14-7, 72-73	M	<i>H. euphratis</i>	
	14-8, 91-92	M	<i>H. intermedia</i>	
<i>Discoaster tamalis</i>	14-9, 21-22	M	<i>H. kampinei</i>	
	14-10, 72-73	M	<i>H. sellii</i>	
	14-11, 91-92	M	<i>F</i>	
	14 cc	G	<i>F</i>	
	15-2, 24-25	M	<i>F</i>	
	15-4, 21-22	M	<i>F</i>	
	15-5, 115-116	M	<i>F</i>	
	15-6, 60-61	G	<i>F</i>	
	15 cc	G	<i>F</i>	
	16-2, 75-76	G	<i>F</i>	
<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>	16-4, 80-81	G	<i>F</i>	
	16 cc	G	<i>F</i>	
	17-1, 103-104	M	<i>F</i>	
	17-2, 95-96	M	<i>F</i>	
	17-3, 85-86	M	<i>F</i>	
	17 cc	G	<i>F</i>	
	18-1, 95-96	M	<i>F</i>	
	18-2, 85-86	M	<i>F</i>	
	18 cc	G	<i>F</i>	
	19-1, 95-96	M	<i>F</i>	
<i>T. milowii</i>	19-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	19 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	20-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	20-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	20 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	21-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	21-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	21 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	22-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	22-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. recurvata</i>	22 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	23-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	23-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	23 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	24-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	24-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	24 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	25-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	25-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	25 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. neobialis</i>	26-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	26-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	26 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	27-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	27-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	27 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	28-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	28-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	28 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	29-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. predilectus</i>	29-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	29 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	30-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	30-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	30 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	31-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	31-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	31 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	32-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	32-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. cliperensis</i>	32 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	33-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	33-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	33 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	34-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	34-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	34 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	35-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	35-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	35 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
<i>T. rufosus</i>	36-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	36-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	36 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	37-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	37-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	37 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	38-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	38-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	38 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	39-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. umbilicosphaera</i>	39-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	39 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	40-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	40-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	40 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	41-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	41-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
	41 cc	G	<i>G</i>	
	42-1, 95-96	M	<i>G</i>	
	42-2, 85-86	M	<i>G</i>	
<i>S. umbilicosphaera cricota</i>	42 cc	G	<i>G</i>	

TABLE 7 – *Continued*

SITE 296 (CONTINUED)			
AGE	NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION
PLIOCENE			
EARLY			
Discoaster asym-metricus	13 cc	G	<i>Angulithinina arca</i>
	14-4, 102-103	M	<i>Aspidorhabdus stylifer</i>
	14 cc	G	<i>Catinaster coalitus</i>
	15-2, 75-76	M	<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>
	15-4, 50-51	M	<i>C. primus</i>
	15 cc	M	<i>C. rugosus</i>
	16-1, 130-131	G	<i>C. tricorniculatus</i>
	16-2, 60-61	G	<i>Coccolithus exopelagicus</i>
	16-3, 70-71	G R	<i>C. mioplagiatus</i>
	16 cc	R R	<i>C. pelagicus</i>
<i>S. neoabies</i>	17-3, 55-56	G R	<i>Coronocyclus serratus</i>
	17 cc	G R	<i>Cyclicogolithus assinctus</i>
	18-1, 85-86	G	<i>C. floridanus</i>
	18 cc	G R	<i>Cyathococcithina formosa</i>
	19-1, 68-69	G	<i>Dictyococcites bisectus</i>
	19-3, 75-76	G	<i>D. scriptopse</i>
Cerato-lithus rugosus	19-4, 80-81	G	<i>D. assymetricus</i>
	19-5, 80-81	M	<i>D. aulatos</i>
	19-6, 80-81	G	<i>D. bellus</i>
	19 cc	G	<i>D. berggrenii</i>
	20 cc	M R	<i>D. blacks toeae</i>
	21-3, 60-61	G	<i>D. braunidii</i>
	21 cc	M	<i>D. brouweri rutellus</i>
	22-3, 50-51	G	<i>D. calcaris</i>
	22-5, 70-71	G	<i>D. chaillengeri</i>
	22-6, 70-71	G	<i>D. decorus</i>
Discoaster berggrenii	22 cc	G	<i>D. deflandrei</i>
	23-2, 109-110	G	<i>D. druggii</i>
	23-3, 90-91	G	<i>D. exilis</i>
	23 cc	G	<i>D. hamatus</i>
	24 cc	G	<i>D. intercalaris</i>
	25-1, 70-71	M	<i>D. kugleri</i>
	25-2, 70-71	G	<i>D. loeblichii</i>
	25-3, 70-71	G	<i>D. neohamatus</i>
	25-4, 70-71	M	<i>D. neorrectus</i>
	25 cc	G	<i>D. nobreter</i>
<i>D. neorrectus</i>	26-2, 70-71	M	<i>D. pentaradiatus</i>
	26-3, 70-71	P	<i>D. prepentaradiatus</i>
	26 cc	G	<i>D. pseudovariabilis</i>
	27-2, 70-71	M	<i>D. quinqueramus</i>
	27-3, 70-71	M	<i>D. signatus</i>
	27 cc	G	<i>D. surculatus</i>
	28-1, 105-106	G	<i>D. tanae</i>
	28-2, 70-71	G	<i>D. torulus</i>
	28-4, 70-71	M	<i>D. variabilis</i>
	28 cc	G	<i>Emiliania annula</i>
<i>Catinaester coalitus</i>	29-1, 70-71	G	<i>E. huxleyi</i>
	29 cc	G	<i>E. ovata</i>
	30-1, 100-101	G	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>
	30 cc	M	<i>G. doronicoidea</i>
	31-1, 70-71	M	<i>G. oceanica</i>
	31-3, 69-70	M	<i>Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta</i>
	32-1, 70-71	M	<i>H. compacta</i>
	32 cc	G	<i>H. euphantris</i>
	33-1, 70-71	M	<i>H. intermediata</i>
	33 cc	G	<i>H. kampfneri</i>
<i>Helicopontosphaera ampliaperta</i>	34-1, 70-71	M	<i>H. sellenensis</i>
	34 cc	G	<i>H. reticulogenesta pseudoumbilicalis</i>
	35-1, 70-71	M	<i>Rhabdosphaera clavigera</i>
	35 cc	G	<i>Scyphosphaera pulcherrima</i>
	36-1, 70-71	M	<i>S. heteromorphus</i>
	36 cc	G	<i>S. moriformis</i>
	37-1, 70-71	M	<i>S. neobullocki</i>
	37 cc	G	<i>S. neobullocki</i>
	38-1, 70-71	M	<i>S. predisfentus</i>
	38 cc	G	<i>S. ci-perensis</i>
	39-1, 70-71	M	<i>S. distentus</i>
	39 cc	G	<i>S. heteromorphus</i>
	40-1, 70-71	M	<i>T. miltoni</i>
	40 cc	G	<i>T. rugosus</i>
	41-1, 70-71	M	<i>Umbilicosphaera cricula</i>
	41 cc	G	<i>Umbilicosphaera tenuis</i>
	42-1, 70-71	M	<i>Umbilicosphaera tenuis</i>
	42 cc	G	<i>Umbilicosphaera tenuis</i>
	43-1, 70-71	M	<i>Umbilicosphaera tenuis</i>
	43 cc	G	<i>Umbilicosphaera tenuis</i>

TABLE 7 - *Continued*

SITE 296 (CONTINUED)				
AGE	NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION	
			M	F
MIOCENE EARLY	<i>Spheno-lithus belemnos</i>	31-4, 68-69 M	A	C.
		31-5, 71-72 M	F	R
		31 cc M	F	A
		32-2, 70-71 M	C	R
		32-3, 70-71 M	C	F
	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>	32-4, 71-72 M	R	R
		32-5, 70-71 M	C	F
		32 cc M	C	F
		33-1, 105-106 M	F	F
		33-2, 68-69 M	C	C
OLIGOCENE LATE	<i>S. deflandrei</i>	33-4, 54-55 M	A R	VRC
		33 cc M	C	F
		34-1, 98-99 M	F C	
		34-4, 66-67 M	R C C	
		34-5, 41-42 M	C C	
		34 cc M	F	F F
		35-4, 72-73 M	R C C	
		35 cc M	A C	
		36-4, 58-59 M	F R	F C
		36 cc M	F	C
<i>Dictyococcites abisectus</i>	<i>Spheno-lithus ciperoensis</i>	37-4, 56-57 M	F A C	R
		37 cc M	R C F	R
		38-1, 96-97 M	F A F	F
		38 cc M	A	
		39-3, 62-63 M	R A	C
		39 cc M	R C	
		40 cc M	R C	F
		41 cc M	R C	C
		42 cc M	R C	C
		43-1, 103-104 M	F	C C
<i>S. ciperoensis</i> or <i>S. distentus</i>	<i>S. distentus</i>	44 cc M	F F	C
		45 cc M	R C F	C
		46 cc M	R C F	C
		47 cc M	R C F	C
		48-1, 140-141 M	F F	R
		49 cc M	F R	F
		52-1, 62-63 M	A C R	
		52 cc M	R C F	C
		53 cc P	R R	R
		54 cc M	R R	R R
<i>S. ciperoensis</i> or <i>S. distentus</i>	<i>S. distentus</i>	55 cc M	R R	R R
		56-5, 65-68 P	R R	R R
		56-5, 70-71 P	R R	R R
		56 cc P	R R	R R
		57 cc P	R R	R R
		58 cc P	F C F	C
		59 cc P	F R	C
		63 cc P	R C C	F
		64 cc P	?	R
		65 cc P	P	

**Site 297**

The nannofossil recovery from this hole is not consistent with the normal sequence of Pleistocene subzones (Table 8). Samples 297-1, CC through 297-4-4, 70-71 cm contain well-preserved specimens typical of the late Pleistocene *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* Zone. Samples 297-6-1, 70-71 cm through 297-11-3, 70-71 cm contain specimens representative of the early Pleistocene *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* Subzone. However, the species diversity in this latter assemblage is reduced, and the quality of preservation is poorer than that observed in the *G. oceanica* Zone assemblages. Between these two assemblages a group of samples (297-4-6, 60-61 cm through 297-5, CC) contains an assemblage that can best be recognized as belonging to the Holocene-Pleistocene *Emiliania huxleyi* Zone. Whether this zonal displacement is due to faulting, slumping, or reworking of the upper unit is not known at this time.

The late Pliocene interval is represented by Samples 297-11, CC and 297-17, CC. The former sample clearly belongs in the *Cyclococcolithina macintyreai* Subzone, while the latter sample does not contain sufficient nannofossils to identify it with a specific late Pliocene sub-zone.

Sample 297-18, CC can best be assigned to the *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica* Zone, but again sub-zonal designation is not possible. Cores 19 through 23 are barren of nannofossils and cannot be dated.

Samples 297-24-1, 116-117 cm through 297-24, CC contain an assemblage that can probably be best assigned to the middle Miocene *Discoaster exilis* Zone. Samples from Cores 25 and 26 contain very few poorly preserved nannofossils, but their position in the stratigraphic sequence probably also places them in the *D. exilis* Zone.

The final core sample, 297-27, CC, while containing a few reworked specimens of *Discoaster saipanensis*, has a fairly diverse, relatively well-preserved assemblage of nannofossils which can be placed in the early middle Miocene *Sphenolithus heteromorphus* Zone.

**Site 298 (Holes 298 and 298A)**

The productive samples examined from these holes and the nannofossils they contain are listed in Table 9. A normal sequence of Holocene and Pleistocene nannofossil zones and subzones are represented in these samples. A few specimens of the following Pliocene, Miocene, and early Oligocene or late Eocene species are found scattered throughout the younger assemblages: *Dictyococcites bisectus*, *Discoaster brouweri*, *D. exilis*, *D. kugleri*, *D. nodifer*, and *D. surculus*. The single sample, 298A-1, CC, from Hole 298A can be correlated with samples of the *Emiliania huxleyi* Zone in Hole 298.

**Site 299**

The productive samples examined from this site and the nannofossils they contain are listed in Table 10. Samples from Cores 1 through 8 contain relatively normal nannofossil assemblages that can be correlated with the Holocene-Pleistocene *Emiliania huxleyi* Zone. The generally poor state of preservation as well as the paucity and low diversity of fossil forms in the remainder of

the productive samples from this hole reflect the influence of cold-water currents encroaching upon this portion of the Sea of Japan from the north. The late Pleistocene *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* Zone can be recognized in Samples 299-9, CC through 299-15-2, 55-56 cm. The early Pleistocene *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* Subzone can be recognized in Samples 299-15-4, 60-61 cm through 299-30, CC. Although Samples 299-23, CC, 299-26, CC, and 299-30, CC contain only rare specimens of nannofossils, the latter two samples do contain the subzonal index species *G. caribbeanica*. No age-diagnostic nannofossils were recovered from samples below this point.

**Site 300**

Only rare heavily overgrown specimens of *Coccolithus pelagicus* were recovered from Sample 300-1, CC. This undoubtedly reflects the influence of cold-water currents on the nannofossil assemblages. However, more nearly normal Holocene-Pleistocene specimens referable to the *Emiliania huxleyi* Zone were recovered from Sample 300-2, CC. The fossil assemblages recovered from these two samples are listed in Table 11.

**Site 301**

Only sparsely occurring nannofossils were observed in a few samples from this site (Table 11). Holocene-Pleistocene through early Pleistocene zones or subzones can be recognized in the samples through Sample 301-4, CC. Only one additional sample, 301-6, CC, was found to contain nannofossils. This sample must be of early Pliocene age or older unless the specimens of *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica* are reworked.

**Site 302**

The cold-water conditions characteristic of this part of the Sea of Japan are reflected in the sparse nannofossil recovery from Hole 302 (Table 11). Nannofossil assemblages recovered from samples from Cores 1, 2, and 3 can be referred to the late Pleistocene *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* Zone. Sample 302-4-2, 70-71 cm contains only the species *Gephyrocapsa doronicoides* and, consequently, may belong to the *G. doronicoides* Zone. Sample 302-5, CC contains rare, heavily overgrown specimens of *Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica* and thus may belong to that early Pliocene Zone.

The remaining productive samples, 302-10, CC through 302-17-2, 70-71 cm, contain only sparse nannofossils including a few reworked Oligocene specimens of *Cyclargolithus abisectus* and *Sphenolithus ciperoensis*. Associated diatoms suggest a possible late Miocene age for this interval.

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TABLE 8  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 297

SITE 297									
AGE		NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE		CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)		PRESERVATION			
MIOCENE	PLIO.	PLEISTOCENE		EARLY	LATE				
MIDDLE	LATE	G	R	HOLOCENE / PLEISTOCENE	LATE	Ceratolithus cristatus	Coccolithus pelagicus	Cyclcoccolithina leptopora	Discoaster bollii
<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>	1 cc	G	R	R					D. braarudii
	2 cc	G		R					D. brouweri
	3 cc	G	R	F					D. deflandrei
	4-1, 76-77	G		R					D. saipanensis
	4-2, 70-71	G		C					D. tani
	4-4, 70-71	G		A					D. variabilis
	4-6, 60-61	G		C					Emiliania annula
<i>Emiliania huxleyi?</i>	4 cc	M							E. huxleyi
	5-2, 70-71	M							E. ovata
	5-4, 70-71	G		R					Gephyrocapsa aperta
	5-6, 70-71	G		R					G. caribbeanica
	5 cc	G	R	R	R				G. doronicooides
	6-1, 70-71	G							G. oceanica
	6-3, 70-71	G							Helicopontosphaera kampfneri
<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>	6-5, 70-71	M							Pontosphaera multipora
	7-3, 70-71	G	C						Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica
	7 cc	P	R						Rhabdosphaera clavigera
	8-3, 90-91	M							Sphenolithus abies
	8-6, 135-136	P	R	C	RR				S. heteromorphus
	9-3, 70-71	G		R					S. moriformis
	9 cc	G							Syracosphaera sp.
	10-1, 0-1	G	C	A					Umbilicosphaera cricota
	10-3, 70-71	M							U. sibogae
	10-5, 70-71	M							
	10-6, 70-71	M							
	10 cc	G							
<i>E. annula</i>	11-2, 120-121	G							
	11-3, 70-71	M							
	11-4, 70-71	G	A			C	A	R	
<i>C. macintyrei</i>	11 cc	G	R	R	C	F	F	C	
	17 cc	P				R			
<i>R. pseudoumb.</i>	18 cc	P		R	C	F			R
	24-1, 116-117	M	R	F	R	R			R
<i>D. exilis?</i>	24-2, 63-64	M	R	R		R			R
	24 cc	M	C	R	R	F	R		R
	25-2, 41-42	P				R			R
	26 cc	P		R					F
	27 cc	G	F		R	R	R	F	R

TABLE 9  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 298

SITE 298				
AGE		NANNO-FOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION
PLEISTOCENE	HOLOCENE / PLEISTOCENE			
Emiliania huxleyi	HOLE 298	HOLE 298		
		1 cc	M	<i>Braarudosphaera bigelowi</i>
		2-4, 125-126	G	<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>
		2 cc	M	<i>Coccolithus pelagicus</i>
		3-1, 120-121	G	<i>Cyclococcilithina leptopora</i>
		3 cc	M	<i>Dictyococcites bisectus</i>
		4-1, 40-41	M	<i>Discoaster browneri</i>
		4 cc	M	<i>D. exilis</i>
		5-1, 85-86	M	<i>D. kugleri</i>
		5-2, 53-54	M	<i>D. nodifer</i>
Gephyrocapsa oceanica	Gephyrocapsa oceanica	6-1, 60-61	M	<i>D. surculus</i>
		7-1, 40-41	G	<i>Emiliania annula</i>
		7 cc	G	<i>E. huxleyi</i>
		8 cc	G	<i>E. ovata</i>
		9-1, 70-73	G	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>
		9 cc	M	<i>G. doronicooides</i>
		10 cc	G	<i>G. oceanica</i>
		11 cc	G	<i>Helicopontosphaera hyalina</i>
		12 cc	G	<i>Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica</i>
		13 cc	G	<i>Umbilicosphaera cricota</i>
Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica	Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica	14 cc	G	
		15 cc	G	
		16-4, 53-54	M	
		16 cc	G	
		7 cc	R	
		8 cc	R	
		9-1, 70-73	F	
		9 cc	C	
		10 cc	F	
		11 cc	C	
HOLO./ PLEIST.	E. huxleyi	HOLE 298A		
		1 cc	G	

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TABLE 10  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Site 299

SITE 299			
AGE	NANNOFOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)	PRESERVATION
HOLOCENE/ PLEISTOCENE	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	1 cc	P Braarudosphaera bigelowi
		2-2, 50-51	P R Coccoolithus pelagicus
		2 cc	M R R Cyclococcolithina leptopora
		3 cc	M R F Emiliania annula
		4 cc	M R R E. huxleyi
		5 cc	M R F R B. ovata
		6-4, 45-46	G Gephyrocapsa caribbeana
		6 cc	M R F R G. doronicoidea
		8-2, 12-13	M R R G. oceanica
		8 cc	M R F Umbilicosphaera cricota
PLEISTOCENE	<i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>	9 cc	P R R R
		10-2, 55-56	M R F R R R R R
		10-4, 20-21	M F F R R
		10 cc	P F R R
		11 cc	P R R R
		13-2, 20-21	M R R F
		13 cc	M R R
		14-2, 2-3	P F R
		14 cc	M R R
		15-2, 55-56	M R R R R R
		15-4, 60-61	P R R R R R
		15 cc	P R R R R R
		16-4, 80-81	P R R R R
		16 cc	P R R R R R
EARLY	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeana</i>	17-2, 75-76	P F R R R F R
		17 cc	P R R F F R
		18-2, 71-72	P R R R R
		22-4, 60-61	P R R R R
		22 cc	P R R R R R R
		23 cc	P R R R R R
		26 cc	P R R R R R
		30 cc	P R R R R R
		?	38-6, 119-120 P R

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TABLE 11  
Nannofossil Occurrences at Sites 300, 301, and 302

SITES 300, 301 & 302				PRESERVATION
AGE	NANNOFOSSIL ZONE OR SUBZONE	SITE, CORE, SECTION, INTERVAL (cm)		
HOLO./ PLEIST.	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	SITE 300	P	<i>Braarudosphaera bigelowii</i>
		1 cc		<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>
		2 cc		<i>Coccolithus pelagicus</i>
PLEI. HOLO./ PLEIST.	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i>	SITE 301	P	<i>Cyclacargolithus abisectus</i>
		2-3, 45-46		<i>Cyclococcocolithina leptopora</i>
		2-5, 120-121		<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>
		2 cc		<i>Emiliania annula</i>
		4 cc		<i>E. huxleyi</i>
PLEI. Li	<i>G. oceanica</i>	6 cc	M	<i>E. ovata</i>
		?		<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>
E.I.	<i>G. caribb.</i>	?	G	<i>G. doronicoides</i>
		?		<i>G. oceanica</i>
MIOCENE?	LATE?	SITE 302	M	<i>Helicopontosphaera kampfneri</i>
		1 cc		<i>Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica</i>
		2 cc		<i>Sphenolithus ciperoensis</i>
		3-2, 36-37		<i>Umbilicosphaera cricota</i>
		3-4, 50-51		
		3 cc		
		4-2, 70-71		
		5 cc		
		10 cc		
		11 cc		

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