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## 11<sup>th</sup> Webinar



## bbe 10cells

**New Measuring Instrument for  
the Indicative Investigation of  
Ballast Water**

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## Webinar



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# Welcome



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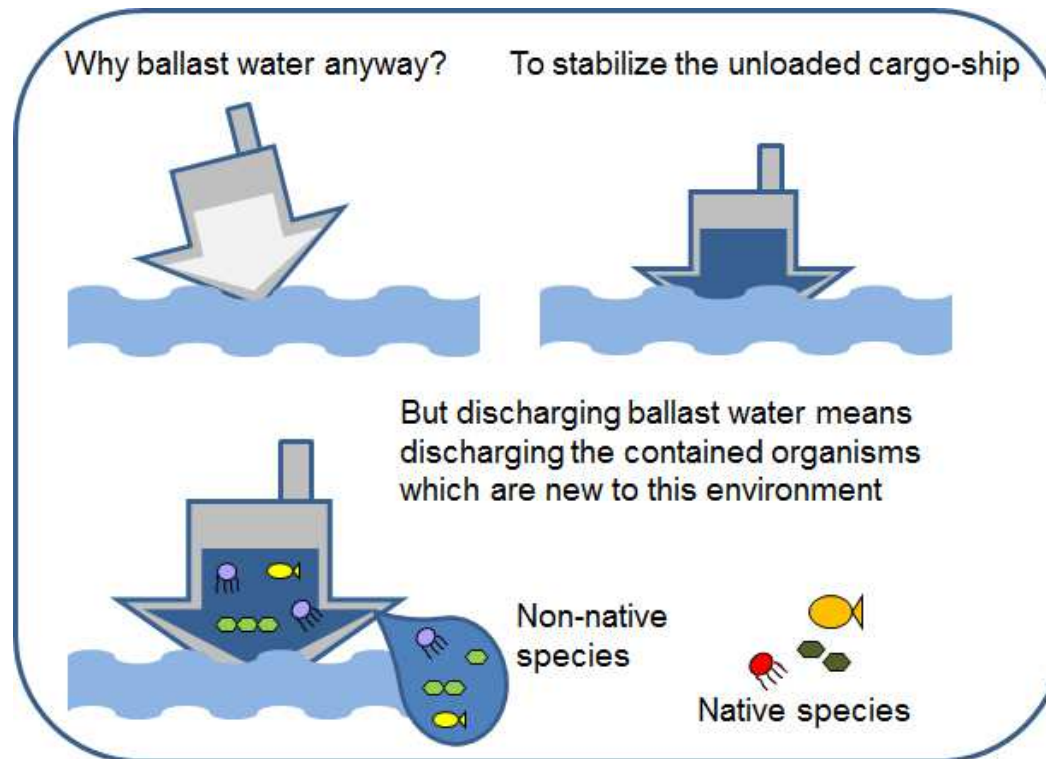


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## The Need of Ballast Water



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## Regulatory Background



International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments, 2004

Date of adoption 13 February 2004, London

Status ratified on 8th September 2016

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## Regulatory Background



The main requirement of the IMO convention:

- Ballast water may only contain less than 10 living cells per ml in the size range of 10-50 $\mu$ m.



## Advantages of the bbe 10cells

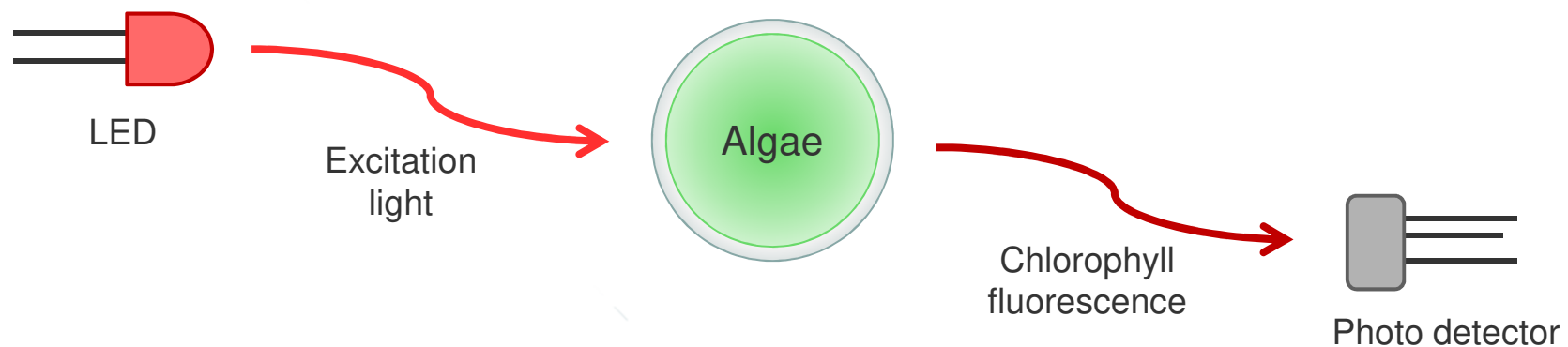
- Very sensitive:
  - Detection limit: 1 living cell/ml
  - 10 times more sensitive than required by IMO
- Measuring time less than 1 minute
- Mobile use, easy handling and robust design
- Without chemical pre-treatment
- Sampling equipment: syringe, bbe filter kit
- No maintenance, no cuvette to clean





## bbe 10cells - Measuring Principle

- The measuring principle based on chlorophyll fluorescence of microalgae cells in the size range of 10 to 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .
- Microalgae were chosen as indicative Organisms, because:
  - A great amount of biomass in ballast water consists of algae and
  - Algae can be measured optically and quickly in an easy way.





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## bbe 10cells - Handling

- Very sensitive field instrument to measure living algae cells in ballast water in a size range of 10 - 50  $\mu\text{m}$  (IMO D2 compliance).
- Handling:
  - 50  $\mu\text{m}$  pre-filtration
  - 10  $\mu\text{m}$  filtration
  - Measurement





## Expected Customers

- Producer of ballast water treatment systems
  - To check the own system during development
- Ship owners
  - Fast test to check the ballast water
  - To be able to take steps to reduce ship lay time
- Port authorities
  - Fast tool to control ships' ballast water



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## Part 2: Independent Studies with the 10cells

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## Independent Studies of the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (*NIOZ*) about the Performance of the bbe 10cells

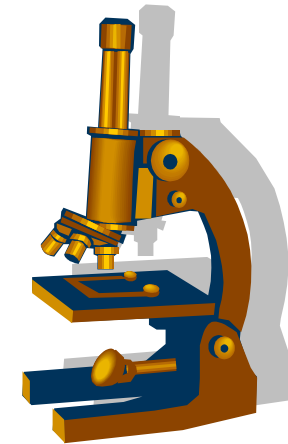
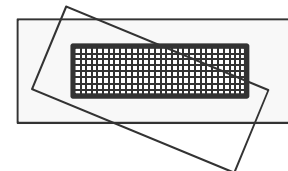
NIOZ performed a number of tests with the bbe 10cells including:

- Culture dilutions
- Field studies



## Comparison of Microscope Counting and Living Cell Measurements with the bbe 10cells

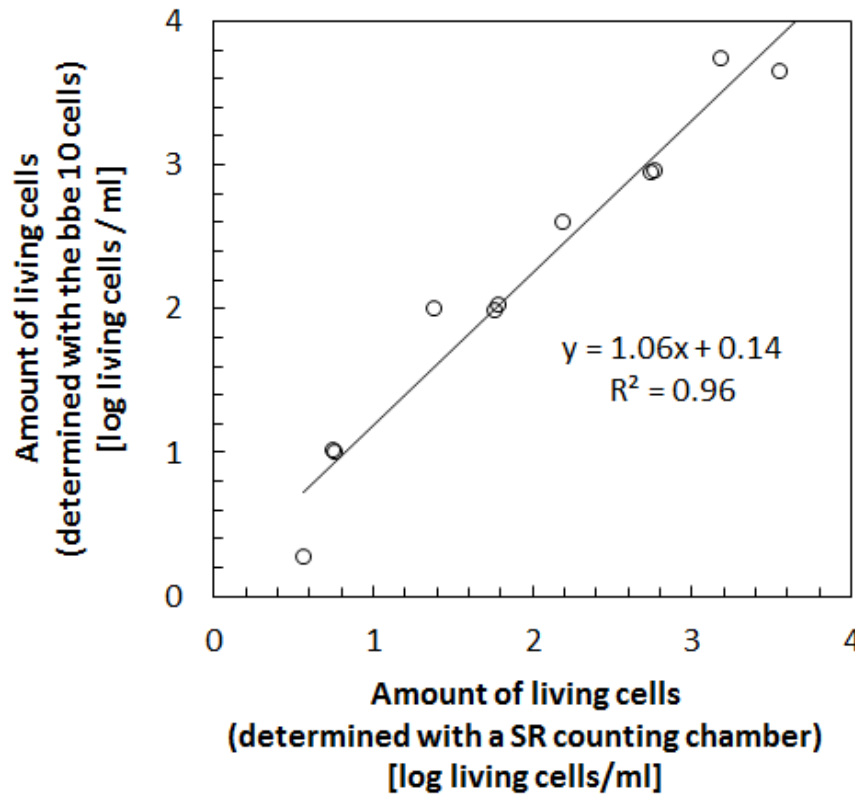
- Comparison of dilutions of *Thalassiosira weissflogii* cultures (diatom).
- Reference method: microscope counting:
  - The cells were treated with a dye (FDA) which only colors living cells.
  - The amount of living cells (size range of 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was determined using a counting chamber (SR) and an epifluorescence microscope.



SR: Sedgewick-Rafter; FDA: Fluorescein diacetate



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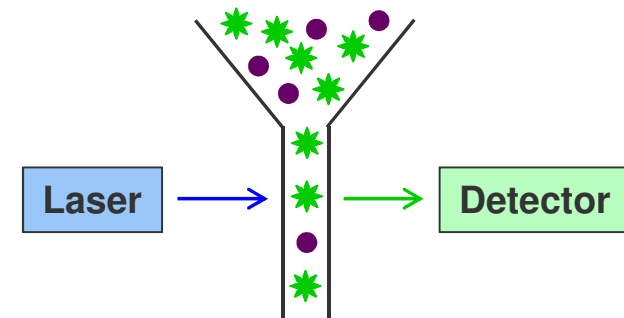
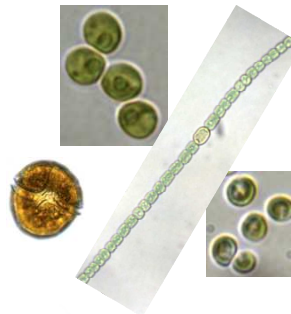
The measuring results of the bbe 10cells correlate high-grade with those of the microscope cell counting.

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## Evaluation of the bbe 10cells using Natural Water Samples (Marine and Fresh Water)

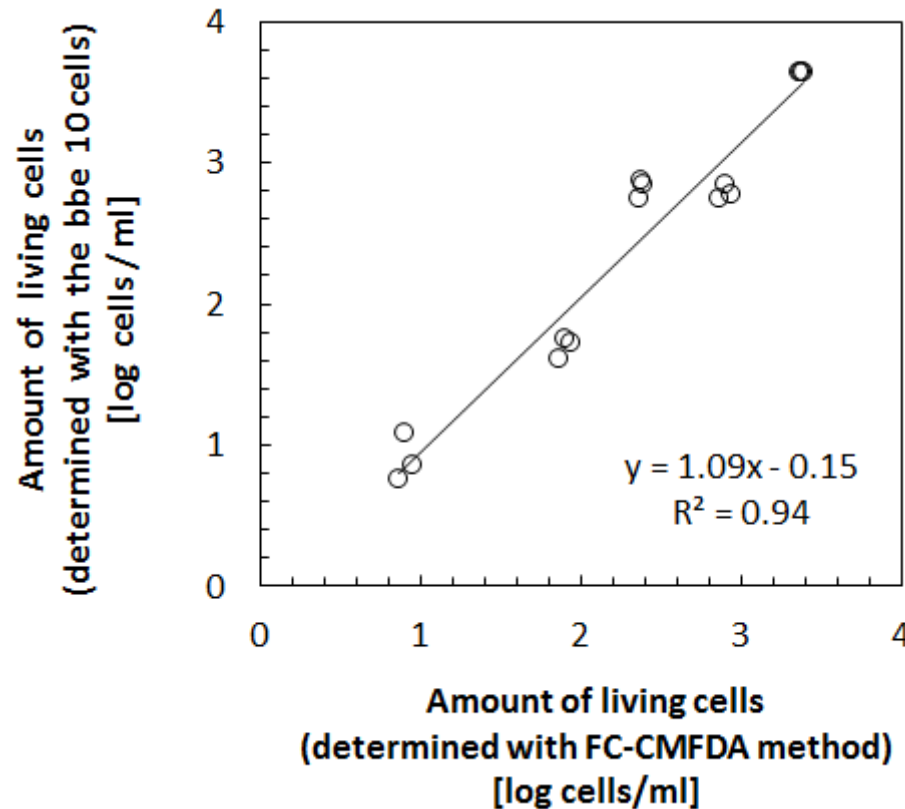
- Comparison of living cell measurements with the bbe 10cells and the FC-CMFDA method.
- Reference method: FC-CMFDA:
  - The cells were treated with a dye (CMFDA) which only colors living cells.
  - The amount of living cells (size range of 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was determined using flow cytometry.



FC-CMFDA: Flow Cytometry with the dye Chloromethylfluorescein diacetate



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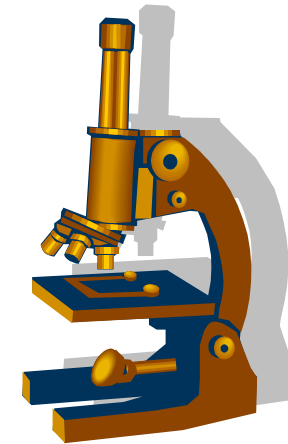
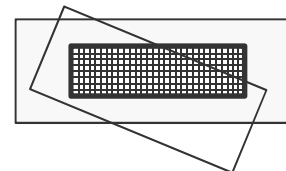
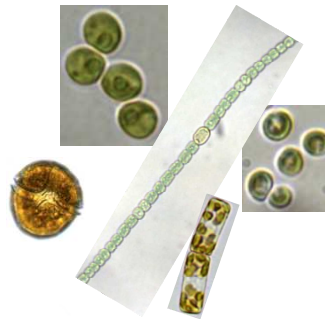
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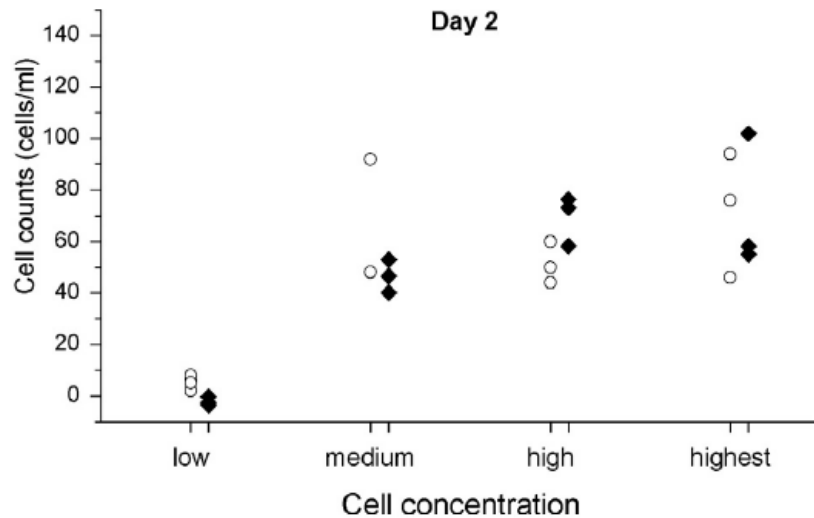
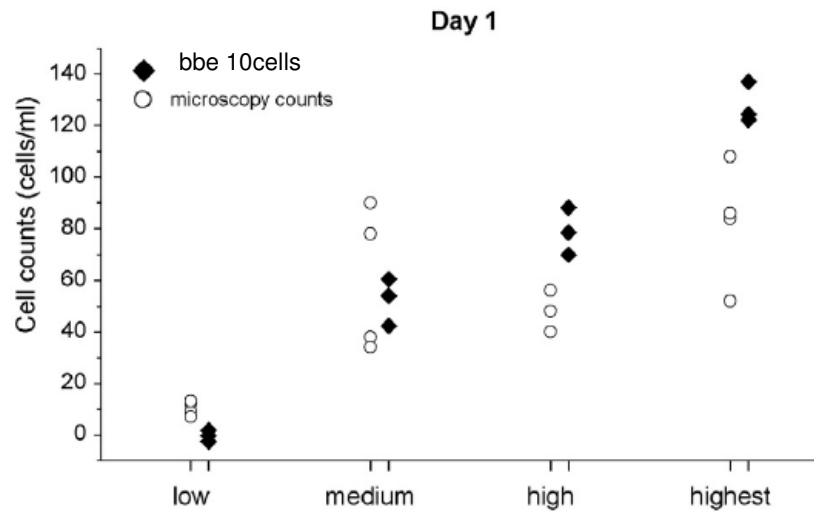


## Independent Study during the BALMAS Project about the Performance of the bbe 10cells

- Test water samples from the Adriatic Sea near Piran, Slovenia.
- Reference method: microscope counting:
  - The cells were treated with a dye (FDA) which only colors living cells.
  - The amount of living cells (size range of 10-50  $\mu\text{m}$ ) was determined using a counting chamber (SR) and an epifluorescence microscope.



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## Independent Study during the BALMAS Project about the Performance of the bbe 10cells

medium: natural algae concentration

low: 10-fold dilution

high: 1:2 concentration via filtration

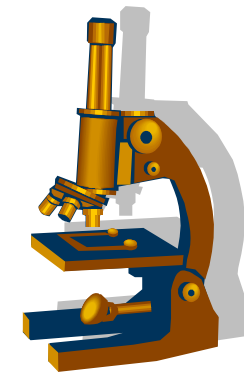
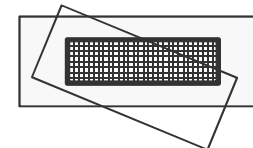
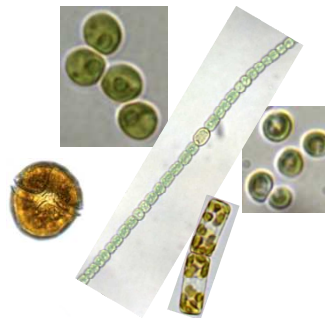
highest: 1:4 concentration via filtration

Source: Gollasch, S., et al., Quantifying indicatively living phytoplankton cells in ballast water samples - recommendations for Port State Control, Marine Pollution Bulletin (2015), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.marpolbul.2015.09.037>



## Independent Study of the German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency about the Performance of the bbe 10cells

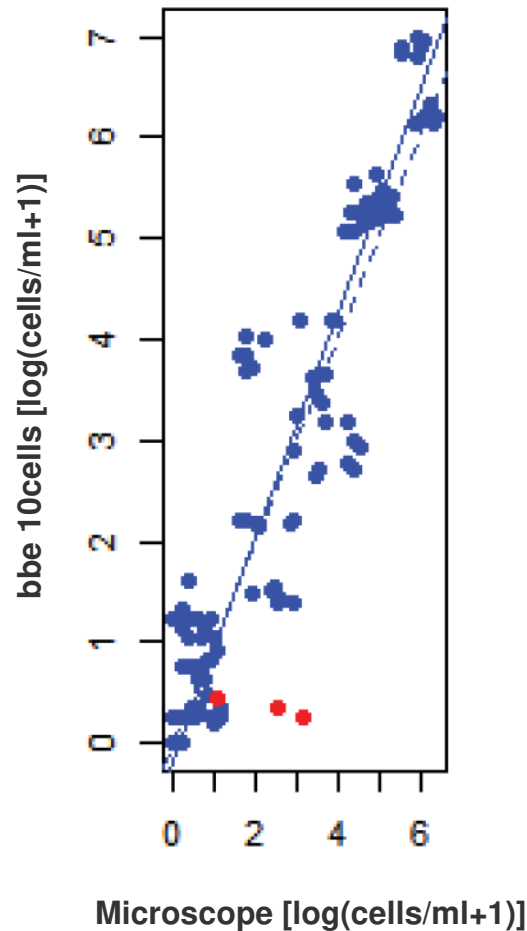
- Natural seawater (North Atlantic Ocean) and treated ballast water samples were tested.
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cor = 0.92



## Independent Study of the German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency about the Performance of the bbe 10cells

- Red points: Samples that were treated with the ballast water treatment system
- Solid line: line of the best fit found using Deming regression
- Dashed line: line with the slope of 1

Source: Bradie, J. 2016. METEOR Voyage M116/2: Report on performance of ballast water collection and analysis devices. Prepared for BSH (German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency) 130 pages.

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## Features

- Very sensitive
- Easy handling
- Complete measurement below 1 minute
- Mobile use
- Robust



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## Conclusion

- Independent studies revealed the suitability of bbe 10cells for ballast water check.



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**Many thanks  
for your attention**