14. MESOZOIC CALCAREOUS NANNOPLANKTON OF THE EASTERN NORTH ATLANTIC, LEG 41

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INTRODUCTION

Cretaceous sediments were recovered in all five sites drilled during Leg 41. Jurassic sediments were only found at Site 367. Figure 1 shows the site locations and Figures 2 and 3 show site ages and correlations. Two of the sites were in deep basins (367 and 370), two were on rises (366 and 368), and one was on the continental slope (369). Calcareous nannoplankton assemblages range from Oxfordian to Maestrichtian age in the samples studied.

The determination of the calcareous nannoplankton (Table 1) was mainly made with light microscopy on smear slides prepared from samples which were treated with an ultrasonic apparatus. Some selected wellpreserved samples were also studied with the scanning electron microscope. Nannofossil abundance and preservation were estimated for all samples studied. Species abundance was determined for about half of the samples. The estimation method was modified from the one used by Hay (1970) and Gartner (1972). According to this technique, the abundance of a species is estimated with the light microscope at a magnification of 1560× as being present as: 1-10 specimens per field (A); 1 specimen in 10 fields (C); 1 specimen in 50 fields (F); 1 specimen in 200 fields (R). The abundance of species was expressed with abundant (A), common (C), few (F), and rare (R).

The samples are listed in the tables according to site number, section, and interval. For each sample the depth has also been given in meters below sea floor. All scanning electron microscope prints were taken by E. Knickrehm with the Autoscan microscope of the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Hannover, Germany.

CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSIL BIOSTRATIGRAPHY AND ZONATION

Jurassic

Numerous studies about Jurassic coccoliths have been published and several zonations—Stradner (1963), Prins (1969), Worsley (1971), and Rood et al. (1973)—have been proposed. For this study the zonation of Barnard and Hay (1974) was used.

Jurassic sediments were encountered only at Site 367. The lowest section of this site (Sample 367-38-1, 139-140 cm, to Sample 367-32-5, 11-12 cm) remains unzoned; its age ranges from Oxfordian to Kimmeridgian.



Figure 1. Location of sites drilled on DSDP Leg 41.

Parhabdolithus embergeri Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Parhabdolithus embergeri* (Noel) to the first occurrence of *Nannoconus colomi* (de Lapparent). **Important common species:** *Parhabdolithus embergeri*

(Noel). Age: Tithonian (late Kimmeridgian to Portlandian).

Remarks: This youngest Jurassic zone is present at Site 367, from 367-32-5, 7-8 cm, to 367-32-4, 136-138 cm.

Cretaceous

A number of calcareous nannofossil zonations have been proposed for the Cretaceous system. For the Early Cretaceous: Worsley (1971) and Thierstein (1971, 1973,





1974, in press) and for the Late Cretaceous: Cepek and Hay (1969), Bukry and Bramlette (1970), Manivit (1971), Roth (1973), Bukry (1974), and Thierstein (1974). For this report the zonation according to van Hinte (1976) as given in Figure 4 was used. It is based on the zonation of Bukry (1974), Roth (1973), and Thierstein (1973) and is correlated with the zonations or biohorizons of radiolarians, benthonic foraminifers, planktonic foraminifers, calpionellids, and pelagic macrofossils.

Other nannofossils were used besides the marker species to determine the age of part of the sections. Some zones were not recognized.

Nannoconus colomi Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Nannoconus colomi* (de Lapparent) to the first occurrence of *Cretarhabdus crenulatus* Bramlette and Martini.

Important common species: Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent), Lithraphidites carniolensis Deflandre, Cruciellipsis cuvillieri (Manivit), and Rucinolithus wisei Thierstein. Age: Berriasian.

Remarks: This zone was determined only at Site 367. The boundary to the overlying zone is not clear, because in the younger sediments it was not possible to identify any zone. Only the chronostratigraphic ages could be determined.

This zone is present from Samples 367-32-3, 58-59 cm, to 367-30-2, 57-58 cm.

Cretarhabdus crenulatus Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Cretarhabdus crenulatus* Bramlette and Martini to the first occurrence of *Calcicalathina oblongata* (Worsley).

Important common species: Cretarhabdus crenulatus Bramlette and Martini, Vagalapilla stradneri (Rood et al.), Zygodiscus diplogrammus (Deflandre and Fert), and Podorhabdus dietzmanni (Reinhardt).

Age: Early Valanginian.

Remarks: This zone was determined only in the basal section of Site 370 (Samples 51, CC to 50-2, 134-135 cm).

Calcicalathina oblongata Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Calcicalathina oblongata* (Worsley) to the first occurrence of *Lithraphidites bollii* (Thierstein).

Important common species: Calcicalathina oblongata (Worsley) and Tubodiscus verenae Thierstein.

Age: Late Valanginian to early Hauterivian.

Remarks: This zone is present only in Site 370 (Samples 50-1, 94-95 cm to 38, CC). The exact top of this zone is difficult to identify because the species *Lithraphidites bollii* (Thierstein) was not observed.

Lithraphidites bollii Zone

This zone was not determined at the studied sites.

Micrantholithus hoschulzi Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the last occurrence of *Cruciellipsis cuvillieri* (Manivit) to the last occurrence of *Nannoconus colomi* (de Lapparent).

Important common species: Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent).

Age: Barremian.

Remarks: This zone was determined at Sites 367 and 370. In both sites the *Lithraphidites bollii* Zone is missing. For this reason it is difficult to determine the lower boundary of this zone. In this paper the species *Cruciellipsis cuvillieri* (Manivit) was used for ascertaining the lower boundary of this zone. Thierstein (1973) used the last occurrence of *Calcicalathina oblongata* (Worsley) for the lower boundary of the *Micrantholithus hoschulzi* Zone. This zone is present in Samples 367-26, CC to 367-25-4, 135-136 cm and 370-34, CC to 370-33, CC.

Chiastozygus litterarius Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the last occurrence of *Nannoconus colomi* (de Lapparent) to the first occurrence of *Lithastrinus floralis* Stradner.

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Figure 3. Comparison of calcareous nannofossil zones at Sites 367 to 370.

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Tetralithus aculeus (Stradner) Corollithion achylosum (Stover) Braarudosphaera africana Stradner Havesites albiensis Manivit Chiastozygus amphipons (Bramlette and Martini) Parhabdolithus angustus (Stradner) Parhabdolithus asper (Stradner) Watznaueria barnesae (Black) Microrhabdulus belgicus Hay and Towe Flabellites biforaminis Thierstein Watznaueria biporta Bukry Nannoconus bucheri Bronnimann Lithraphidites carniolensis Deflandre Lucianorhabdus cayeuxi Deflandre Nannoconus colomi (de La Parent) Cretarhabdus conicus Bramlette and Martini Biscutum constans (Gorka) Cretarhabdus coronadventis Reinhardt Cretarhabdus crenulatus Bramlette and Martini Prediscosphaera cretacea (Arkhangelsky) Chiastozygus cuneatus (Lyuleva) Cruciellipsis cuvillieri (Manivit) Arkhangelskiella cymbiformis Vekshina Microrhabdulus decoratus Deflandre Micula decusata Vekshina Octopodorhabdus decussatus (Manivit) Podorhabdus dietzmanni (Reinhardt) Zygodiscus diplogrammus (Deflandre and Fert) Cribrosphaerella ehrenbergi (Arkhangelsky) Zygodiscus elegans Gartner Parhabdolithus embergeri (Noel) Broinsonia enormis (Shumenko) Zygodiscus erectus (Deflandre) Eiffellithus eximius (Stover) Tranolithus exiguus Stover Lithastrinus floralis Stradner Scapholithus fossilis Deflandre and Fert Marthasterites furcatus Deflandre Tranolithus gabalus Stover Sollasites horticus (Stradner, Adamiker, and Maresch) Micrantholithus hoschulzi (Reinhardt) Discorhabdus ignotus (Gorka) Discolithus incohatus Stover Marthasterites inconspicuus Deflandre Parhabdolithus infinitus (Worsley) Rucinolithus irregularis Thierstein Stephanolithion laffittei Noel Broinsonia lata (Noel) Diazomatolithus lehmani Noel Chiastozygus litterarius (Gorka) Kamptnerius magnificus Deflandre Cyclagelosphaera margereli Noel Watznaueria martelae (Noel) Vagalapilla matalosa (Stover) Micula mura (Martini) Gatnerago obliquus (Stradner) Calcicalathina oblongata (Worsley) Tetralithus obscurus Deflandre Micrantholithus obtusus Stradner Ahmuellerella octoradiata (Gorka) Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus (Gartner) Broinsonia parca (Stradner) Manivitella pemmatoidea (Deflandre ex Manivit) Tranolithus phacelosus Stover Tetralithus pyramidus Gardet Diadorhombus rectus Worsley Cretaturbella rothii Thierstein Discorhabdus rotatorius (Bukry) Lithraphidites quadratus Bramlette and Martini Cretarhabdus schizobrachiatus (Gartner)

Corollithion signum Stradner Parhabdolithus splendens (Deflandre) Micula staurophora (Gardet) Microrhabdulus stradneri Bramlette and Martini Vagalapilla stradneri (Rood, Hay, and Barnard) Ericsonia subpertusa Hay and Mohler Cretarhabdus surirellus (Deflandre) Biscutum supracretaceum (Reinhardt) Eiffellithus trabeculatus (Gorka) Tetralithus trifidus Stradner Eiffellithus turiseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert) Tubodiscus verenae Thierstein Rucinolithus wisei Thierstein Zygolithus sp.

Important common species: *Micrantholithus hoschulzi* (Reinhardt).

Age: Early Aptian.

Remarks: In addition to the occurrence of *Nanno*conus colomi (de Lapparent) Thierstein (1973) used the first occurrence of *Chiastozygus litterarius* (Gorka) to determine the lower boundary of this zone. At Site 367 the first occurrence of the latter species coincides with the first occurrence of *Lithastrinus floralis* Stradner or begins even later at Site 370. Thus, *Chiastozygus litterarius* occurs at those sites in the *Parhabdolithus angustus* Zone.

This zone is present in Samples 367-25-3, 38-39 cm, to 367-25-1, 16-17 cm and 370-32, CC to 32-2, 110-111 cm.

Parhabdolithus angustus Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Lithastrinus floralis* Stradner and/or *Parhabdolithus angustus* (Stradner) to the first occurrence of *Prediscosphaera cretacea* (Arkhangelsky).

Important common species: Parhabdolithus angustus (Stradner) and Lithastrinus floralis Stradner.

Age: Late Aptian to early Albian.

Remarks: This zone is present at Sites 367 and 370. The *Prediscosphaera cretacea* Zone was not found in these two sites. Consequently, at these sites the upper boundary of this zone is limited by the *Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* Zone.

This zone is present in Samples 367-32-5, 7-8 cm, to 367-32-4, 136-138 cm and 370-31-3, 149-150 cm, to 370-26-4, 70-71 cm.

Prediscosphaera cretacea Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Prediscosphaera cretacea* (Arkhangelsky) to the first occurrence of *Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* (Deflandre and Fert).

Important common species: Prediscosphaera cretacea (Arkhangelsky), Vagalapilla matalosa (Stover), Broinsonia lata (Noel), Cretarhabdus coronadventis Reinhardt, and Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus (Gartner).

Age: Early to middle Albian.

Remarks: This zone was determined only at Hole 369A from Samples 43-3, 70-71 cm, to 47, CC. Thus it is missing at Sites 367 and 370.

	GEOCHRON	OLOGIC SCALE	CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSIL ZONES
	E 65		Micula mura - Nephrolithus frequens
	È I	MAESTRICHTIAN	Lithraphidites quadratus
	E 70		Tetralithus trifidus
S	F		Broinsonia parca
	w = 75	CAMPANIAN	Eiffellithus eximius
	r = E 80	SANTONIAN	Gartnerago obliquum
	E		Marthasterites furcatus
0	< - 85	CONIACIAN	Micula decussata -
	E		Tetralithus pyramidus
ш	- E 80	TURONIAN	Corollithion exiguum
U	- 95	CENOMANIAN	Lithraphidites alatus
۷	100		Eiffellithus turriseiffeli
	E 105	ALBIAN	Prediscosphaera cretacea
-	> E110	APTIAN	Parhabdolithus angustus
	- E115	ortion	Chiastozygus litterarius
	E		Micrantholithus hoschulzi
œ.	€ E120	BARREMAIN	Litheanhidites hallii
1	< <u>-</u>	HAUTERIVIAN	Liunaphilaites built
	w = 125		Calcicalathina oblongata
0	E 130	VALANGINIAN	Cretarhabdus crenulatus
	Ē	BERRIASIAN	Nannoconus colomi

Figure 4. Correlation of Cretaceous nannoplankton zones used in this report with the geochronological scale of van. Hinte (in press).

Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* (Deflandre and Fert) to the first occurrence of *Lithraphidites alatus* Thierstein.

Important common species: *Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* (Deflandre and Fert) and *Cribrosphaerella ehrenbergi* (Arkhangelsky).

Age: Late Albian.

Remarks: The upper boundary of this zone is that determined by Roth (1971); according to Van Hinte (1976), it is located in the early Cenomanian. At Site 370 this zone represents the youngest Cretaceous zone recognized (from 370-26-3, 80-81 cm, to 370-20-1, 70-71 cm). As the marker species of younger zones are missing, it was difficult to define the top of this zone at Site 367 and Hole 369A (the basis of the zone occurs in Samples 367-22-5, 78-79 cm and 369A-42-2, 80-81 cm, to 369A-41, CC). Moreover, the assemblage of nannofossils is comparatively poor and not well preserved at Site 367.

The three following zones were not recognized in the sites: Lithraphidites alatus Zone, Corollithion exiguum Zone, Micula decussata-Tetralithus pyramidus Zone.

According to literature these zones cover the range from the Cenomanian to the lower Coniacian.

Marthasterites furcatus Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first to the last occurrence of *Marthasterites furcatus* Deflandre.

Important common species: Marthasterites furcatus Deflandre and Microrhabdulus decoratus Deflandre.

Age: Late Coniacian to early Santonian.

Remarks: This zone was determined only at Hole 369A in the interval from 369A-41-2, 70-71 cm, to 369A-40-3, 85-86 cm.

Gartnerago obliquus Zone

This zone was not recognized in the samples studied.

Eiffellithus eximius Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first occurrence of *Broinsonia parca* (Stradner) to the last occurrence of *Eiffellithus eximius* (Stover).

Important common species: Eiffellithus eximius (Stover) and Broinsonia parca (Stradner).

Age: Early Campanian.

Remarks: This zone is present only in Hole 369A in Sample 369A-39, CC.

Broinsonia parca Zone

This zone was not recognized in the samples studied.

Tetralithus trifidus Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first to the last occurrence of *Tetralithus trifidus* Stradner.

Important common species: Tetralithus trifidus Stradner, Arkhangelskiella cymbiformis Vekshina, and Tetralithus aculeus (Stradner).

Age: Late Campanian to early Maestrichtian.

Remarks: This zone is present in Hole 369A (369A-39-3, 70-71 cm, to 369A-38, CC).

Lithraphidites quadratus Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the last occurrence of *Tetralithus trifidus* Stradner to the first occurrence of *Micula mura* (Martini).

Important common species: Lithraphidites quadratus Bramlette and Martini, Cretarhabdus coronadventis Reinhardt, Tetralithus aculeus (Stradner), and Gartnerago obliquum (Stradner).

Age: Early Maestrichtian.

Remarks: The boundary between this zone and the *Tetralithus trifidus* Zone is present only in Hole 369A, but *Lithraphidites quadratus* Bramlette and Martini is present only in the upper part of this zone which was recognized in: 366-55, CC and 369A-38-3, 60-61 cm, to 369A-36, CC.

Micula mura Zone

This zone is defined as the interval from the first to the last occurrence of *Micula mura* (Martini).

Important common species: Micula mura (Martini). Age: Late Maestrichtian.

Remarks: This zone is present only in Hole 369A from Sample 369A-35-5, 128-129 cm, to 369A-36-3, 20-21 cm.

DISTRIBUTION OF CALCAREOUS NANNOFOSSILS

SITE 366

(latitude 05°40.7'N, longitude 19°51.1'W, water depth 2853 m)

Site 366 (Table 5) was drilled on the Sierra Leone Rise and was continuously cored down to 850.5 meters. The hole bottomed in sediments of upper Maestrichtian marlstone. These Upper Cretaceous sediments occurred only in Sample 55, CC. The poorly to moderately preserved assemblage belongs to the *Lithraphidites quadratus* Zone, with abundant *Micula staurophora* (Gardet) and common *Watznaueria barnesae* (Black).

SITE 367

(latitude 12°29.2'N, longitude 20°02.8'W, water depth 4748 m)

Site 367 is located in the Cape Verde Basin, southeast of the Cape Verde Islands (Tables 2 and 6). The total depth drilled was 1152 meters. The first Cretaceous sediments with one specimen of Tetralithus obscurus (Deflandre) appear in Sample 16-5, 37-38 cm; they are not older than Santonian. They are represented by silty clay which is very poor in coccoliths. Sample 16-6, 50-51 cm, which is practically barren of coccoliths, is of the same type of sediment. Core catcher 16 and Core 17 are barren of nannofossils. The black shales rich in organic matter in Core 18 through Sample 22-5, 78-79 cm, represent the Albian to Coniacian ages. The coccolith assemblages are mainly poor and it is therefore very difficult to determine the biostratigraphic and zonal value. Sample 18-1, 100-101 cm, to 18, CC recovered Coniacian sediment. Lucianorhabdus cayeuxi Deflandre, which first occurred in the Coniacian, was found. Samples 19-3, 85-86 cm, to 22-5, 78-79 cm, (excluding 20, CC and 22-2, 22-23 cm, which are barren of coccoliths) yield assemblages including Parhabdolithus asper (Stradner), Corollithion achylosum (Stover), and Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert). This assemblage indicates the late Albian to early Turonian interval. The base of this stratigraphic sequence belongs to the Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Zone. Sample 22-6, 105-106 cm, is barren of coccoliths. The oldest part of the black shales in Sample 22, CC contains Parhabdolithus angustus (Stradner) and Lithastrinus floralis Stradner. but Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert) and Prediscosphaera cretacea (Arkhangelsky) are missing. This assemblage indicates the Parhabdolithus angustus Zone of late Aptian to early Albian age. The shale, clay, claystone, and limestone of Samples 23, CC to 25-1, 6-7 cm, are of the same age. The Chiastozygus litterarius Zone (early Aptian) was recognized in the limestone, Samples 25-1, 16-17 cm, to 25-3, 38-39 cm, with Micrantholithus obtusus (Stradner), but without Parhabdolithus asper (Stradner), Lithastrinus floralis Stradner, and Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent). The limestone of Sample 25-4, 135-136 cm, and the gray limestone with an alternation of black marlstone of Core 26 contain Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent) without Cruciellipsis cuvillieri (Manivit), which

16-1, 70-71	
16-2, 40-41	
16-3, 40-41	
16-4, 40-41	
16, CC	
17-1, 130-131	
17-2, 115-116	
17-3, 80-81	
17-6, 80-81	
17, CC	
18-3, 95-96	
20, CC	
22-2, 22-23	
22-6, 105-106	

TABLE 3 Site 368 Samples in Which Cretaceous Calcareous Nannoplankton Were Not Found

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59-1, 70-71	
59-2, 70-71	
59-3, 80-81	
59, CC	
60-2, 27-28	
60-3, 21-22	
60-3, 84, 5	
60-3, 114-115	
60-4, 5-6	
60-4, 144	
60-5, 44-45	
62-3, 130-131	
62, CC	
63-3, 72-73	

Site 370 S Calcareous Na	TABLE 4 amples in Which Cretaceous annoplankton Were Not Found
	23-3, 70-71
	26-1, 70-71
	26, CC
	27-1, 80-81
	27-2, 80-81
	28-1, 70-71
	28-2, 60-61
	28-3, 60-61
	29. CC
	30-3, 72-73
	30. CC
	31-1, 60-61
	31-4, 139-140
	31. CC
	32-2, 100-101
	32-3, 70-71

indicates Barremian age. This nannoplankton assemblage belongs to the *Micrantholithus hoschulzi* Zone. Samples 27-1, 131-132 cm, to 29-2, 88-89 cm, with *Cruciellipsis cuvillieri* (Manivit) and without *Rucinolithus wisei* Thierstein suggest assigning this gray limestone and black marlstone to the Hauterivian. Only in Sample 30-1, 44-45 cm, was a Valanginian assemblage with *Rucinolithus wisei* Thierstein and *Diadorhombus rectus* Worsley recovered. The Nannoconus colomi Zone of Berriasian age with Nannoconus

Cribrosphaerella ehrenbergi Microrhabdulus decoratus Parhabdolithus embergeri Chiastozygus amphipons Lithraphidites quadratus Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Watznaueria barnesae Ericsonia subpertusa Micula staurophora Micula decusata Preservation Abundance Depth Below Sea Floor (m) Sample Zone Age F 55, CC 850 P-M С A F RR RRRRR Lithraphidites quadratus Maestrichtian

TABLE 5 Distribution of Nannofossils at Site 366

colomi (de Lapparent), Cruciellipsis cuvillieri (Manivit), Lithraphidites carniolensis Deflandre, but without Diadorhombus rectus Worsley, was found in the gray limestone of Samples 30-2, 57-58 cm, to 32-3, 58-59 cm. This sediment forms the base of the Cretaceous.

The underlying zone, the Parhabdolithus embergeri Zone, which corresponds to the Tithonian, was recovered in Samples 32-4, 136-138 cm, and 32-5, 7-8 cm. In the limestone of Sample 32-5, 11-12 cm, the coccoliths are poorly preserved and represented only by Watznaueria barnesae (Black), Watznaueria biporta Bukry, Watznaueria martelae (Noel), and Cyclagelosphaera margereli Noel, but Parhabdolithus embergeri (Noel) is missing. This assemblage is indicative of the Oxfordian to Kimmeridgian ages.

SITE 368

(latitude 17°30.4'N, longitude 21°21.2'W, water depth 3366 m)

Site 368 represents a 984.5-meter section drilled on the Cape Verde Rise (Tables 3 and 7). Cretaceous sediments, consisting mainly of black shales, were recovered from Sample 59-3, 108-109 cm, to Core 63. The assemblage is poorly preserved and it is only possible to give an age determination since zones could not be defined. Cores 59 to 60 and Samples 62-3, 130-131 cm, 62, CC and 63-3, 72-73 cm are nearly barren of nannofossils. Between Section 60-5, and Section 62-3, olivine diabase was recovered. Black shales with more coccoliths than in Cores 59 and 60 were again recovered from Section 62-3, to the base of Site 368. It is possible to divide the Cretaceous sediments into two stratigraphical horizons: first, Samples 59-3, 108-109 cm to 63-3, 40-49 cm, and second, 63-4, 70-71 cm, to 63, CC. The nannoplankton assemblages of the first horizon with Gartnerago obliquus (Stradner) and Parhabdolithus asper (Stradner) are assigned to the late Cenomanian to late Turonian. The second horizon with Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert), Broinsonia lata (Noel), and Broinsonia enormis (Shumenko), but without Gartnerago obliguus (Stradner), belongs to the late Albian to Cenomanian.

HOLE 369A (latitude 26°35.5'N, longitude 14°59.9'W, water depth 1752 m)

Hole 369A is located on the continental slope off Cape Bojador, Spanish-Sahara (Table 8). Cretaceous

sediments were found in Cores 35 through 47. Samples 35-5, 128-129 cm, to 36-3, 20-21 cm, were assigned to the Micula mura Zone (late Maestrichtian). This limestone is characterized by rich and moderately well preserved coccolith assemblages with Micula mura (Martini). The marlstone encountered from Samples 36, CC to 39-3, 70-71 cm, contains a nannoplankton assemblage of the Lithraphidites quadratus Zone-with zonal marker, but without Micula mura (Martini)-which may be assigned to the late Campanian to early Maestrichtian. The lower part of this interval belongs to the Tetralithus trifidus Zone as it contains the zonal marker together with Arkhangelskiella cymbiformis Vekshina and Tetralithus aculeus (Stradner). Coniacian to early Campanian chalk and marl were recognized in Samples 39, CC to 41-2, 70-71 cm. The upper part contains Eiffelithus eximius (Stover) and thus belongs to the Eiffellithus eximius Zone. A wellpreserved and abundant assemblage including Marthasterites furcatus Deflandre was assigned to the lower part of this Coniacian to early Campanian section (Marthasterites furcatus Zone). Late Albian to Turonian marl and chalk were encountered from Samples 41, CC to 42-2, 80-81 cm; they contain Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert) and Parhabdolithus asper (Stradner) and indicate the Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Zone. Early to middle Albian sediments were determined in Samples 42, CC to 47, CC containing common and moderately to well preserved nannofossils of the Prediscosphaera cretacea Zone. The marker species as well as Vagalapilla matalosa (Stover) and Broinsonia lata (Noel) are present, but Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert) is missing.

SITE 370

(latitude 32°50.2'N, longitude 10°46.6'W, water depth 4214 m)

Site 370 was drilled (1200 m) in a deep basin off Morocco (Table 4 and Table 9). From Core 20 to the base of the site (Core 51) Cretaceous calcareous silty claystones, shales, and limestones, interbedded with siltstones, sandstones, and conglomerates were recovered. These sediments were divided into seven stratigraphical horizons from late Valanginian to late Albian.

From the top of the Cretaceous sediments, Sample 20-1, 70-71 cm, to 24-4, 70-71 cm (except Sample 23-3, 70-71 cm, which is barren of coccoliths), rich

Cyclagelosphaera margereli Lithraphidites carniolensis Parhabdolithus embergeri Zygodiscus diplogrammus Micrantholithus hoschulzi Biscutum supracretaceum Manivitella pemmatoidea Diazomatolithus lehmani Stephanolithion laffittei Micrantholithus obtusus Calcicalathina oblongata Parhabdolithus angustus Parhabdolithus infinitus Cretarhabdus crenulakis Chiastozygus litterarius Cretarhabdus surirellus Diadorhombus rectus Cretarhabdus conicus Watznaueria barnesae Cruciellipsis cuvillieri Watznaueria martelae Parhabdolithus asper Vagalapilla stradneri Nannoconus bucheri Watznaueria biporta Vannoconus colomi Lithastrinus floralis Zygodiscus erectus Rucinolithus wisei Preservation Abundance Sample (Interval Depth Below in cm) Sea Floor (m) 16-5, 37-38 546 R 16-6, 50-51 548 R P С P-M 18-1, 100-101 637 18-4, 112-113 641 R . . P • . . 18-5, 15-16 642 R P • 18, CC 644 R đ, 19-3, 85-86 648 F P-M . • 19-4, 110-111 650 С Μ 19, CC 654 R-F P . 20-4, 38, 5 689 С P-M • . . 20-4, 40-41 689 A G 21-1, 85-86 692 Р R 21-2, 77-79 694 R P . 21-6, 107-108 700 A M • • 21, CC 701 R-F P . P 22-3, 7-8 723 R . 22-4, 80-81 725 R P . • 22-5, 78-79 727 C P . 22, CC 730 P F 23, CC 787 R P . . 24, CC С 844 P-M . . cf 25-1, 6-7 891 F-C M ٠ . . . 25-1, 16-17 891 F Р . . . 25-2, 82-83 893 F P 25-3, 38-39 F P 894 . . . e a . 25-4, 135-136 897 G • A cf . 26-4, 123-124 916 C-A G . . • . . . 26-4, 138-139 P-M 916 C . . C 26, CC 920 М 27-1.131-132 C C 940 M . . . 27-2, 109-110 941 G . . 27-3, 86-87 942 F-C P-M . 28-3, 60-61 971 F-C P • <u>29-2, 88-89</u> <u>30-1, 44-45</u> P 998 R-F . . 1024 C M • 30-2, 57-58 F-C P-M 1026 30-2, 68-68 1026 R P 31-2, 1-2 P 1054 F 31-2, 106-107 1055 F-C P-M 31-2, 109-110 1055 R P 31, CC C 1062 M • М 32-2, 5-6 1083 C-A • . 32-3, 58-59 1085 C M . . 32-4, 136-138 1087 С Μ . 32-5.7-8 P-M 1087 A 32-5, 11-12 1087 С P . 32-5, 57-58 1088 F-C P . . 32-5, 111-112 1088 F M . 32. CC 1091 R-F P . 33-3, 75-76 1109 R P 34-2.55-56 1113 R P . 35-5.109-110 1126 R P 36-3.8-9 1130 R P 37-1,66-67 1135 F P . 38-1.127-128 1143 R M . ٠

TABLE 6 Distribution of Nannofossils at Site 367

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Eiffellithus turriseiffeli	Tranolithus exiguus	Corollithion achylosum	Biscutum constans	Prediscosphaera cretacea	Discorhabdus ignotus	Zygodiscus elegans	Corollithion signum	Podorhabdus dietzmanni	Eiffellithus trabeculatus	Chiastozygus amphipons	Vagalapilla matalosa	Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus	Gartnerago obliguum	Lucianorhabdus cayeuxi	Sollasites horticus	Scapholithus fossilis	Tetralithus obscurus	Zygodiscus sp.	Zone	Age
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•••••		•	•	:	•	•	•	•	•										Eiffellithus turriseiffeli	Early Turonian to late Albian
•		cf																		
-																			Parhabdolithus angustus	Early Albian to late Aptian
																			Chiastozygus litterarius	Early Aptian
												-						1	Micrantholithus hoschulzi	Barremian
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																			Unzoned	Hauterivian
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																			Nannoconus colomi	Berriasian
		_															1		Parhabdolithus embergeri	Tithonian
																			Unzoned	Kimmeridgian to Oxfordian

TABLE 7 Distribution of Nannofossils at Site 368

Sample (Interval in cm)	Depth Below Sea Floor (m)	Abundance	Preservation	Watznaueria barnesae	Prediscosphaera cretacea	Zygodiscus diplogrammus	Lithastrinus floralis	Chiastozygus litterarius	Cribrosphaerella ehrenbergi	Broinsonia lata	Manivitella pemmatoidea	Eiffellithus turriseiffeli	Zygodiscus elegans	Watznaueria biporta	Biscutum constans	Gartnerago obliguum	Parhabdolithus angustus	Vagalapilla matalosa	Parhabdolithus embergeri	Zygodiscus sp.	Broinsonia enormis	Parhabdolithus cf. asper	Discorhabdus ignotus	Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus	Tranolithus cf. phacelosus	Micula staurophora	Kamptnerius magnificus	Zone	Age
59-3, 108-109	942	R	Р				-		\vdash								-									_	R		*
60-2, 117-119	952	R	P	R																									
62-4, 62-63	973	R-F	P	C		F	С		L	F	R									F		F			F	F			Late
62-4, 80-81	973	R	P	R			R					R		R						R									Turonian
62-4, 84-85	973	R	P	R																				1				Unzoned	to
63-1, 76-77	975	R-F	P-M	C	F	F	С		L	F		cf _F		F	F					F			R	R					late
63-1, 84-85	975	R-F	P		٠	٠				٠	•	٠						ct.				•							Cenomanian
63-2, 53-54	977	R-F	P	C	F		Α					F			F	С		F	R	F	R								
63-3, 40-43	978	R-F	P	C	R		Α					R		F	R	R	R												
63-4, 70-71 63, CC	980 984	R R	P P	C A	R C	F F	F F	R	R	R	R	С	R							R									Cenomanian to late Albian

TABLE 8 Distribution of Nannofossils at Site 369A

Sample (Interval in cm)	Depth Below Sea Floor (m)	Abundance	Preservation	Parhabdolithus asper	Watznaueria barnesae	Chiastozygus litterarius	Parhabdolithus angustus	Corollithion achylosum	Braarudosphaera africana	Parhabdolithus embergeri	Corollithion signum	Zygodiscus erectus	Lithraphidites carniolensis	Discorhabdus ignotus	Watznaueria martelae	Parhabdolithus splenden	Stephanolithion laffittei	Cretarhabdus coronadventis	Lithastrinus floralis	Vagalapilla stradneri	Manivitella pemmatoidea	Tranolithus gabalus	Zygodiscus elegans	Cretarhabdus conicus	Scepholithus fossilis	Biscutum constans	Zygodiscus diplogrammus	Vagalapilla matalosa	Hayesites albiensis	Cretarhabdus surirellus	Prediscosphaera cretacea	Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus	Flabellites biforaminis	Octopodorhabdus decussatus	Watznaueria biporta	Cretarhabdus crenulatus	Parhabdolithus infinitus
35-5, 128-129	372	A	м		A								С		F												R			R	С						
35, CC	374	A	M-G										~																								
36-3, 20-21	377	A	M		С										R						R									С	Α						
36, CC	384	A	M-G	-									٠				-		1													-					_
37-3, 60-61	387	A	M-G		Α					С			F		С				Ľ	F				F						С	Α						
37, CC	393	A	M-G						1	٠			٠						Ĺ												٠						
38-3, 60-61	397	A	M-G		С					С			С			R		F									R			С	Α						
38, CC	403	A	P-M							-																											
39-3, 70-71	406	C	M		С			- 1		F					F						F						С			С	С						
39, CC	412	A	M		٠	÷				_																					•						_
40-3, 85-86	416	C	G		С			R		С	R					R		R	A		F						С			С						F	
40, CC	422	A	G			٠		•			٠		٠																		٠						
41-2, 70-71	424	A	G		Α	С	С	С		F	С		F			F	С	R	С		F			F		С	С	R	_	С	С			_	_	F	_
41, CC	431	R	M	•	•		•						٠	•			•		•	٠				•			•										
42-2, 80-81	433	C	M-G	C	A	С	С	_		F	С		С	C		F	С		С	F	С	С	F	R		A	С	_		A	С		F			F	_
42, CC	441	C	G	•	•	•	•		•				٠						٠	٠	٠														•		
43-3, 60-61	444	F-C	M	F	A	С	С						С	C			F	R	C	C	F	С	R			C	F		F	F	C				С		
43, CC	450	C-A	M-G	•	•	•	•			•			•			1217	•	-	•		-		223		12	62	•		120	201			-		•	2	
44-2, 50-51	452	C	M	C	A	F	С	С		F			Α	R		R	С	R	F	C	F		С	R	R	A	F	- 1	R	С	С		R			R	
44, CC	460	F-C	M	•	•	•	•	-	•	•	-		•	•		-	1227		•	142	•	-	-			w.	1.12						-				
45-3, 70-71	463	C-A	G	C	Α	F	F	F		F	F	R	F			F	С		С	С	F	R	С	F	F	A	F			F	С	F	F	R	C		
45-4, 60-61	465	C	G	C	A	C	C	R		F		С	F	A		F	С	R	C	С	F	F	C	F	С	A	С			С	R	F			R	С	
45, CC	469	C	M-G	•	•	٠	•	1353		1214			03	•		12.5	•		112	•	2223		-			122	323			2	-22		- 1		-	217	
46-4, 60-61	474	C	M-G	C	A		С	F		F		R	С			R	С	R	С		R		С	R		С	С	C		R	R				F	С	F
46, CC	479	C	M-G	•	•	•	•	•		•		~				-	-				•		-	_	-	-											
47-3, 70-71	482	A	G	C	A	F	C	F		C	C	C	C	C	С	С	C	C	C	C	F	F	F	F	F	C	F	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	
47, CC	488	A	M-G	C	A	C	С	F	R	С		С	С					R	R	F	С	F	С			C	F	R		F	R				F		

assemblages of nannofossils occur with Octopodorhabdus decussatus (Manivit), Corollithion signum Stradner, and Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert). These assemblages suggest to this part of the profile the late Albian (Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Zone). The same zone, but of middle Albian age, is recovered in Samples 24, CC to 26-3, 80-81 cm. In this lower part of the Eiffellithus turriseiffeli Zone, Corollithion signum Stradner is missing, but the middle Albian species Eiffellithus turriseiffeli (Deflandre and Fert), Vagalapilla matalosa (Stover), Eiffellithus trabeculatus (Gorka), and Podorhabdus orbiculofenestrus (Gartner) are present. The Parhabdolithus angustus Zone (late Aptian to early Albian) was recovered from Sample 26-4, 70-71 cm, to 31-3, 149-150 cm. Coccoliths are generally rare in this zone. Several samples are barren of nannoplankton (Table 4), or contain poorly to moderately preserved assemblages which are characterized by the presence of Parhabdolithus angustus (Stradner) and Lithastrinus floralis Stradner. In the interval from 31-4, 139-140 cm, to 32-3, 70-71 cm, nannofossils are missing. Better preservation and abundance of nannoplankton, without Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent), were observed in Core 32 of

early Aptian age (Chiastozygus litterarius Zone). In Sample 33, CC the last occurrence of Nannoconus colomi (de Lapparent) indicated that the interval from this sample to Core 34 is not younger than Barremian (probably Micrantholithus hoschulzi Zone). In Samples 35-3, 70-71 cm, to 38-1, 91-92 cm, there are moderately to well preserved and common to abundant late Hauterivian coccolith assemblages with Cruciellipsis cuvillieri (Manivit) and Parhabdolithus infinitus (Worsley). The deepest stratigraphic horizon is of late Valanginian to early Hauterivian age. Samples 38, CC to 50-1, 94-95 cm, with Calcicalathina oblongata (Worsley) belong to the Calcicalathina oblongata Zone. Sample 50-2, 134-135 cm, and Core 51 did not yield Calcicalathina oblongata (Worsley), but they contained Cretarhabdus crenulatus Bramlette and Martini, Podorhabdus dietzmanni (Reinhardt), and Zygodiscus diplogrammus (Deflandre and Fert) and may thus be assigned to the Cretarhabdus crenulatus Zone.

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Podorhabdus dietzmanni	Broinsonia lata	Tranolithus phacelosus	Eiffellithus turriseiffeli	Eiffellithus eximius	Cribrosphaerella ehrenbergi	Micula staurophora	Gartnerago obliquum	Kamptnerius magnificus	Chiastozygus cuneatus	Marthasterites furcatus	Eiffellithus trabeculatus	Microrhabdulus belgicus	Tetralithus pyramidus	Microrhabdulus decoratus	Chiastozygus amphipons	Microrhabdulus stradneri	Discolithus incohatus	Broinsonia parca	Tetralithus trifidus	Lucianorhabdus cayeuxi	Tetralithus aculeus	Arkhangelskiella cymbiformis	Cretarhabdus schizobrachiatus	Ahmuellerella octoradiata	Micula mura	Lithraphidites quadratus	Zone	Age
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TABLE 8 – Continued

TABLE 9 Distribution of Nannofossils at Site 370

Sample (Interval in cm)	Depth Below Sea Floor (m)	Abundance	Preservation	Watznaueria barnesae	Watznaueria biporta	Watznaueria martelae	Parhabdolithus asper	Curviellineie cuvillieri	Developer current	L'ithenhidites compergen	Podorhabdus dietzmanni	Cretarhabdus crenulatus	Cretarhabdus surirellus	Manivitella pemmatoidea	Cretaturbella rothii	Nannoconus colomi	Vagalapilla stradneri	Biscutum constans	Cretarhabdus conicus	Stephanolithion laffittei	Zygodiscus diplogrammus	Zygodiscus erectus	Cyclagelosphaera margereli	Micrantholithus obtusus	Micrantholithus hoschulzi	Calcicalathina oblongata	Discorhabdus ignotus	Tubodiscus verenae	Zygodiscus elegans	Parhabdolithus infinitus	Discorhabdus rotatorius	Lithastrinus floralis
20-1, 70-71	670	C-A	G	A	F		F	T	ł	- (2	R	С	С			С	F	F	С	С	F					С		e.		-	С
20-2, 100-101 20, CC	675	C-A	G	•			•				•						•			•	:						•					•
21-2, 60-61 21, CC	684 692	C	M-G M-G	c •	R	R	F		H	- (C	R			R	С	F	R	F								F			F
22-3, 60-61	695	C-A	M-G	С		С	F				e ve		c	R			F	С			F								R			F
22, CC 23-3, 70-71	701 705	C-A R	M-G P	R			•				•			•													•					•
23, CC	711	C A	M	•	P		• F		T		•	R		•			F	F			C	C					•		C			R
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25-2, 50-51 25, CC	722 730	R C	P M	R			•														R •											•
26-2, 70-71	732	R	P	R	F		6						F	c				C	F	F	F	F					F		D			F
26-4, 70-71	735	R	P-M	F	F	_	C	$^{+}$	-	r	(-	r	C	-		-	C	г	r	г	г	-	-	-	-	r	-	R	-		R
27-3, 40-41 27, CC	752 758	R	P	R																												R
28, CC	777	C	M-G	•			•							•						•							•					•
30-1, 84-85 31-1, 139-140	806 826	C-A F	G M	:			:			. *																						•
31-2, 129-130	827	R	Р	R																												115
31-3, 149-150 32-2, 110-111	829 837	F-C R		R	_		•	+				+	-				_	-				-	_				-	-		_)	•
32-4, 100-101	840	C	P-M	A	С	R	С		(c (F	R	F		٠	R		F		F								F			
32, CC 33, CC	863	C-A	M-G	•			•	╀				•	-	•		•			•	•		-	-				-	-				-
34-3, 70-71 34 CC	877	A	M	C	С	R	C		F	. (F	F	F		C	С	С	R	C	С			F								
35-3, 70-71	885	C	M	•	-		•	•	•				-	•		-	•	-		•	-		-						-			_
35-5, 24-25 35, CC	888 891	C C-A	G M	:	•		:		. *			•		:																	•	
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37, CC 38-1, 91-92	920 939	C-A A	M-G G	:			:					:			:	•			:						•					•		
38, CC	948	A	G			~	• •	•				•	-				•		•		-			-		-						_
39-3, 48-49 39, CC	951 958	C-A A	G G	•	R	C	•				• R	•	F	R	ĸ	•	•		•	C	F			•	•	F	ĸ		F			
40-3, 50-51	971	C-A	M	A	F		С		F	RF	7	F	F	F			F		R	F												
41-3, 107-108	990	C	M	A	F		с	F		F	c	•	F	R			F	R	F	с	С		F	F		R	R		F			
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44, CC	1053	F-C	M-C	•			•	•		•					•		•									-						
45-3, 22-23	1065	F	P-M M	A C	R	С	C C	10	F	t F	с			R	FR	R	R		R	С	F			F		F			R			
45, CC	1072	F-C	M	•			•	•	e .	•													•									
46-3, 99-100 46, CC	1085	R	P-M	•			к •		C F	C	F								F		R											
47-1, 95-96	1101	F	M	C	F	R	F	F	R	F	F	R				R	F		F				F	F								
48-2, 34-35	1104	A	M	A	R	R	с	C		A	R	R		R	R		F	с	F	с			R			R	R					
48, CC	1129	F-C	M	•			•••			•	•					٠	•		F	C							_	P				
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50-1, 94-95	1158	C	M	A		R	F	C	R	1	F	F		С	F	С	C			F	С	_		С	R	R	_					
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