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Dedmer B. van de Waal was born on the 8th of January 1982 in Wijnjewoude, the Netherlands. After following secondary school at the CSG Liudger in Drachten he studied Environmental Sciences at the Van Hall Institute in Leeuwarden, where he obtained his Bachelor Hons degree in 2003. Thereafter, he continued with an MSc program in Hydrology and Water Quality Management at Wageningen University, where he graduated in 2005. During his education he performed research projects at the University of Udine (Italy), the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, Wageningen University, the Netherlands Institute of Ecology, and the University of Amsterdam. In these projects he got acquainted with various aspects of phytoplankton ecology. This included colony formation of marine haptophytes, competition between green algae and cyanobacteria, cyanobacterial mortality by cyanophages, and nitrogen fixation in marine cyanobacteria.

Upon graduation, Dedmer started the PhD research described in this thesis. The work was conducted at the Laboratory of Aquatic Microbiology of the University of Amsterdam, in collaboration with the Department of Aquatic Ecology of the Netherlands Institute of Ecology, under supervision of Prof. dr. Jef Huisman (UvA) and Prof. dr. Ellen van Donk (NIOO). The research resulted in several publications and this thesis.

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