

Table 2. Bloom onset dates and 15-day averages prior to the bloom onset date for SST, wind speed and PAR.

Season	Day of bloom onset	SST (°C)*	Wind speed (m/s)*	PAR (mol photons m ⁻² d ⁻¹)*
1997-1998	20Nov	N/A	N/A	-6.51
1998-1999	20Nov	N/A	N/A	-3.23
1999-2000	11Oct	N/A	0.22	1.58
2000-2001	18Oct	-0.09	-0.68	3.93
2001-2002	04Nov	-0.27	1.33	1.26
2002-2003	19Oct	-0.56	-0.37	-1.67
2003-2004	11Oct	0.1	-0.24	-0.81
2004-2005	03Nov	0.22	0.62	2.61
2005-2006	04Nov	-0.4	-1.78	-0.92
2006-2007	06Dec	0.06	-1.62	-2.63
2007-2008	03Oct	0.2	0.15	-0.56
2008-2009	02Oct	0.38	-0.72	4.77
2009-2010	04Nov	0.18	N/A	10.46
Coefficients of correlation with day of bloom onset	1	-0.19 (-0.39)**	-0.3 (0.12)**	-0.37 (-0.30)**

* 15-day average prior to the date of bloom onset, expressed as the anomaly of the climatological average in the given 15-day period

** Correlation coefficients obtained when the 2006-2007 season is removed from the calculations