

17. NANNOFOSSIL BIOSTRATIGRAPHY OF THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC DEEP SEA DRILLING PROJECT, LEG 30

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INTRODUCTION

Calcareous nannofossils occur in 225 of the 230 sedimentary cores recovered at five sites during Leg 30 of the Deep Sea Drilling Project; locations of sites are shown in Figure 1. Only light microscopy was used to study the nannofossil assemblages. The biostratigraphic assessments of the holes are deduced from the study of their nannofossil contents are summarized in Table 1. Species checklists are compiled for Sites 285, 286, 287, and the Cenozoic of Sites 288 and 289 and presented in Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Unconformities revealed by this study are documented and graphically summarized in Tables 7 and 8.

NANNOFOSSIL ZONES

The nannofossil biostratigraphic schemes in current use are based (a) on the bases and tops of ranges of selected species (e.g., Gartner, 1974) and (b) with the addition of variations in the abundance of a given species (e.g., Bukry, 1973).

The ease with which nannofossils can be reworked presents a special problem. In many cases, there is a pronounced gap in known stratigraphic ranges between apparently autochthonous and apparently allochthonous specimens; differences in preservation among specimens with similar response to dissolution provide further clues; mixing of near-shore elements into oceanic sediments can indicate the same thing. However, in the Pliocene and upper Miocene of Leg 30, routine biostratigraphic analysis has led to inconsistencies and confusion. The reason seems to be short upward reworking without the usual, more or less clear evidence for mixing. This is discussed for the relevant sites in the appropriate chapters. Site 289 is an exception; only minor reworking was noticed.

Accordingly, the practice of lumping zones defined by "extinctions" into zonal intervals based on initial appearances (up-sequence) is followed. Also, the defining events for zones used here are initial appearances wherever possible rather than "extinctions," because initial appearances are not obscured by reworking. Thus, the general approach in this cored material is precisely opposite to the approach used for subsurface material (other than core) where downhole contamination occurs.

The nannofossil zonation used for Leg 30 material is indicated below. Reworking, poor preservation, and/or unconformities hinder the recognition of the total extent of some zones. Data for constructing the zones are derived from all available sources, special attention being paid to the works of Bukry (1973) a, b, d, Gartner (1974), and Roth (1973). Only two events are "new" in

the sense that they have not, to the author's knowledge, been used previously to define biostratigraphic units. Zones are listed down-section but defined up-section, i.e., lower boundary then upper boundary.

Emiliania huxleyi/*Gephyrocapsa oceanica* Zonal Interval (age: Pleistocene-Holocene)

The interval from the base range of *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* to top of section. The interval is equivalent to the combined *Emiliania huxleyi* and *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* zones used by Bukry (1973d). *E. huxleyi* is usually difficult to identify under the light microscope, and correlation based on its base range is likely to be unreliable.

Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica Zone (age: Early Pleistocene)

The interval from the base range of *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* to the base range of *Gephyrocapsa oceanica*. The zone is equivalent to the *G. caribbeanica* Subzone of Bukry (1973d). Distinction between *G. oceanica* and *G. caribbeanica* was based on taxonomic discussion by Bukry (1973b).

Pseudoemiliania lacunosa Zone (age: Early Pleistocene)

The range of *Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* between the top range of *Discoaster brouweri* (below) and the base range of *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* (above). This characterization is a poor one since it relies on the absence of two index species. The top range of *Cyclococcolithina macintyreii* occurs near the top of the zone.

The zone correlates with the lower part of the *Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* Zone proposed by Gartner (1969) and with the *Emiliania annula* Subzone of Bukry (1973d). The lower boundary of the zone approximates the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary. In cases of intense reworking, recognition of this event becomes impossible, and recognition of the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary is consequently hindered. However, the zone is a short interval of about 0.2 m.y. (see Bukry, 1973b) and therefore the base range of *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* may be used as a guide for locating tentatively the Pliocene/Pleistocene boundary.

Discoaster brouweri Zone (age: Late Pliocene)

The interval from the top range of "*Discoaster*" *pentaradiatus* to the top range of *Discoaster brouweri*. The zone is correlative with the *Cyclococcolithina macintyreii* Subzone of Bukry (1973d).

"*Discoaster*" *pentaradiatus* Zone (age: Late Pliocene)

The interval from the top range of *Discoaster tamalis* to the top range of "*Discoaster*" *pentaradiatus*.

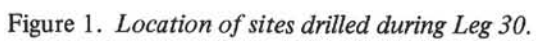


TABLE 1
Biostratigraphic Assessments of Leg 30 Cores From Southwest Pacific Region

Series or Subseries	Nannofossil Zones/Subzones	South Fiji Basin		New Hebrides	Coral Sea Basin	Ontong-Java Plateau			
		285	285A	286	287	288	288A	288B	288C
Holocene	<i>Emiliania huxleyi</i> - <i>Gephyrocapsa oceanica</i>	2-1		1-1, 110-111 cm 2-4, 32-33 cm	1-2, 130-131 cm 4, CC	1-1, 30-31 cm 2-2, 24-25 cm			1-1, 30-31 cm 2-6, 30-31 cm
	<i>Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica</i>			2-5, 125-126 cm 2, CC	3-3, 120-121 cm 6-1, 120-121 cm	2-2, 30 cm 2-5, 30-31 cm			2, CC 4-3, 110-111 cm
	<i>Pseudoemiliania lacunosa</i>			3-1 3-3	6-2, 130-131 cm	2, CC			4-4, 30-31 cm 4-6, 30-31 cm
Pleistocene	<i>Discoaster brouweri</i>	0		3-4, 95-96 cm 3-5, 2 cm	to	to			4, CC 7-2, 35-36 cm
	"Discoaster" pentaradiatus			3-5, 120-121 cm 3, CC					7-2, 120-121 cm 7-6, 30-31 cm
	<i>Discoaster tamalis</i>								7, CC 10-3, 30-31 cm
	<i>Reticulofenestra pseudoumbilica</i>								10-4, 30-31 cm 13, CC
	<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>			4-1, 120-121 cm 4, CC					14-1, 30-31 cm 15, CC
Upper	<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>	2-2							16-1, 120-121 cm 16-4, 30-31 cm
	<i>tricorniculatus</i>								16-5, 30-31 cm 17-3, 120-121 cm
	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus</i>								17-4, 120-121 cm 25-1, 120-121 cm
	<i>Discoaster quinqueramus</i>					6-1, 120-121 cm 6-6, 30-31 cm			27-3, 120-121 cm 27-4, 30-31 cm
	<i>Discoaster bergrenii</i>								33-4, 120-121 cm 33-5, 30-31 cm
	<i>Discoaster neohamatus</i>					6-6, 120-121 cm 7-1, 132-133 cm 7-2, 120-121 cm 8-1, 118-119 cm			35-4, 120-121 cm 35, CC
	<i>Discoaster hamatus</i>								36, CC 37-1, 30-31 cm
	<i>Catnaster calyculus</i>								37-6, 35-36 cm 37-6, 120-121 cm
	<i>Helicopontosphaera kamptneri</i>								47-4, 30-31 cm 47-5, 30-31 cm
	<i>Catnaster coarctatus</i>								53-3, 120-121 cm 53-4, 120-121 cm
Middle	<i>Discoaster exilis</i>					8, CC 10-1, 94-95 cm 10-2, 123-124 cm		1, CC	57, CC 58-1, 30-31 cm
	<i>Sphenolithus heteromorphus</i>								60, CC 61-1, 30-31 cm
	<i>Sphenolithus belemnoides</i>								to 78, CC
	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>								79-1, 60-61 cm 85, CC
	<i>Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus</i>								86-2, 120-121 cm 91, CC
	<i>Cyclacargolithus abietinus</i>								92-1, 120-121 cm 100-1, 50-51 cm
	<i>Sphenolithus ciperoensis</i>								100-1, 122-123 cm 100, CC
	<i>Sphenolithus distentus</i>								101-1, 64-66 cm 102-1, 112-113 cm
	<i>Sphenolithus predistentus</i>								102, CC 104, CC
	<i>Reticulofenestra hillae</i>								105, CC 108-1, 74-75 cm
Lower	<i>Cyclococcolithina formosa</i>								108, CC 110-1, 107-108 cm
	<i>Discoaster barbadiensis</i>								110, CC 112, CC
	<i>Discoaster salpanensis</i>								
	<i>Cyclacargolithus reticulatus</i>								
	<i>Reticulofenestra umbilica</i>								
	<i>Chiasmolithus gigas</i>								
	<i>Nannotetrina fulgens</i>								
	<i>Discoaster subdoensis</i>								
	<i>Rhabdosphaera inflata</i>								
	<i>Discoasteroides kuepperi</i>								
Upper	<i>Discoaster lodoensis</i>								
	<i>Tribrachiatulus orthostylus</i>								
	<i>Discoaster diastypus</i>								
	<i>Discoaster multiradiatus</i>								
	<i>Discoaster nobilis</i>								
	<i>Discoaster mohleri</i>								
	<i>Helicolithus klempellii</i>								
	<i>Fasciculithus tympaniformis</i>								
	<i>Cyclococcolithina robusta</i>								
	<i>Cruciplacolithus tenuis</i>								
Middle	<i>Micula mura</i>								
	<i>Lithraphidites quadratus</i>								
	<i>Tetralithus trifidus</i>								
	<i>Broinsonia parca</i>								
	<i>Eiffelithus augustus</i>								
	<i>Gartnerago obliquum</i>								
	<i>Marthasterites turcatus</i>								
	<i>Micula decussata</i>								
	<i>Eiffelithus turrisseiffeli</i>								
Lower									
Upper									
Lower									

TABLE 2
Checklist of Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 285

Sample (Interval in cm)	<i>Catinaster calyculus</i>	<i>Catinaster coalitus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus amplifolius</i>	<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus primus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus tricorniculatus</i>	<i>Coccolithus eipelagicus</i>	<i>Coccolithus miopelagicus</i>	<i>Coccolithus pelagicus</i>	<i>Coronocylus</i> sp.	<i>Cyclicargolithus abisectus</i>	<i>Cyclicargolithus floridanus</i>	<i>Cyclococcolithina leptopora</i>	<i>Cyclococcolithina macintyreii</i>	<i>Cyclococcolithina rotula</i>	<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>	<i>Discoaster aulakos</i>	<i>Discoaster bellus</i>	<i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>	<i>Discoaster broweri</i>	<i>Discoaster bollii</i>	<i>Discoaster calcaris</i>	<i>Discoaster challengerii</i>	<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>	<i>Discoaster dilatatus</i>	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>	<i>Discoaster exilis</i>	<i>Discoaster hamatus</i>	<i>Discoaster icarus</i>	<i>Discoaster intercalaris</i>	<i>Discoaster kugleri</i>	<i>Discoaster loeblichii</i>	<i>Discoaster moorei</i>	<i>Discoaster neohamatus</i>	<i>Discoaster neorectus</i>	<i>Discoaster nephados</i>		
2-1, 102-103			+	cf.		+	+	+			cf.					+	+				+					+												+	+	
2-1, 115	+		+			+	+	+			+				+	+					+					+										+	+			
2-1, 145-146			+	cf.		+	+	+			+			+							+																			
2-2, 76-77			+	+		+	+	+			+	+	+		+	+	+				+	+			+	+												+	+	
2-3, 33-34					+	+	+				+				+	+	+				+					+											+	+		
2-3, 77-78			+			+	+				+				+	+					+																			
2-3, 86-87			aff. +			+	cf. +				+				+	+				+				+														+		
2-4, 24-25				aff.		+	+	+			+				+	+	+	+	+	+		+																+		
2-4, 59-60						+									+						+	+															+			
2-5, 30-31					+	+			+						+						+	+											+		+					
2-5, 99-100	+	cf.					cf.									+	+			+	+												+				+			
2-5, 142	+										+					+	+	+	+	+	+					+		+										+		
2, CC	+					+					+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+									cf.		+	+	+	+			
3-1, 36-37	+					+			+	+					+	+	+	+	+	cf.				+		+								+			+	+		
3-1, 66-67	+										+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+					+											+			
3-1, 100-101																+	+	+	+	cf. +						+											+			
3-1, 131-133	+										+					+	+	+	+	cf. +			+								+	cf.						+		
3-1, 140-141	+										+				+	+	+	+	+						+								+					+		
3-2, 51-52											+				+	+	+	+								+												+		
3-3, 60-61											+				+	+	+	+							+													+		
3-3, 120-121											+				+	+	+	+							+													+		
3-4, 80-82											+				+	+	+	+							+													+		
3-4, 125-126											+				+	+	+	+	+						+													+		
3-5, 8-9													+		+	+	+	+							+													+		
3-5, 115-116											+				+	+	+	+	+	cf.					+	+	+	+							+			+		
3-6, 47-48															+	+	+	+	+						+												+	+		
3-6, 106-108															+	+	+	+	+						+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
3, CC															+	+	+	+	+	cf.	+		+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
4-1, 45-46	+										+										+																			
4-1, 145-146								+							+					+																				
4-2, 10-11	+						+								+	+	+	+								+														
4-2, 40-41	+														+	+	+	+								+														
4-3, 35-36	+							+	+						+	+	+	+									+	+										+		
4-3, 120-121								+							+	+	+	+																					+	
4-4, 61-63															+	+	+	+																						
4-4, 120-121								+							+						+	+	+				+									+	+			
4-5, 30-31															+		+	+	+								+	+	+									+	+	
4-5, 120-121															+	+	+	+										+	+							+	+			
4-6, 25-26															+		+	+	+									+												
4-6, 40-43															+		+	+	+								+								ff.					
4-6, 120-121															+						+																			
4, CC															+	+	+	+										+												
5-1, 30-31	+	+													+	+	+	+									+									ff.				
5-1, 120-121	+														+	+	+	+									+	+	+						+	+			+	
5-2, 30-31	+										cf.				+	+					+	+	+				+	+										+	+	
5-2, 120-121	+										cf.				+						+	+	+				+	+										+	+	
5-3, 30-31	+								+		cf.				+	+					+	+	+				+	+										+	+	
5-3, 135-136	+	+																			+	+	+				+	+											+	
5-4, 30-31	+																				+	+	+				+	+												
5-4, 120-121	+																				+	+	+				+	+							+	+				
5-5, 30-31	+										cf.					+					+	+	+				+	+						+	+					
5-5, 120-121	+										cf.				+	+					+	+	+				+	+						+	+				+	

TABLE 2 – Continued

Sample (Interval in cm)	<i>Catinaster calyculus</i>	<i>Catinaster coalitus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus acutus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus amplificus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus cristatus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus primus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus rugosus</i>	<i>Ceratolithus tricorniculatus</i>	<i>Coccolithus eipelagicus</i>	<i>Coccolithus mitopelagicus</i>	<i>Coccolithus pelagicus</i>	<i>Coronocyclus</i> sp.	<i>Cyclargolithus abisectus</i>	<i>Cyclargolithus floridanus</i>	<i>Cyclcoccolithina leptopora</i>	<i>Cyclcoccolithina macintyreii</i>	<i>Cyclcoccolithina rotula</i>	<i>Discoaster asymmetricus</i>	<i>Discoaster aulakos</i>	<i>Discoaster bellus</i>	<i>Discoaster berggrenii</i>	<i>Discoaster broweri</i>	<i>Discoaster bollii</i>	<i>Discoaster calcaris</i>	<i>Discoaster challengerii</i>	<i>Discoaster deflandrei</i>	<i>Discoaster dilatatus</i>	<i>Discoaster druggii</i>	<i>Discoaster exilis</i>	<i>Discoaster hamatus</i>	<i>Discoaster icarus</i>	<i>Discoaster intercalaris</i>	<i>Discoaster kugleri</i>	<i>Discoaster loeblichii</i>	<i>Discoaster moorei</i>	<i>Discoaster neohamatus</i>	<i>Discoaster neorectus</i>	<i>Discoaster nephados</i>	
5-6, 45-46	+	+							cf.	+	+	+				+	+				+	+	+							+						+			
5-6, 130-131	+	+							cf.	+	+	+				+	+				+	+	+							+				+			+		
5, CC	+	+																			+	+	+							+					+			+	
1A-1, 124-125							+							+	+																								
1A-1, 138-139														+										cf.			+					+	cf.	cf.					
1A-2, 30-31									cf.				+		+												+					+			+				
1A-3, 25-26															+	+																							
1A-3, 130-131															+	+											+												
1A-4, 10-11																	cf.																						
1A-6, 66-67							+									+	cf.																						
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2A-1, 99-101															+	+																							
2A, CC							+								+	+											+												
3A-1, 110-111							+									+					cf.						+												
3A-2, 85-86							+															cf.					+												
3A, CC													+	+	+	+						cf.		+									+						
4A-1, 108-110							+		cf.				+	+	+	+							+				+												
4A-2, 124-125							+		cf.				+	+	+	+											+												
4A, CC							+						+	+	+	+										+	cf.	+											
5A-1, 110-112														+	+											cf.													
5A-2, 45-46														+	+																								
5A-3, 82-83							+																																
5A-4, 117-118							+		cf.				+	+	+	+												+											
5A-5, 9-10									cf.				+	+	+																								
5A-5, 106-107								+	cf.				+	+	+	+		+		+																			
5A, CC							+		cf.				+	+	+	+																							
6A-1, 21-22								+					+	+	+	+																							
6A-3, 25-26													+	+		+																							
6A-5, 129-131																																							
6A, CC							+						+	+	+	+										+												+	
7A-3, 137-138							+						+	+		+										+													
7A-4, 10-11							+						+	+	+	+										+													
7A-6, 46-47									cf.				+	+	+				+							+													
7A-6, 130-131													+			+																							

Discoaster tamalis Zone (age: Late Pliocene)

The total range of *Discoaster tamalis*.

The lower upper Pliocene boundary is tentatively drawn at the base of this zone (discussion in Bukry, 1973d).

The *D. brouweri*, "*D.*" *pentaradiatus*, and *D. tamalis* zones are based on the sequential disappearance down section of the nominate species and in case of reworking, their differentiation becomes impossible. Therefore, these zones, together with the *P. lacunosa* Zone are lumped into the *Discoaster triradiatus*/*Pseudoemiliania lacunosa* zonal interval delimited by the base ranges of *Discoaster tamalis* and barred *Gephyrocapsa* species (*G. caribbeana*). This interval corresponds roughly to the upper Pliocene.

Reticulofenestra pseudumbilica Zone (age: Early Pliocene)

The interval from the last occurrence of non-birefringent ceratoliths (*Ceratolithus tricorniculatus* and *C. primus*) to the base range of *Discoaster tamalis*.

The upper boundary as originally defined by the last occurrence of *R. pseudoumbilica* (Gartner, 1969), is rather difficult to determine because *R. pseudoumbilica* becomes quite rare and is usually represented by small specimens (Gartner, 1974 and own observation). Bukry (1973d) reinforces the recognition of this boundary by the disappearance of representatives of *Sphenolithus*. *Discoaster tamalis* first appears shortly before the disappearance of *R. pseudoumbilica* and *Sphenolithus* spp.

7-4, 30-31				+	+	+						
7-5, 35-36				+	+	+						
7-5, 120-121				+	+	+			+			+
7-6, 120-121		cf.		+	+	+						
7, CC				+	+	cf. +			+			
8-1, 30-31		+		+	+	cf. +			+			+
8-2, 120-121		+		+	+	+			+			cf.
8-3, 30-31	+	+		+	+	+			+			+
8, CC	+	+		+	+	cf. +			+			+
9-1, 55-56	+	+	+	+	+	+			+	+		
9-2, 8-9	+			+	+	+			+	+		
9-2, 45-46	+			+	+	+			+	+		+
9-2, 125-126				+	+	+			+			+
9-3, 8-9				+	+	+			+			
9-3, 85-86	+			+	+	+			+	+		
9-4, 8-9	+	cf.		+	+	+			+	+		+
9-4, 30-31				+	+	+			+			
9-4, 85-86						+			+			+
9-5, 8-9				+	+	+			+			
9-5, 45-46				+	+	+			+			
9-5, 65-66				+	+	+			+	+		+
9-5, 110-111						+			+			+
9, CC	+			+		? +	+	+	+	+	+	+
10-1, 67-68											+	
10-1, 125-126									+		+	
10-2, 35-36											+	
10-2, 125-126									+		+	
10-3, 30-31						+	+				+	
10-3, 120-121							+				+	+
10-4, 25-26			+				+				+	+
10-4, 135-136						+	+				+	+
10, CC						+	+				+	+
11-1, 80-81					+	+	+				+	+
11-1, 120-121				+		+	+	+	+		+	+
11, CC				+		+	+	+			+	
12-2, 31-32									+		+	
12-2, 120-121									+		+	
12, CC				+		+	+		+		+	+
13-1, 140-141				+		+			+		+	
13-2, 29-30							+				+	
13-2, 119-120				+		+	+		+	+	+	+
13, CC				+		+	+		+		+	+
14-1, 105-106									+	+	+	
14-2, 30-31											+	
14-2, 120-121				+			+				+	+
14, CC				+		+	+		+		+	+
15-1, 80-81				+		+	+		+		+	+
15, CC									+		+	
16-1, 90-91				+		+	+				+	+
16-2, 7-8						+			+		+	
16, CC				+		+	+		+		+	+
17-1, 15-16				+	+	+			+	+	+	+
17-1, 110-111				+		+		+	+	+	+	+
17-2, 61-62				+		+	+		+		+	
17-2, 97-98		+		+		+	+		+		+	
17-2, 133-134				+		+	+		+		+	
17-3, 36-37						+	+		+		+	
17-3, 120-121						+			+		+	

TABLE 3A – Continued

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Discoaster berggrenii Zone (age: Late Miocene)

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster berggrenii* to the base range of *Ceratolithus primus*. The zone is equivalent to the *D. berggrenii* Subzone of Bukry (1973d).

Discoaster neohamatus Zone (age: Late Miocene)

The interval from the top range of *Discoaster hamatus* to the base range of *Discoaster berggrenii*. Obviously the zone is a gap interval relying on the absence of two index species. In case of upward displacement of *Discoaster hamatus*, the base range of *Minylitha convallis* is taken to approximate the extinction of *D. hamatus*. The lower boundary of the *D. neohamatus* Zone is considered to approximate the middle upper Miocene boundary (e.g., Bukry, 1973d).

Discoaster hamatus Zone (age: Middle Miocene)

The total range of *Discoaster hamatus*. Following Bukry (1973d) the base range of *Catinaster calyculus* within this zone is used to distinguish between an upper *Catinaster calyculus* Subzone and a lower *Helicopontosphaera kamptneri* Subzone.

Catinaster coalitus Zone (age: Middle Miocene)

The short interval from the base range of *Catinaster coalitus* to the base range of *Discoaster hamatus*.

Discoaster exilis Zone (age: Middle Miocene)

The interval from the top range of *Sphenolithus heteromorphus* to the base range of *Catinaster coalitus*. The interval is a gap zone, however, it is characterized by the presence of *Triquetrorhabdulus rugosus* and *Sphenolithus abies*.

Sphenolithus heteromorphus Zone (age: Early to Middle Miocene)

The total range of *Sphenolithus heteromorphus*.

The zone correlates with the *S. heteromorphus* Zone of Gartner (1974). Bukry (1973d) uses the end acme horizon of *Discoaster deflandrei* to subdivide an interval equivalent to the *S. heteromorphus* Zone into two zones. This practice is followed here, but only to differentiate between a lower and an upper part of the zone.

Sphenolithus belemnos Zone (age: Early Miocene)

The interval from the base range of *Sphenolithus belemnos* to the base range of *Sphenolithus heteromorphus*. The zone corresponds roughly to the total range of the nominate species.

Triquetrorhabdulus carinatus Zone (age: Oligocene-Miocene)

The interval from the top range of *Sphenolithus cipoensis* to the base range of *Sphenolithus belemnos*. The zone is equivalent to the *T. carinatus* Zone of Bukry (1973d). Criteria for subdividing this zone into three subzones are given in Bukry (1973d) and have been used here. The Oligocene/Miocene boundary lies within this zone.

TABLE 3B
Checklist of Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 268

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7-5, 35-36	+	+					+		+	+	+	
7-5, 120-121	+						+	+	+	+	+	
7-6, 120-121	+	cf.						+	+	+	+	
7, CC	+						+	+	+	+	+	
8-1, 30-31	+	cf.						+	+	+	+	
8-2, 120-121	+		+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+
8-3, 30-31	+						+	+	+	+	+	
8, CC	+	+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9-1, 55-56	+	+	+	+	aff.	+	+	+	+	+	+	
9-2, 8-9	+	+	+	+	aff.	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9-2, 45-46	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
9-2, 125-126	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
9-3, 8-9		cf.						+	+	+	+	
9-3, 85-86		+	+				+	+	+	+	+	+
9-4, 8-9	+	cf.						+	+	+	+	
9-4, 30-31		cf.						+	+	+	+	
9-4, 85-86								+	+	+	+	
9-5, 8-9								+	+	+	+	
9-5, 45-46						+	+	+	+	+	+	+
9-5, 65-66						+		+	+	+	+	
9-5, 110-111								+	+	+	+	
9, CC		cf.					+	+	+	+	+	+
10-1, 67-68								+	+	+	+	
10-1, 125-126	+						+	+	+	+	+	
10-2, 35-36								+	+	+	+	
10-2, 125-126								+	+	+	+	
10-3, 30-31	+						+	+	+	+	+	
10-3, 120-121								+	+	+	+	
10-4, 25-26							+	+	+	+	+	
10-4, 135-136	+							+	+	+	+	
10, CC								+	+	+	+	
11-1, 80-81								+	+	+	+	
11-1, 120-121	+	+					+	+	+	+	+	
11, CC								+	+	+	+	
12-2, 31-32								+	+	+	+	
12-2, 120-121	+							+	+	+	+	
12, CC								+	+	+	+	
13-1, 140-141								+	+	+	+	
13-2, 29-30								+	+	+	+	
13-2, 119-120	+	+	+					+	+	+	+	+
13, CC								+	+	+	+	
14-1, 105-106								+	+	+	+	
14-2, 20-21	+					+		+	+	+	+	
14-2, 120-121	+							+	+	+	+	
14, CC	+	+	+			+		+	+	+	+	
15-1, 80-81						+		+	+	+	+	
15, CC	+							+	+	+	+	
16-1, 90-91								+	+	+	+	
16-2, 7-8								+	+	+	+	
16, CC								+	+	+	+	
17-1, 15-16		cf.	+					+	+	+	+	
17-1, 110-111								+	+	+	+	
17-2, 61-62								+	+	+	+	
17-2, 97-98								+	+	+	+	
17-2, 133-134								+	+	+	+	
17-3, 36-37								+	+	+	+	
17-3, 120-121								+	+	+	+	

TABLE 3B – Continued

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TABLE 4
Checklist of Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 287

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Nannotetrina fulgens Zone (age: Middle Eocene)

The interval from the base range of *Nannotetrina fulgens* to the base range of *Chiasmolithus gigas*. The zone is equivalent to the *Discoaster strictus* Subzone of Bukry (1973d).

Discoaster subloboensis Zone (age: Early to Middle Eocene)

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster sub-*
lodoensis to the base range of *Nannotetrina fulgens*.

Following Bukry (1973d), this zone is subdivided into the *Rhabdosphaera inflata* and *Discoasteroides kuepperi* subzones on the initial appearance of *R. inflata*. Where recognized this event locates the middle/lower Eocene boundary.

Discoaster lodoensis Zone (age: Early Eocene)

The interval from the top of abundant *Tribrachiatulus orthostylus* to the base range of *Discoaster subloidoensis*. The older event is the extinction of *T. orthostylus* of

TABLE 4 – Continued

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several authors, but observations support Bukry's (1973d) suggestion that the event is rather a sharp drop in abundance.

Tribrachiatus orthostylus Zone (age: Early Eocene)

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster lodoensis* to the top abundance of *Tribrachiatus orthostylus*.

Discoaster diastypus Zone (age: Early Eocene)

The interval from the base of *Discoaster diastypus* to the base range of *Discoaster lodoensis*.

The base of this zone is taken as the Eocene/Paleocene boundary.

Discoaster multiradiatus Zone (age: Late Paleocene)

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster multiradiatus* to the base range of *Discoaster diastypus*.

Discoaster nobilis Zone (age: Middle Paleocene)

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster nobilis* to the base range of *Discoaster multiradiatus*. This zone has not been identified in Leg 30 material.

TABLE 5A
Checklist of Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 288

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7, CC	+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
8-1, 33-34	+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
8-1, 118-119	+			+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
8, CC				+	+	+			+		cf.		+	
9-1, 31-32					+								+	
9-1, 105-106				+				+	+	+				
9, CC				+					+					
10-1, 94-95				+	+			+	+					
10-2, 22-23				+	+	+			+					
10-2, 123-124				+		+			+	+				
10, CC				+		+			+					
11-1, 79-80				+	+	+			+	+				
11-2, 38-39	+			+	+	+	+		+	+				
11, CC				+	+	+			+	+				
1A-1, 39-40				+		+			+	+				
1A-2, 25-26				+	+	+			+	+	+			
1A-3, 47-48				+	+	+			+	+	+			
1A, CC				+	+	+			+	+	+			
2A-1, 134-135				+		+			+	?	+			
2A-2, 67-68				+	+	+			+					
2A-2, 131-132				+		+			+					
2A, CC				+	+	+			+					
3A-1, 110-111				+		+								
3A-2, 25-26				+		+			+					
3A-2, 124-125				+		+			+					
3A, CC				+		+								
4A-1, 100-101				+	+	+								
4A-2, 5-6														
4A-2, 100-101				+		+								
4A, CC				+		+								
5A-1, 80-82				+		+			+					+
5A-1, 124-129				+		+			+					+
5A, CC				+		?	+		+					+
6A-1, 9-10				+		+			+					+
6A-1, 74-76				+	+	+			+					
6A-1, 115-116				+		+			+					+
6A-2, 96-99	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+				aff.	+
8A-1, 102-104			+			+		+						
8A-1, 131-132						+		+						
8A-2, 13-14			+			+		+						
8A-2, 30-31			+			+		+						
8A-2, 102-103			+			+		+						
8A-2, 122-123			+			+								
8A-2, 134-135			?	?										
8A-2, 138-139						+								
8A, CC						+								

TABLE 5B
Checklist of Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 288.

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8-1, 33-34	+										+
8-1, 118-119	+			+	+		+		+		+
8, CC	+	+		+			+		+		+
9-1, 31-32	+	+		+			+		+		+
9-1, 105-106	+	+		+			+		+		+
9, CC						+	+		+		
10-1, 94-95	+	+		+		+	+	+			+
10-2, 22-23	+			+			+		+		+
10-2, 123-124		+		+			+		+	+	
10, CC	+					+		+	+		
11-1, 79-80		+							+		
11-2, 38-39	+					+	+		+		
11, CC	+					+			+		
1A-1, 39-40	+	+						+	+	+	
1A-2, 25-26	+								+		
1A-3, 47-48	+								+	+	
1A, CC	+	+						+			
2A-1, 134-135	+	+							+		
2A-2, 67-68								+	+		
2A-2, 131-132		+						+	+		
2A, CC	+							+	+		
3A-1, 110-111								+	+	+	+
3A-2, 25-26									+	+	
3A-2, 124-125		+						+	+	+	
3A, CC	+								+	+	
4A-1, 100-101									+	+	
4A-2, 5-6									+	+	+
4A-2, 100-101									+	+	
4A, CC									+	+	
5A-1, 80-82		+							aff.	+	+
5A-1, 124-129				+			+		?	+	+
5A, CC				+			+	+	?	+	+
6A-1, 9-10		+					+	+		+	
6A-1, 74-76							+	+		+	
6A-1, 115-116		+					+	+		+	
6A-2, 96-99				+			+	+		+	
8A-1, 102-104		+			+		+			+	
8A-1, 131-132											+
8A-2, 13-14	+	+			+	+					+
8A-2, 30-31		+	+		cf. +						+
8A-2, 102-103			+		cf. +						
8A-2, 122-123					+						
8A-2, 134-135		?			+						
8A-2, 138-139											
8A, CC						+					

TABLE 6A
Checklist of Cenozoic Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 289

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7-1, 30-31				+		+	+	+					?	
7-2, 35-36		+		+		+	+	+					+	+
7-2, 120-121		+		+		+	+	+					+	
7-3, 30-31		+		+		+	+	+					+	
7-4, 30-31		+		+		+	+	+					+	
7-5, 30-31				+		+	+	+					+	
7-6, 30-31		+		+		+	+	+					+	
7, CC		+	+	+		+	+	+					+	+
8-1, 35-36		+		+		+	+	+					+	+
8-1, 120-121		+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+
8-2, 30-31		+		+		+	+	+					+	
8-3, 30-31				+		+	+	+					+	
8-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
8-5, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
8-6, 30-31						+	+	+					+	
8, CC						+	+	+					+	
9-1, 120-121		+				+	+	+					+	
9-2, 30-31						+	+	+					+	
9-3, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
9-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
9-5, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
9-6, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
9, CC						+	+	+					+	
10-1, 65-66		+				+	+	+	+	+	+		+	
10-1, 120-121		+				+	+	+					+	
10-2, 30-31		+				+	+	+	+	+	+		+	
10-2, 120-121						+	+	+					+	
10-3, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
10-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
10-5, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
10, CC		+				+	+	+					+	
11-1, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
11-2, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
11-3, 20-21		+				+	+	+					+	
11-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
11-5, 30-31		+				+	+	+	+	+	+		+	
11, CC		+				+	+	+					+	
12-2, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
12-3, 30-31		cf. +				+	+	+	+	+	cf.		+	
12-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
12-5, 30-31		+		cf.		+	+	+	+	+	cf.		+	
12-6, 30-31						+	+	+					+	
12, CC		+	+			+	+	+					+	
31-1, 120-121						+	+	+	cf.	+			+	
13-2, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
13-3, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
13-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
13, CC		+				+	+	+					+	
14-1, 30-31	+	+	+	+		+	+	+					+	
14-2, 35-36		+				+	+	+					+	
14-3, 30-31		+		+		+	+	+					+	
14-4, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
14-5, 30-31		+				+	+	+					+	
14-6, 30-31	cf.	+				+	+	+					+	
14, CC	cf.	+				+	+	+					+	

TABLE 6A – Continued

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22-2, 120-121	+	+		+	+	+	+	+	+	cf.	+	+
22-3, 120-121		+				+	?	+				+
22-4, 120-121		+				+		+				+
22, CC				+		+		+		+	+	+
23-1, 120-121		+										
23-2, 120-121		+				+					+	+
23-3, 30-31		+		+		+						+
23-3, 120-121											+	+
23-4, 30-31		+		+		+				+		+
23-5, 30-31		+									+	+
23-6, 120-121		+								+		+
23, CC				+		+		+		+	+	+
24-1, 120-121												
24-2, 35-36		+				+						
24-3, 30-31				+		+						+
24-4, 30-31		+		+		+						+
24-5, 30-31		+										
24-6, 30-31												
24, CC		+		+		+		+	+	+	+	+
25-1, 120-121		+								+		+
25-2, 30-31								+		+		+
25-3, 120-121				+		+						+
25-4, 30-31				+				+			+	+
25-5, 120-121												
25, CC				+		+		+	+	+	+	
26-1, 30-31				+		+		+	+			cf.
26-2, 35-36				+		+		+		+		
26-3, 30-31				+		+		+	+			
26-4, 30-31				+		+		+	+			+
26-5, 30-31				+		+	cf.	+	+			
26-6, 30-31				+		+		+	+		+	+
26, CC				+		+		+	+	+	+	
27-1, 45-46				+		+		+	+	+	+	
27-2, 30-31				+		+		+	+			
27-3, 120-121				+		+		+	+			
27-4, 30-31				+		+		aff. +			+	
27-4, 120-121				+		+		aff. +		+	+	
27-5, 30-31				+		+		aff. +		+	+	
27-6, 30-31				+		+		aff. +		aff.	+	
27, CC				+		+	cf.	aff. +		+		aff. +
28-1, 30-31				+		+		aff. +		+	+	
28-2, 30-31				+		+		aff. +		+		aff.
28-3, 30-31				+		+		aff. +		+	+	+
28-4, 30-31				+		+		aff. +			+	+
28-5, 30-31				+		+		aff. +			+	+
28-6, 30-31				+		+		+		+	+	cf.
28, CC				+		+		+		+		
29-1				+		+		+		+		+
29-2, 35-36				+		+		+		+	+	
29-3, 120-121				+		+		+		+	+	
29, CC				+		+				+	+	
30-1, 120-121				+		+	+	+		+		
30-2, 120-121				+		+	+	+			+	
30-3, 120-121				+		+		+			+	aff.
30, CC						+		+		+		

TABLE 6A – Continued

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37-6, 35-36	+					+	+		ff.				
37-6, 120-121						+	+						
37, CC						+	+						
38-1, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	cf.
38-1, 120-121						+	+				+		
38-2, 30-31						+	+					+	
38-2, 120-121	?					+	+						cf.
38-3, 30-31						+	+				+	+	
38-4, 30-31						+	+					+	
38-5, 30-31						+	+				+	+	
38-6, 30-31						+	+				+	+	
38, CC						+	+					cf.	
39-1, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
39-2, 30-31						+	+						
39-3, 30-31						+	+					cf.	
39-4, 35-36						+	+					cf.	
39-5, 30-31						+	+					cf.	
39-6, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
39, CC						+	+				+		
40-1, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
40-2, 40-41						+	+				+	cf.	
40-3, 30-31						+	+				+	+	
40-4, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
40-5, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
40-6, 30-31						+	+				+	cf.	
40, CC						+	+				+		
41-1, 50-51						+	+				+	+	
41-2, 120-121						+	+				+	cf.	
41, CC					+		+						
42-1, 30-31					+		+						
42-2, 30-31					+		+				+	cf.	
42-3, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
42-4, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
42-5, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
42-6, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
42, CC					+		+						
43-1, 30-31					+	+	+				+	+	
43-2, 35-36					+		+				+	+	
43-3, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
43-4, 35-36					+		+				+	+	
43-5, 30-31					+	+	+				+	+	
43-6, 40-41					+	+	+		+		+	cf. +	
43, CC					+		+				+	+	
44-1, 30-31					+	+	+				+	+	
44-2, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
44-3, 30-31					+		+				+	cf. +	
44-4, 30-31					+		+				+	cf. +	
44-5, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
44-6, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
44, CC					+		+						
45-1, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
45-2, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
45-3, 30-31					+		+				+	+	
45-4, 30-31					+		+		cf.		+	+	
45-5, 30-31					+	+	+				+	+	

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52-6, 30-31				+		+				+	+	+	cf.			
52, CC				+		+				+		+				
53-1, 120-121				+	+	+				+		+				
53-2, 119-120				+	+	+				+		+				
53-3, 120-121				+		+				+		+				
53-4, 120-121				+		+				+	+	+				
53, CC				+		+		+		+		+				
54-1, 120-121				+		+		+		+		+				
54-2, 120-121				+	+	+		+	+	+		+				
54-3, 120-121				+	+	+		+	+	+		+				
54-4, 120-121				+	+	+		+		+	+	+	cf.			
54, CC				+	+	+		+		+		+				
55-1, 30-31				+		+			+	+		+				
55-2, 30-31				+	+	+				+		+				
55-3, 30-31				+	+	+				+		+				
55-4, 30-31				+		+				+		+				
55-5, 30-31				+		+				+		+				
55-6, 30-31				+		+				+		+				
55, CC				+		+				+		+				
56-1, 120-121				+		+				+		+				
56-2, 120-121				+	+	+		+		+		+				
56-3, 120-121				+	+	+				+		+				
56-4, 120-121				+	+	+				+		+				
56, CC				+	+	+				+		+				
57-1, 30-31				+	+	+		+		+		+				
57-2, 30-31					+	+	+	+		+		+				
57-3, 35-36					+	+	+			+		+				
57-4, 30-31					+	+	+			+		+				
57-5, 30-31					+	+	+			+		+				
57-6, 30-31						+	+			+		+				
57, CC				+	+	+	+			+		+				
58-1, 30-31				+	+	+	+			+		+				
58-2, 30-31				+	+	+	+		+	+		+				
58-3, 30-31				+	+	+	+		+	+		+				
58-4, 30-31						+	+			+		+				
58-5, 30-31				+	+	+	+			+		+				
58-6, 30-31				+		+	+			+		+				
58, CC					+	+	+			+		+				
59-1, 115-116				+	+	+	+			+		+				
59-2, 120-121				+	+	+	+			+		+				
59, CC					+	+	+			+		+				
60-1, 120-121					+	+	+			+		+				
60-2, 30-31					+	+	+			+		+				
60-3, 30-31						+	+		+	+		+				
60-4, 30-31				+		+	+			+		+				
60-5, 30-31				+		+	+			+		+				
60-6, 30-31						+	+			+		+				
60-6, 120-121				+	+	+	+			+		+				
60, CC				+		+	+			+		+				
61-1, 30-31						+	+			+		+				
61-2, 30-31				+	+	+	+			+		+				
61-3, 30-31				+	+	+	+			+		+				
61-4, 30-31						+	+			+		+				
61-5, 30-31				+	+	+	+		cf.	+		+				
61-6, 30-31				+	+	+	+		cf.	+		+				

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71-1, 118-119				+	+	+	+				+	+			
71-2, 120-121					+	+	+				+	+			
71-3, 120-121					+	+	+				+	+			
71-5, 120-121					+	+	+				+	+			
71, CC				+	+	+	+				+				
72-1, 120-121				+		+	+				+	+			
72-2, 30-31				+		+	+				+	+			
72-3, 30-31				+		+	+				+	+	+		
72-4, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
72-5, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
72-6, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
72, CC						+	+				+				
73-1, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
73-2, 25-26				+		+	+				+				
73-3, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
73-4, 35-36				+		+	+				+				
73-5, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
73-5, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
73, CC				+		+	+	cf.			+				
74-1, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
74-2, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
74-3, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
74-4, 35-36				+		+	+				+				
74-5, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
74-6, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
74, CC				+		+	+				+				
75-1, 133-134				+		+	+				+				
75-2, 36-37				+		+	+				+				
75-3, 30-31						+	+				+				
75-4, 30-31						+	+				+				
75, CC				+		+	+				+				
76-1, 125-126				? +		+	+				+				
76-2, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
76-3, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
76-4, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
76-5, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
76, CC				+		+	+				+				
77-1, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
77, CC				+		+	+				+				
78-1, 120-121						+	+				+				
78-2, 120-121						+	+				+				
78-3, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
78, CC				+		+	+				+				
79-1, 60-61						+	+				+				
79-2, 30-31				+	+	+	+				+				
79-3, 120-121				+	+	+	+				+				
79, CC						+	+				+				
80-2, 30-31				+		+	+				+				
80-2, 115-116				+		+	+				+				
80-3, 120-121				+		+	+				+				
80-4, 120-121				+	+	+	+				+				
80, CC				+	+	+	+				+				
81-1, 134-136				+	+	+	+				+				

91, CC				+	+				+			
92-1, 120-121				+	+				+			
92, CC				+					+			
93-1, 120-121					+	+			+			
93-2, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
93-3, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
93, CC				+	+							
94-1, 130-131				+	+	+						
94-2, 120-121				+	+				+			
94-3, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
94-4, 130-131				+	+	+			+			
94, CC												
95-1, 136-137				+	+	+			+			
95-2, 115-116				+	+	+			+			
95, CC				+	+	+			cf.			
96-1, 100-102				+	+				+			
96, CC				+	+	+			+			
97-1, 119-120				+	+	+			+			
97-2, 133-134				+	cf.				+			
97-3, 79-80				+	cf.	+						
97-4, 114-115				+	+	+			+			
97, CC												
98-2, 30-31				+	+	+			+			
98-2, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
98-3, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
98-4, 120-121				+	+				+			
98, CC				+	+	+			+			
99-1, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
99-2, 120-121				+	+	+			+			
99-3, 120-121				+	ff.	+			+			
99-4, 115-116				+	ff.	+			+			
99-5, 120-121				+	ff.	+			+			
99, CC				+	ff.	+			+			
100-1, 50-51				+	ff.	+			+			
100-1, 122-123				+	ff.	+			+			
100, CC					ff.	+			+			
101-1, 65-66				+	ff.	+	+		+		+	
101-1, 120-121				+	+				+			
101-2, 35-36				+	+	+						
101-2, 117-118	+			+	+	+						
101, CC	+			+	+	+			+			
102-1, 112-113	+			+	+	+			?			
102, CC	+			+	+	+			?			
103-1, 130-131	+			+	+	+	+	+			+	
103, CC	+				+	+		+				
104-1, 149	+			+		+	+	+	+		+	
104, CC	+			+		+		+	+			
105, CC	+				+	+	+	+	+			
106-1, 120-121	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
106-2, 115-116	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
106-3, 120-121	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
106-4, 120-121	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
106-5, 120-121	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
106, CC	+			+	+	+	+	+	+			
107-1, 140-141	+			+	+	+			+			

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***Discoaster mohleri* Zone (age: Middle Paleocene)**

The interval from the base range of *Discoaster mohleri* to the base range of *Discoaster nobilis*.

***Heliolithus kleinpellii* Zone (age: Middle Paleocene)**

The interval from the base range of *Heliolithus kleinpellii* to the base range of *Discoaster mohleri*.

***Fasciculithus tympaniformis* Zone (age: Middle Paleocene)**

The interval from the base range of *Fasciculithus tympaniformis* to the base range of *Heliolithus kleinpellii*. This Zone has not been identified among Leg 30 material.

***Cyclococcolithina robusta* Zone (age: Early to Middle Paleocene)**

The interval from the base range of *Cyclococcolithina robusta* to the base range of *Fasciculithus tympaniformis*.

***Cruciplacolithus tenuis* Zone (age: Early Paleocene)**

The interval from the base range of *Cruciplacolithus tenuis* to the base range of *Cyclococcolithina robusta*. *C. tenuis* develops distinct advanced forms in the upper part of this zone.

The Cretaceous/Tertiary boundary is placed between the *Micula mura* and the *C. tenuis* zones.

***Micula mura* Zone (age: Late Maestrichtian)**

The interval from the base range of *Micula mura* to the base range of *Cruciplacolithus tenuis*.

***Lithraphidites quadratus* Zone (age: Middle Maestrichtian)**

The interval from the top range of *Tetralithus trifidus* to the base range of *Micula mura*.

***Tetralithus trifidus* Zone (age: Campanian-Maestrichtian)**

The total range of *Tetralithus trifidus*.

***Broinsonia parca* Zone (age: Campanian)**

The interval from the top range of *Eiffellithus augustus* to the base range of *Tetralithus trifidus*. Apparently, this zone is a comparatively short interval.

***Eiffellithus augustus* Zone (age: Campanian)**

The interval from the base range of *Broinsonia parca* to the top range of *Eiffellithus augustus*.

***Gartneria obliqua* Zone (age: Santonian)**

The interval from the top range of *Marthasterites furcatus* to the base range of *Broinsonia parca*. This zone has not been identified in Leg 30 material.

***Marthasterites furcatus* Zone (age: Santonian to Coniacian)**

The total range of *Marthasterites furcatus*.

***Micula decussata* Zone (age: Late Turonian)**

The interval from the base range of *Micula decussata* to the base range of *Marthasterites furcatus*.

Zonation of the remaining part of the Upper Cretaceous has not been attempted and only the *Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* Zone from the Lower Cretaceous has been identified among Leg 30 material.

***Eiffellithus turriseiffeli* Zone (age: Late Albian)**

The lower boundary is recognized by the base range of the nominate species and the upper boundary by the base range of *Chiastozygus cuneatus* (see Roth, 1973).

UNCONFORMITIES IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

Discussion

The biostratigraphic recognition of unconformities is related primarily to the resolution of the fossils used and depends largely on the sampling intervals. Accordingly, disturbance in the biostratigraphic sequence (reworking and/or contamination); inherent deficiency in the zonal scheme (e.g., provincialism of some zonal forms); poor preservation and induced diversity limitations (selective dissolution and diagenesis); and long gaps in sampling (especially if these involve thin biostratigraphic units) may result in uncertain perception of unconformities. Deep-sea coring is not always continuous and recovery is variable; the location of biostratigraphic boundaries between spaced cores or within a poorly recovered core might indicate a reduced accumulation rate rather than an actual break.

The hiatuses or suspected hiatuses detected during routine biostratigraphic investigation are documented below. Coeval hiatuses at two sites from Leg 21 are mentioned also. The data for the Cenozoic are summarized graphically in Tables 7 and 8.

Pliocene-Quaternary

Paleontologic and lithologic evidence indicate the occurrence of two hiatuses within the calcareous oozes of Core 288-2; the hiatuses are apparently of small magnitude. The younger hiatus (intra-Pleistocene) is within Section 2 and probably represented by a sediment color change at 50 cm; derived elements occur at and below this level; *Gephyrocapsa oceanica* has its initial appearance in Sample 288-2-2, 24-26 cm. An abrupt foraminiferal change exists at the same level and a disconformity is inferred. The older hiatus (Pliocene-Pleistocene) is within Section 5 and is partly obscured by the presence of reworked forms above and below it. However, *Gephyrocapsa caribbeanica* occurs rarely in Sample 288-2-5, 30-31 cm above a glass ash band (located between 35 and 45 cm) which probably represents the hiatus.

A doubtful hiatus may be placed between the upper Pliocene Sample 288-5, CC and the upper Miocene Section 288-6-1; coring gap (9.5 m) between these cores is the main cause of doubt. However, rates of sedimentation at Site 289 during the Pliocene were sufficiently high to support the suggestion of a hiatus.

In Hole 285, the top two sections of Core 2 are dated as early Pliocene (a maximum age) and Section 3 is placed tentatively in the upper Miocene *Discoaster quinquaramus* Zone; reworking hinders precise zonal

TABLE 6B
Checklist of Cenozoic Calcareous Nannofossils Recovered at Site 289

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8-2, 30-31	+	+				+	+	+		+	+						
8-3, 30-31		+				+	+	+		+							
8-4, 30-31	+	+				+	+	+		+	+						
8-5, 30-31		+						+		+	+						
8-6, 30-31	+	+	+					+		+							
8, CC	+	+								+							
9-1, 120-121		+				+		+		+							
9-2, 30-31		+				+		+		+							
9-3, 30-31	+	+				+		+		+	+						
9-4, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+		cf.					
9-5, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+							
9-6, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+						
9, CC		+				+		+									
10-1, 65-66	+	+				+		+		+							
10-1, 120-121	+	+				+				+							
10-2, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+				cf.			
10-2, 120-121	+		+			+		+		+	+					+	+
10-3, 30-31	+	+		+		+		+		+	+					+	+
10-4, 30-31	+		+			+		+		+	+					+	+
10-5, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
10, CC	+	+	+			+		+	+	+	+					+	+
11-1, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
11-2, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
11-3, 20-21		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
11-4, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
11-5, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
11, CC						+		+		+	+					+	+
12-2, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
12-3, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
12-4, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
12-5, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
12-6, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
12, CC						+		+		+	+					+	+
13-1, 120-121		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
13-2, 30-31		+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
13-3, 30-31	+					+		+		+	+					+	+
13-4, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
13, CC	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14-1, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14-2, 35-36	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14-3, 30-31	+					+		+		+	+					+	+
14-4, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14-5, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14-6, 30-31	+	+	+			+		+		+	+					+	+
14, CC	+					+		+		+	+					+	+

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23-3, 30-31																			
23-3, 120-121																			
23-4, 30-31								+	+		+	+		+	+				
23-5, 30-31								+	cf.		+	+		+	+				
23-6, 120-121																			
23, CC																			
24-1, 120-121	+	+				+					+	+							+
24-2, 35-36	+																		+
24-3, 30-31	+																		+
24-4, 30-31	+	+				+						+							+
24-5, 30-31	+								cf.			+	+		+	+			+
24-6, 30-31									cf.			+	+						+
24, CC	+	+										+	+						+
25-1, 120-121	+	+										+	+						+
25-2, 30-31	+																		+
25-3, 120-121		+	+			+						+	+		+	+			+
25-4, 30-31	+	+										+	+		+	+			+
25-5, 120-121	+	+										+	+		+	+			+
25, CC	+	+							?			+	+						+
26-1, 30-31												+	+		+	+			+
26-2, 35-36	+	+																	+
26-3, 30-31						+			+			+			+	+			+
26-4, 30-31		+				+			+			+	+		+				+
26-5, 30-31	+	+							+			+	+		+				+
26-6, 30-31	+					+			+			+	+		+				+
26, CC		+							+						+				+
27-1, 45-46						+			+			+	+		+				+
27-2, 30-31	+	+	+						+			+	+		+				+
27-3, 120-121		+				+			+			+			+				+
27-4, 30-31	+	+										+			+	+			+
27-4, 120-121	+	+										+	+		+				+
27-5, 30-31		+										+	+		+				+
27-6, 30-31	+								+			+	+		+				+
27, CC	+	+										+	+		+				+
28-1, 30-31	+	+				aff.			+			+	+		+		+		+
28-2, 30-31		+				+						+			+				+
28-3, 30-31	+	+							+						+				+
28-4, 30-31		+							+						+				+
28-5, 30-31		+				+						+	+		+				+
28-6, 30-31		+							+			+	+		+		+		+
28, CC	+	+				+			+						+				+
29-1	+	+							+			+	+		+		+		+
29-2, 35-36						aff.						+	+		+		+		+
29-3, 120-121																			
29, CC																			
30-1, 120-121																			
30-2, 120-121																			
30-3, 120-121																			
30, CC																			

TABLE 6B – Continued

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39-1, 30-31		cf.			+			+	+	+		+	+	+
39-2, 30-31		cf.	+					+	+	+		+	+	+
39-3, 30-31		+	+					+	+	+		+	+	+
39-4, 35-36		+	+					+	+	+		+	+	+
39-5, 30-31		+	+					+	+	+		+	+	+
39-6, 30-31			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
39, CC			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
40-1, 30-31			+		ff.	+		+	+	+		+	+	+
40-2, 40-41			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
40-3, 30-31			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
40-4, 30-31			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
40-5, 30-31			+		+			+	+	+		+	+	+
40-6, 30-31			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
40, CC					ff.			+	+	+		+	+	+
41-1, 50-51			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
41-2, 120-121			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
41, CC								+	+	+		+	+	+
42-1, 30-31			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
42-2, 30-31			+		+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+
42-3, 30-31			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
42-4, 30-31			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
42-5, 30-31			+		+			+	+	+		+	+	+
42-6, 30-31			+					+	+	+		+	+	+
42, CC	cf.		+		aff.			+	+	+		+	+	+
43-1, 30-31			+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	+
43-2, 35-36			+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+
43-3, 30-31			+				+	+	+	+		+	+	+
43-4, 35-36			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
43-5, 30-31			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
43-6, 40-41			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	?
43, CC			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
44-1, 30-31			+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	+
44-2, 30-31					+	+		+	+	+		+	+	+
44-3, 30-31			+			+		+	+	+		+	+	+
44-4, 30-31			+				cf.	+	+	+		+	+	?
44-5, 30-31			+				+	+	+	+		+	+	
44-6, 30-31			+				+	+	+	+		+	+	aff.
44, CC			+					+	+	+		+	+	
45-1, 30-31			+		+	+	+	+	+	+		+	+	
45-2, 30-31			+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	aff.
45-3, 30-31			+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	aff.
45-4, 30-31			+		+		+	+	+	+		+	+	aff.
45-5, 30-31			+				+	+	+	+		+	+	

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55-1, 30-31			+		+				cf.				+	+		
55-2, 30-31			+						cf.				+	+		
55-3, 30-31			+		+				+				+	+	+	
55-4, 30-31			+		+								+	+		
55-5, 30-31		+	+		+								+	+	+	
55-6, 30-31		+	+		+								+	+	+	
55, CC													+	+		
56-1, 120-121			+		+				+				+	+	+	
56-2, 120-121			+		+								+	+	+	
56-3, 120-121			+										+	+		
56-4, 120-121			+		+				+				+	+	+	
56, CC			+			aff.	+		cf.				+	+		
57-1, 30-31			+		cf.	aff.							+	+	+	
57-2, 30-31									cf.				+	+	+	
57-3, 35-36			+										+	+	+	
57-4, 30-31			+							+			+	+	+	
57-5, 30-31			+										+	+	+	
57-6, 30-31			+		+								+	+	+	
57, CC		+							+				+	+	+	
58-1, 30-31		cf.	+						cf.				+	+	+	
58-2, 30-31			+		+		+		+			+	+	+	+	
58-3, 30-31									cf.			+	+	+	+	
58-4, 30-31			+						+			+	+	+	+	
58-5, 30-31			+						+			+	+	+	+	
58-6, 30-31			+						+			+	+	+	+	
58, CC			+						+			+	+	+	+	
59-1, 115-116			+						cf.			+	+	+	+	?
59-2, 120-121			+									+	+	+	+	
59, CC									cf.			+	+	+	+	
60-1, 120-121												+	+	+	+	+
60-2, 30-31			+						+			+	+	+	+	?
60-3, 30-31						+					+	+	+	+	+	?
60-4, 30-31												+	+	+	+	+
60-5, 30-31			+						cf.		+	+	+	+	+	+
60-6, 30-31			+			+					+	+	+	+	+	+
60-6, 120-121									+			+	+	+	+	+
60, CC												cf.	+	+	+	+
61-1, 30-31						+						cf.	+	+	+	+
61-2, 30-31			+			+			cf.			cf.	+	+	+	+
61-3, 30-31			+						cf.			cf.	+	+	+	?
61-4, 30-31			+						cf.			cf.	+	+	+	+
61-5, 30-31			+		+				cf.			cf.	+	+	+	+
61-6, 30-31									cf.			cf.	+	+	+	+

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72, CC						F						+	+			
73-1, 120-121			+									+	+			
73-2, 25-26			+									+	+			
73-3, 30-31													+			
73-4, 35-36			+										+			
73-5, 30-31			+										+			
73-5, 120-121													+			
73, CC													+			
74-1, 30-31													+		+	
74-2, 30-31													+			
74-3, 30-31			+										+			
74-4, 35-36			+										+			
74-5, 30-31			+										+			
74-6, 30-31			+										+			
74, CC			+									+	+			
75-1, 133-134												F	+		+	
75-2, 36-37												F			+	
75-3, 30-31												F				
75-4, 30-31													+			
75, CC													+			
76-1, 125-126			+									aff.		+		
76-2, 120-121			+									aff.				
76-3, 120-121			+									aff.				
76-4, 120-121			+									aff.				
76-5, 120-121												aff.				
76, CC			+										+		?	
77-1, 120-121	+		+										+		?	
77, CC			+										+			
78-1, 120-121	cf.		+									aff.				
78-2, 120-121			+									aff.				
78-3, 120-121												aff.				
78, CC			+										+			
79-1, 60-61			+									+			+	
79-2, 30-31									+			+				
79-3, 120-121			+									aff.				
79, CC												+				
80-2, 30-31												+				
80-2, 115-116												+	aff.			
80-3, 120-121			+									+				
80-4, 120-121			+									+				
80, CC													+			
81-1, 134-136			+										+			

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95-1, 136-137			+									+	+	+	+		+
95-2, 115-116			+										+	+	+		
95, CC			+						+				+	+	+		
96-1, 100-102	cf.		+		+					+			+	+			
96, CC	+		+		+					+			+	+			
97-1, 119-120			+							+			+	+			
97-2, 133-134	+		+							+	+		+	+			
97-3, 79-80			+							+	+		+	+			+
97-4, 114-115	+		+		+					+	+		+	+			
97, CC			+										+	+			
98-2, 30-31	+		+		+					+			+	+			
98-2, 120-121			+							+			+	+			
98-3, 120-121			+							+	+		+	+			
98-4, 120-121			+							+	+		+	+			
98, CC	+		+							+	+		+	+			
99-1, 120-121			+							+	+		+	+			
99-2, 120-121			+							+	+		+	+			
99-3, 120-121			+		+					+	+	+	+	+			
99-4, 115-116	+		+							+	+		+	+			
99-5, 120-121			+		+					+	+		+	+			
99, CC	+		+		+					+			+	+			
100-1, 50-51			+		+					+			+	+			
100-1, 122-123			+		+				+	+	+	+	+	+			
100, CC			+		+	+			+	+	+		+	+			
101-1, 65-66			+		+	+				+	+		+	+			
101-1, 120-121			+							+	+	+	+	+			
101-2, 35-36			+		+					+	+	+	+	+			
101-2, 117-118			+		+					+	+	+	+	+			
101, CC	+									+	+	+	+	+			
102-1, 112-113	+		+							+	+	+	+	+			
102, CC	+		+							+	+	+	+	+			
103-1, 130-131	+		+		+					+	+	+	+	+	+		
103, CC	+	+	+		+					+		+	+	+			
104-1, 149	+				+						+		+				+
104, CC	+	+	+						+			+		+			
105, CC	+	+	+		+	+				+	+	+	+	+			
106-1, 120-121	+	+	+		+	+		+		+	+	+	+	+	+		
106-2, 115-116	+		+		+					+	+	+	+	+			
106-3, 120-121	+		+							+	+	+	+	+			
106-4, 120-121	cf.	+	+		+			+		+	+	+	+	+			+
106-5, 120-121			+					+		+	+	+	+	+			
106, CC	cf.	+						+		+	+	+	+	+	+		
107-1, 140-141			+				+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		

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TABLE 7
Upper Tertiary-Quaternary Hiatuses Detected by the Use of Nannofossils,
Absolute Ages Slightly Modified After BUKRY (1973d)

^b*Discoaster nobilis*

allocations. A possible existence of a hiatus between Sections 2 and 3 cannot be ruled out since the sequence of the paleontological events is largely masked by reworking.

Miocene

The upper Miocene sediments in most of the southwest Pacific region either contain an unconformity or are relatively thin and almost totally barren of calcareous microplankton remains and virtually becoming absent. The unconformity is usually represented by the absence of the *Discoaster berggrenii* Zone.

In the South Fiji Basin, the two sites (205 and 285) preserve a hiatus between the upper Miocene *Discoaster quinqueramus* and *D. neohamatus* zones. Sample 205-4, CC contains, among the assemblage listed by Edwards (1973, Table 5), *D. quinqueramus*, *D. berggrenii*, and *Ceratolithus tricorniculatus* and therefore fits in the *D. quinqueramus* Zone (sensu this chapter). Section 205-5-1 belongs to the lower subzone of the *D. neohamatus* Zone according to Bukry (1973c). A hiatus between these cores is therefore inferred; a lithologic boundary at or near this level is recorded by Burns, Andrews, et al. (1973). A similar and almost identical hiatus is recorded at Site 285 (this volume) between the *D. quinqueramus* Zone (base, sample 285-3-1, 36-37 cm) and the *D. neohamatus* Zone (top, Sample 285-3-2, 51-52 cm). Surprisingly, the hiatus established at Site 285 is almost at the same level below the present sea floor as the one deduced at Site 205.

In the Coral Sea, there are indications suggesting a rather different history for the Miocene; hiatuses seem to be enlarged and/or deposition was essentially below the total nannofossil solution depth. Section 210-29-4 is placed in the *Ceratolithus primus* Subzone (Bukry, 1973c) which correlates with the *D. quinqueramus* Zone (sensu this chapter), and Section 210-30-1 is assigned to the *Discoaster hamatus* Zone (Edwards, 1973). It seems rather unlikely that the segment between these two cores (ca 12 m) contains, in addition to the long *D. neohamatus* Zone (ca 4.2 m.y.: Bukry, 1973b), the *D. berggrenii* Zone; a hiatus is therefore inferred. At Site 287, the sediments between the upper Pliocene Sample 287-8-1, 10-11 cm and the upper Oligocene Sample 287-16-2, 4-5 cm are essentially devoid of nannofossils; the whole Miocene is barren and unconformity is likely.

At Site 286, between the South Fiji Basin and the Coral Sea, the Miocene sediments are scarcely fossiliferous, exceptionally thin (maximum thickness: 19 m), and appear in the major part of Core 286-5; existence of a hiatus cannot be ruled out.

At Site 288 on the Ontong-Java Plateau, a hiatus similar to that recognized at the South Fiji Basin sites is established. The hiatus is represented by the absence of the *D. berggrenii* Zone between the *D. quinqueramus* Zone (Sample 288-6-6, 30-31 cm) and the *D. neohamatus* Zone (Sample 288-6-6, 120-121 cm).

Sample 288-8-1, 118-119 cm belongs to the *Catinaster calyculus* Subzone (*D. hamatus* Zone) and Sample 288-8, CC to the *Discoaster exilis* Zone; the relatively thin *Helicopontosphaera kamptneri* Subzone and *Catinaster*

coalitus Zone were not identified. The poor recovery of Core 288-8 and to a lesser degree the short span of the unidentified biostratigraphic units make recognition of a hiatus largely uncertain. Within the *Sphenolithus heteromorphus* Zone, a hiatus probably exists on the evidence of a sharp drop in the abundance of *Discoaster deflandrei* between Samples 288-10, CC and 288-10-2, 123-124 cm; notwithstanding, this may indicate a biostratigraphic boundary (see Bukry, 1973d for the *S. heteromorphus*-*Helicopontosphaera ampliapertura* zonal boundary). Poor preservation of the nannofossils and poor recovery of Core 288-10 sediments cause uncertainty in establishing a hiatus. Similarly, two doubtful hiatuses may be contained in the noncoring gaps between 288-11, CC and 288A-1-1 and between 288A-2, CC and 288A-3-1. Core 288-11 belongs to the *S. heteromorphus* Zone and Core 288A-1 is placed in the *Discoaster druggii* Subzone (*Triquetrorhabdus carinatus* Zone). Core 288A-2 is assigned to the *Discoaster deflandrei* Subzone (*Triquetrorhabdus carinatus* Zone) and 288A-3 belongs to the *Sphenolithus distentus* Zone.

Eocene-Oligocene

The Eocene-Oligocene regional unconformity in the Coral Sea recognized at Site 210 (Burns, Andrew, et al., 1973) is recorded at Site 287. Sample 287-11-0, 24-25 cm belongs to the upper Oligocene *S. distentus* Zone and Sample 287-11-0, 29-30 cm is within the middle middle Eocene *Chiasmolithus gigas* Zone; a distinct lithologic break occurs in 287-11-0 at 27 cm. The hiatus at Site 287 is of greater magnitude than that recorded at Site 210 where it appears to be between the lower Oligocene Core 210-34 and the upper middle Eocene Core 35 (see Edwards, 1973).

A hiatus is suspected between the lower Oligocene Core 228A-6 and the Paleocene Core 288A-8; the fossils in Core 288A-6 are drastically mixed and no recovery was obtained for Core 288A-7. At Site 289, however, Eocene sediments were recovered and a hiatus is suspected within the lower Oligocene-upper Eocene Core 289-102. Another hiatus is detected between the middle Eocene *C. gigas* Zone Sample 289-113-1, 117-118 cm and the lower Eocene *Discoaster lodoensis* Zone Sample 289-114-1, 148-150 cm; samples investigated are limited by poor recovery. A doubtful hiatus may exist within the lower Eocene sediments of Site 289 (Core-115).

Paleocene

A hiatus is suspected between the *Discoaster multiradiatus* Zone Core 289-119, CC and the *Discoaster mohleri* Zone Core 120-1, 80-81 cm. Two intra-Paleocene hiatuses associated with increases in reworked forms, are recognized at Site 288. Sample 288A-8-2, 102-103 cm is placed tentatively in the *Heliolithus kleinpellii* Zone and Sample 2-8A-8-2, 138-139 cm is assigned to the *Cruciplacolithus tenuis* Zone. Sample 288A-8-2, 122-123 cm is high in the *Cyclococcolithina robusta* Zone indicating a position bracketed by two hiatuses. A similar situation is detected at Site 289. Two

hiatuses separate the *C. robusta* Zone (Samples 289-121-1, 125-126 cm and 289-121-2, 62-63 cm from the overlying *H. kleinpellii* Zone Sample 289-120, CC and the underlying *C. tenuis* Zone Sample 289-121 (top).

Cretaceous

The Cretaceous-Tertiary boundary at Site 288 is in noncored segment, but it was recovered at Site 289; poor preservation of the nannofossils straddling the boundary (in Core 289-122) hinders elucidating its nature; however, a part of the Maestrichtian seems to be missing.

The Upper Cretaceous sediments at Site 288 probably contain two hiatuses. Between the *Tetralithus trifidus* Zone (base, Sample 288A-11-2, 29-30 cm and the *Eiffellithus augustus* Zone (top, Sample 288A-11-2, 100-102 cm) the *Broinsonia parca* Zone may occur in Sample 288A-11-2, 80-81 cm, suggesting however, an intra-Campanian hiatus.

The other possible hiatus is between the *E. augustus* Zone (base, 288A-12-1, 122-125 cm) and the *Marthasterites furcatus* Zone (top, 288A-12, CC) on account of the apparent absence of *Gartnerago obliquum* Zone; poor recovery of Core 288A-12 renders establishing a hiatus uncertain.

At Site 289, a drop in the diversity and quality of preservation of the nannofossils associated with the occurrence of barren levels occur in Section 289-131-1 separating the Campanian *E. augustus* Zone Sample 239-131-1, 2-4 cm from the probably Aptian Sample 289-131-2, 10-14 cm.

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