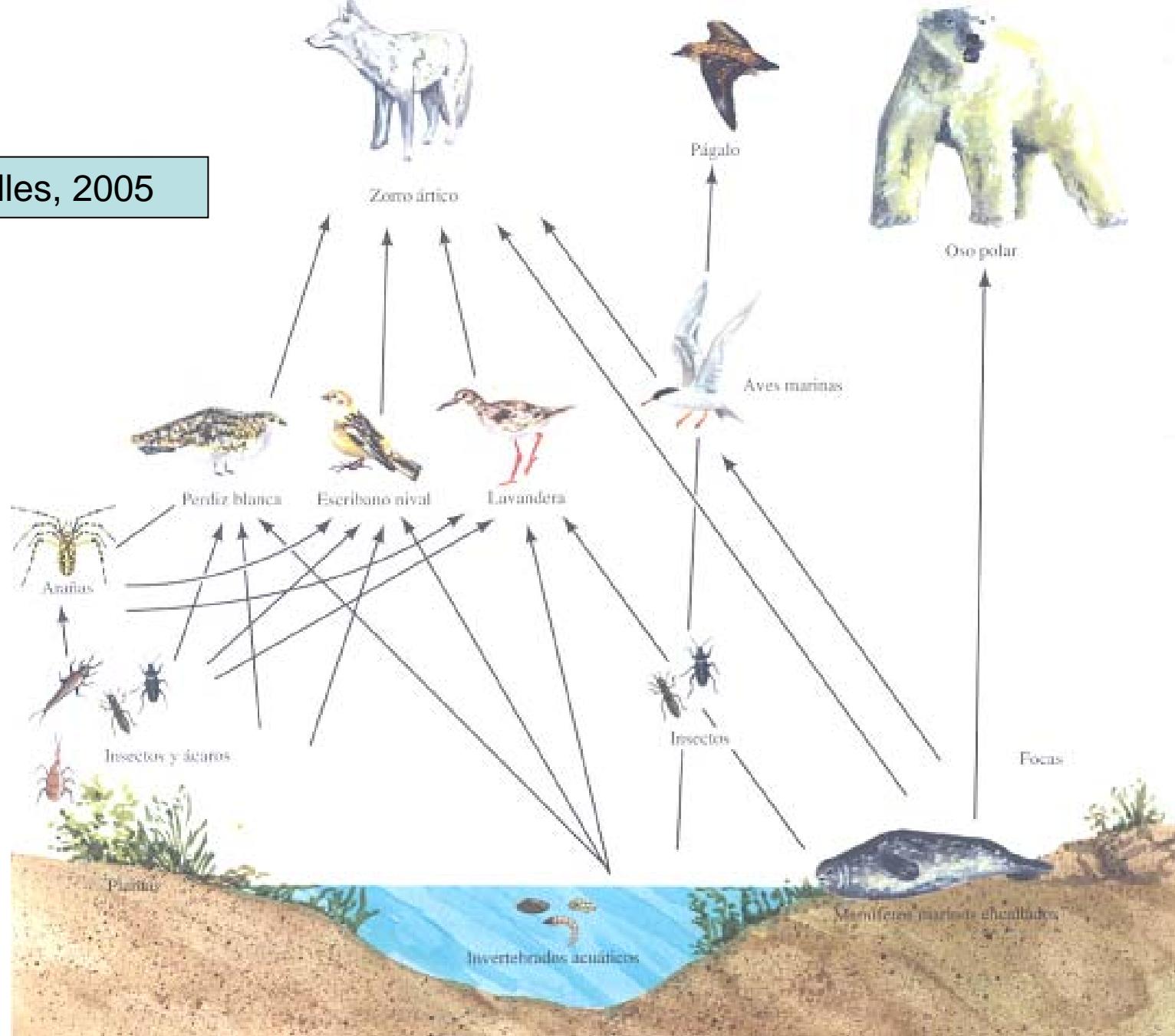
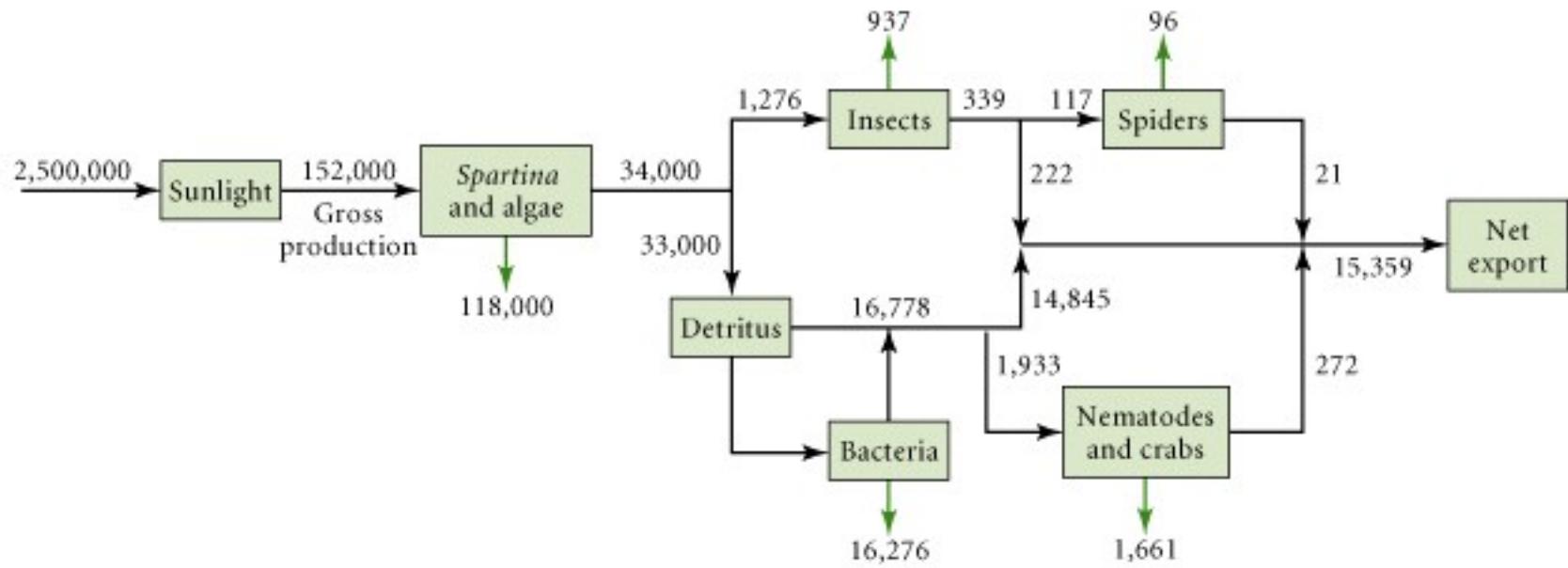


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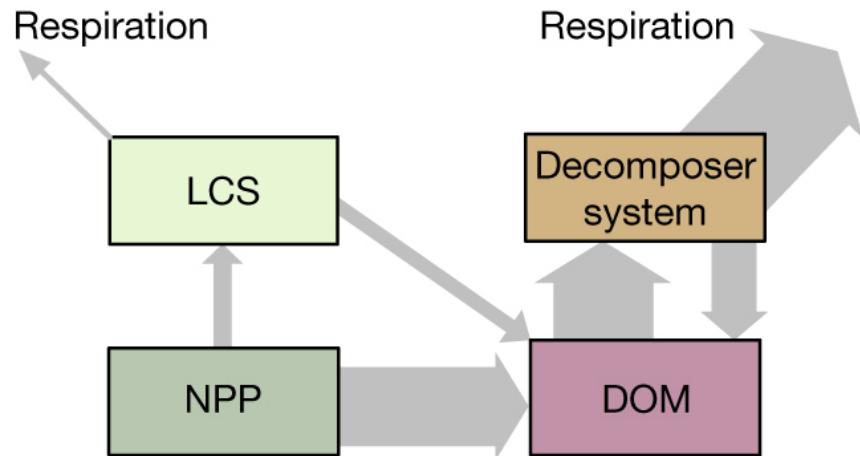
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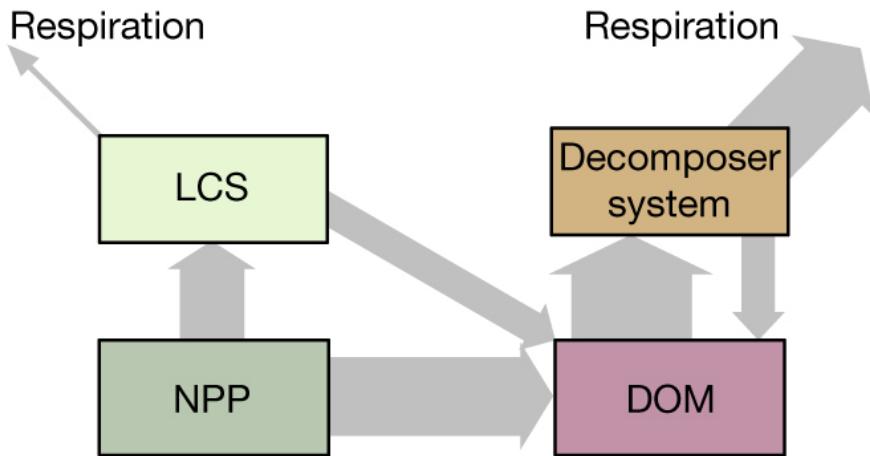


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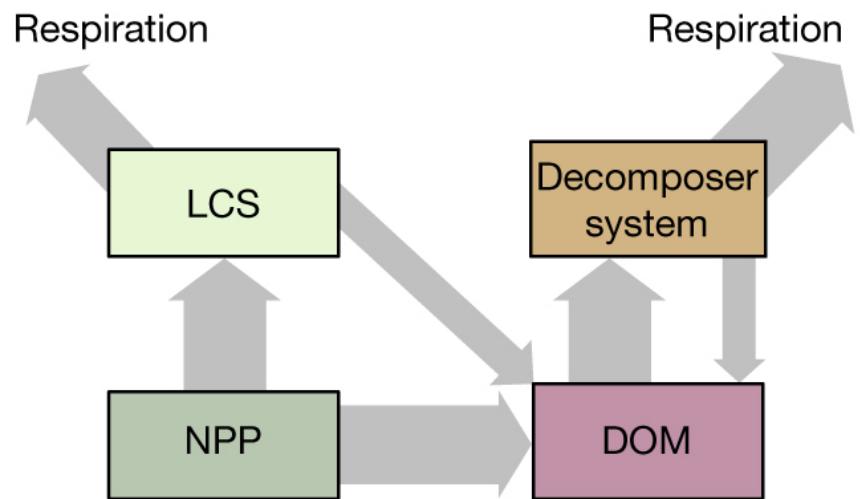
(a) Forest



(b) Grassland



(c) Plankton community



(d) Stream community

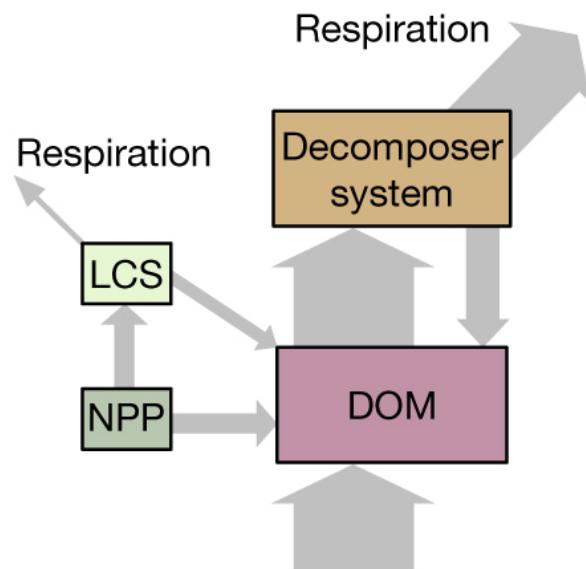


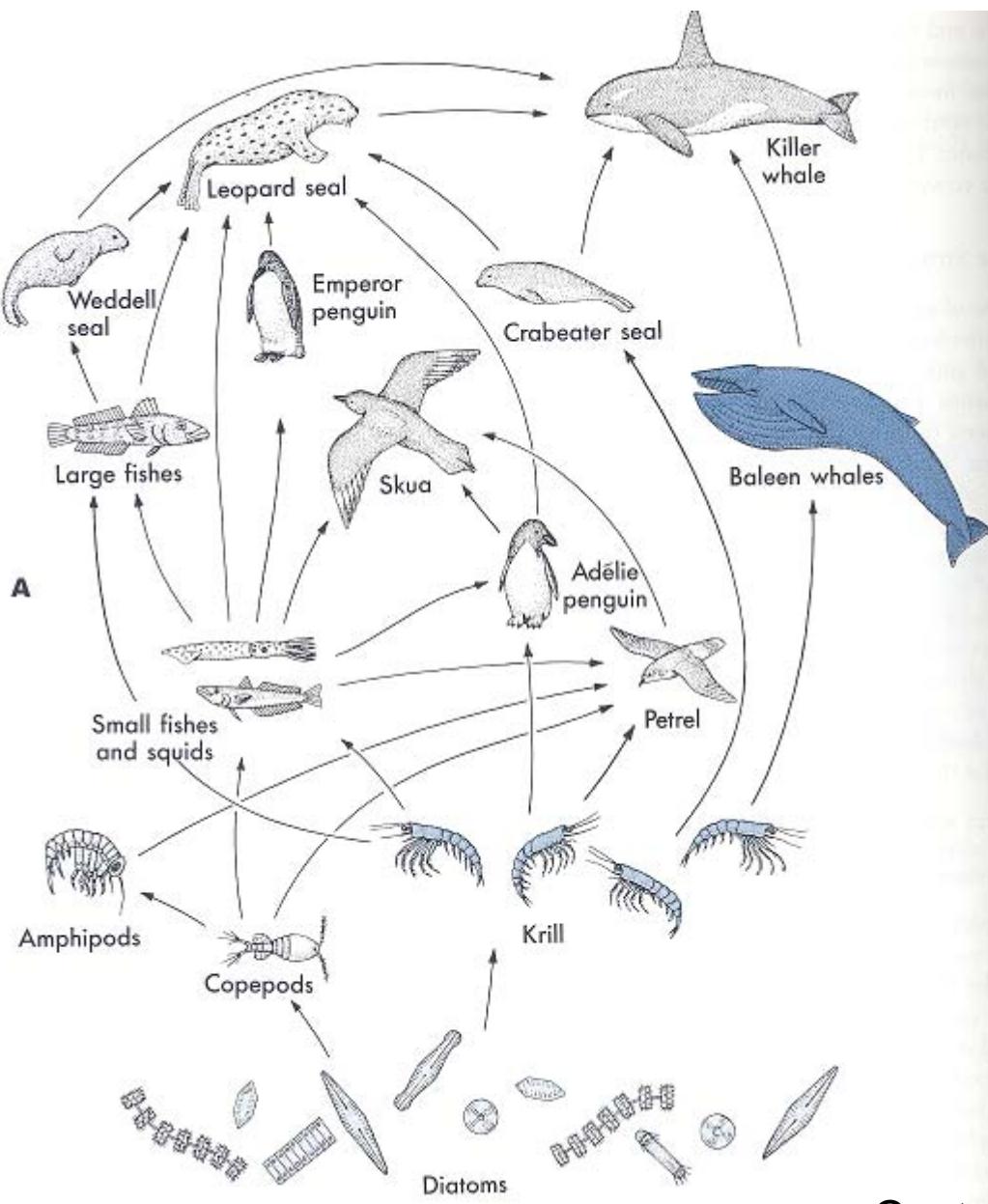
TABLE 10-7

Average number of trophic levels in various ecosystem types calculated from primary production, consumer energy flux, and ecological efficiencies

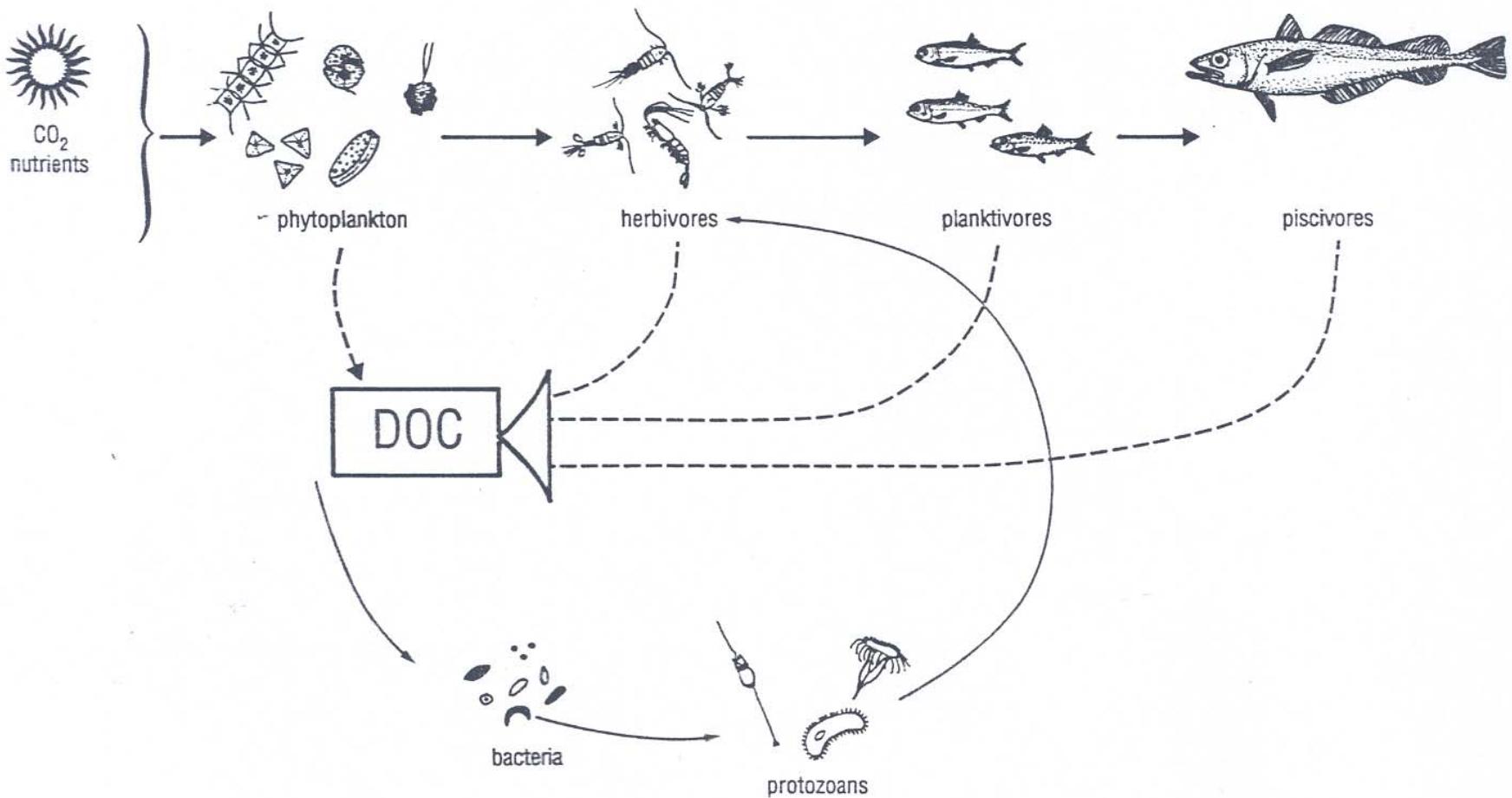
Community	Net primary production (kcal m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Predator ingestion (kcal m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> )	Ecological efficiency (%)	Number of trophic levels
Open ocean	500	0.1	25	7.1
Coastal marine	8,000	10.0	20	5.1
Temperate grassland	2,000	1.0	10	4.3
Tropical forest	8,000	10.0	5	3.2

*Note: These values are approximations based on many studies.*

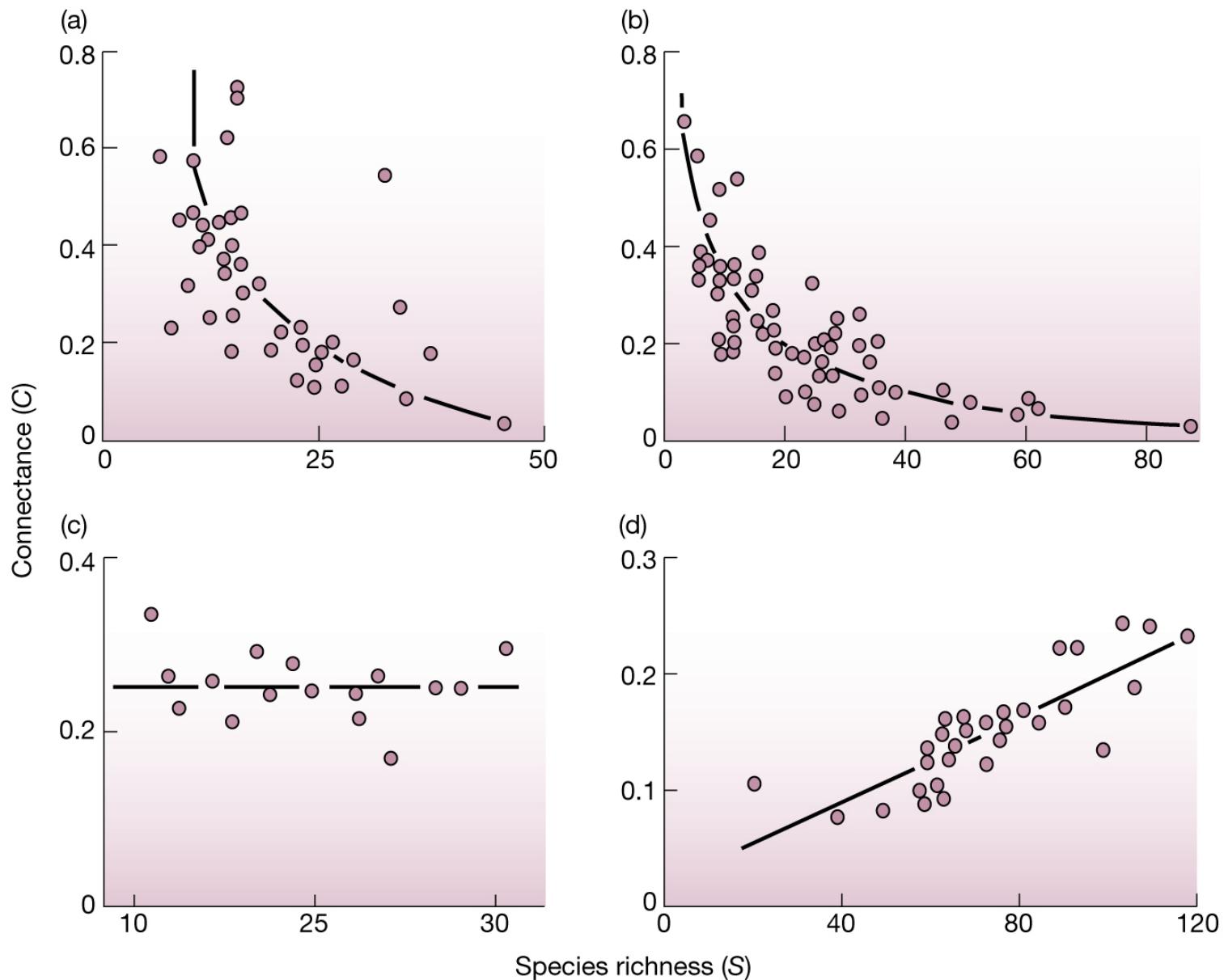
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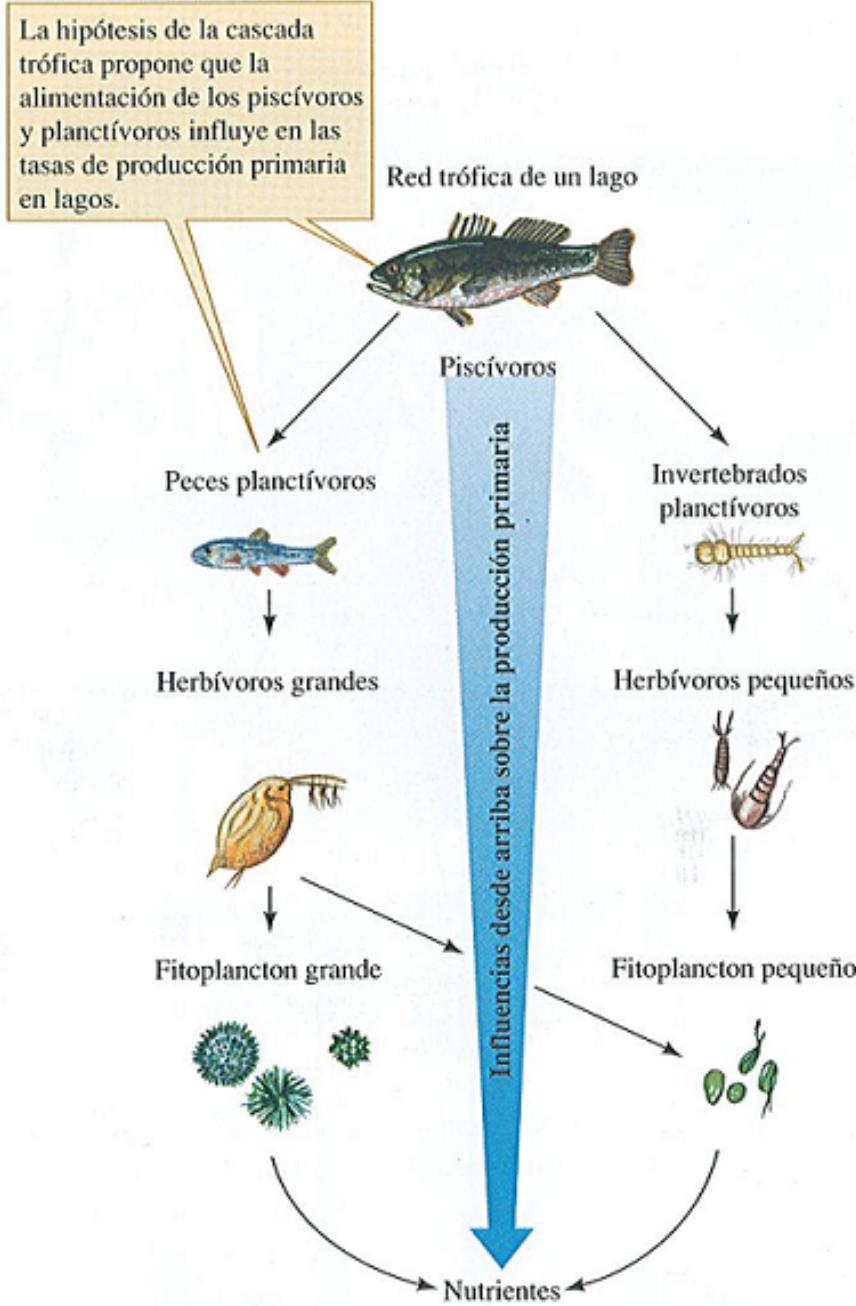
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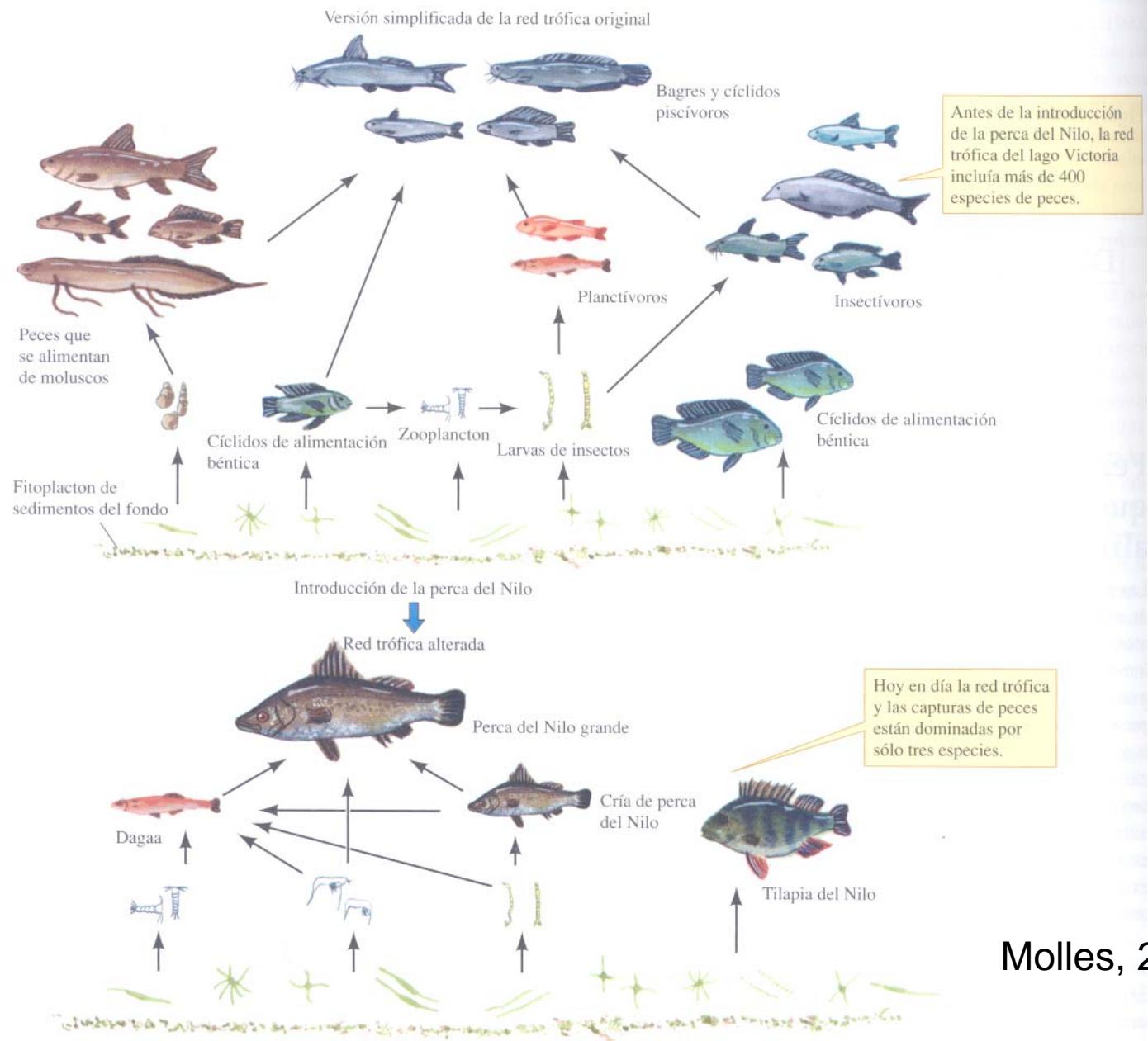


Figure 17.17 Influencia de un depredador exótico, la perca del Nilo, en la red trófica del lago Victoria (datos de Ligtvoet y Witte, 1991).