

1    **Supplemental Table S1**

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3    All data presented in this manuscript are provided in Table S1. Site names and  
4    locations (refer to Fig. 1) are given along with photic zone depth (m) and Light  
5    Attenuation Coefficients (LAC) ( $\text{Kd m}^{-1}$ ). Water profile sampling depths (0-180 m) at  
6    each site and the respective parameter sampled are also provided. These include  
7     $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$  (‰) with respective  $2\sigma$  analytical error (‰), DSi concentrations (ppm and  
8     $\mu\text{M}$ ), fucoxanthin, zeaxanthin and Chl- $a$  concentrations ( $\mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ).

| Depth (m) | BAIK13-1 (51°45'31.2" N 104°25'27.2" E) [Photic zone depth: 23.5 m; LAC: 16 m⁻¹]       |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|-----------|--|---|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ )   | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.97   | 0.17  | 0.62      | 21.95                   | 0.27                               | 0.83                              | 1.46                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.25                               | 1.14                              | 2.59                         |
| 5         |  |   |           |                         | 0.16                               | 0.79                              | 3.41                         |
| 10        |  |   |           |                         | 0.18                               | 0.64                              | 4.01                         |
| 20        | 2.39   | 0.15  | 0.64      | 22.80                   | 0.36                               | 0.42                              | 3.47                         |
| 30        |  |   |           |                         | 0.28                               | 0.10                              | 1.87                         |
| 50        | 2.17   | 0.15  | 0.67      | 23.91                   | 0.04                               | 0.01                              | 0.87                         |
| 100       | 2.28   | 0.10  | 0.67      | 23.94                   | 0.02                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| 180       | 2.22   | 0.13  | 0.70      | 24.85                   | 0.00                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| Depth (m) | BAIK13-4 (51°42'01.1" N 104°19'01.8" E) [Photic zone depth: 24.6 m; LAC: 15 m⁻¹]       |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ )   | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.49   | 0.20  | 0.66      | 23.44                   | 0.47                               | 0.22                              | 3.18                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.39                               | 0.65                              | 4.05                         |
| 5         |  |   |           |                         | 0.38                               | 1.00                              | 3.10                         |
| 10        |  |   |           |                         | 0.32                               | 1.71                              | 5.38                         |
| 20        | 2.44   | 0.19  | 0.67      | 23.77                   | 0.30                               | 0.97                              | 3.92                         |
| 30        |  |   |           |                         | 0.21                               | 0.09                              | 2.28                         |
| 50        | 2.41   | 0.21  | 0.69      | 24.61                   | 0.06                               | 0.02                              | 1.25                         |
| 100       | 2.22   | 0.19  | 0.69      | 24.59                   | 0.01                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| 180       | 2.18   | 0.34  | 0.72      | 25.72                   | 0.01                               | 0.01                              |                              |
| Depth (m) | BAIK13-5 (51°39'01.9" N 104°24'58.2" E) [Photic zone depth: not measured; LAC: 14 m⁻¹] |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{mol}$ ) | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.39   | 0.14  | 0.66      | 23.35                   | 0.42                               | 0.38                              | 4.26                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.26                               | 0.97                              | 3.38                         |
| 5         |  |   |           |                         | 0.35                               | 1.09                              | 3.11                         |
| 10        |  |   |           |                         | 0.19                               | 1.34                              | 4.01                         |
| 20        | 2.49   | 0.20  | 0.66      | 23.39                   | 0.24                               | 0.69                              | 3.63                         |
| 30        |  |   |           |                         | 0.18                               | 0.28                              | 3                            |
| 50        | 2.28   | 0.12  | 0.66      | 23.40                   | 0.03                               | 0.02                              | 1.16                         |
| 100       | 2.40   | 0.13  | 0.67      | 23.90                   | 0.01                               | 0.01                              |                              |
| 180       | 2.77   | 0.13  | 0.69      | 24.66                   | 0.00                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| Depth (m) | BAIK13-7 (51°34'06" N 104°31'43" E) [Photic zone depth: 16.9 m; LAC: 28 m⁻¹]           |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ )   | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.47   | 0.15  | 0.69      | 24.55                   | 0.30                               | 0.36                              | 8.47                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.46                               | 0.96                              | 8.62                         |
| 5         |  |   |           |                         | 0.37                               | 1.06                              | 8.23                         |
| 10        |  |   |           |                         | 0.25                               | 1.77                              | 9.72                         |
| 20        | 2.35   | 0.19  | 0.64      | 22.95                   | 0.04                               | 1.02                              | 2.86                         |
| 30        |  |   |           |                         | 0.04                               | 0.10                              | 0.62                         |
| 50        | 2.57   | 0.20  | 0.64      | 22.67                   |                                    |                                   | 0.74                         |
| 100       | 2.28   | 0.19  | 0.66      | 23.34                   | 0.00                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| 180       | 2.25   | 0.14  | 0.71      | 25.24                   | 0.01                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| Depth (m) | BAIK13-8 (51°44'37" N 105°18'52" E) [Photic zone depth: 19.5 m; LAC: 23 m⁻¹]           |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ )   | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.42   | 0.25  | 0.65      | 23.08                   | 0.26                               | 1.38                              | 1.09                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.37                               | 1.60                              | 1.32                         |
| 5         |  |   |           |                         | 0.37                               | 1.61                              | 2.17                         |
| 10        |  |   |           |                         | 0.37                               | 1.74                              | 5.69                         |
| 20        | 2.19   | 0.21  | 0.68      | 24.13                   | 0.07                               | 0.24                              | 1.73                         |
| 30        |  |   |           |                         | 0.03                               | 0.04                              | 0.85                         |
| 50        | 2.32   | 0.12  | 0.68      | 24.22                   |                                    |                                   | 0.41                         |
| 100       | 2.38   | 0.14  | 0.72      | 25.81                   | 0.00                               | 0.02                              |                              |
| 180       | 2.01   | 0.13  | 0.74      | 26.21                   | 0.01                               | 0.00                              |                              |
| Depth (m) | BAIK13-9 (51°52'49" N 105°52'40" E) [Photic zone depth: 27.8 m; LAC: 14 m⁻¹]           |   |           |                         |                                    |                                   |                              |
|           | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (%)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error (2 $\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ )   | Fucoxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Zeaxanthin concentration nmol L⁻¹ | Chl-a concentration nmol L⁻¹ |
| 1         | 2.18   | 0.22  | 0.69      | 24.46                   | 0.48                               | 1.21                              | 0.88                         |
| 3         |  |   |           |                         | 0.53                               | 1.31                              | 1.37                         |



| Depth (m)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (‰) | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error ( $2\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Fucoxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Zeaxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Chl-a concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ |
|--|---|---|-----------|-----------------------|--|---|--|
| 1  | 2.53                                    | 0.17  | 0.49      | 17.39                 | 0.37   | 0.37  | 1.25                                     |
| 3  |   |   |           |                       | 0.30   | 0.34  | 2.04                                     |
| 5  |   |   |           |                       | 0.33   | 0.37  | 1.86                                     |
| 10   |   |   |           |                       | 0.32   | 0.42  | 2.65                                     |
| 20   | 2.69                                    | 0.21  | 0.47      | 16.79                 | 0.08   | 0.20  | 1.99                                     |
| 30   |   |   |           |                       | 0.07   | 0.16  | 2.06                                     |
| 50   | 2.98                                    | 0.20  | 0.49      | 17.35                 |  |   | 0.81                                     |
| 100  | 2.50                                    | 0.13  | 0.77      | 27.34                 | 0.01   | 0.01  |  |
| 180  | 2.28                                    | 0.20  | 0.75      | 26.57                 | 0.01   | 0.01  |  |
| BAIK13-17 (54°32'39" N 108°57'01" E) [Photic zone depth: 26.1 m; LAC: 16 $\text{m}^{-1}$ ]     |   |   |           |                       |  |   |  |
| Depth (m)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (‰) | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error ( $2\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Fucoxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Zeaxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Chl-a concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ |
| 1  | 2.21                                    | 0.22  | 0.87      | 31.05                 | 0.09   | 0.21  | 0.3                                      |
| 3  |   |   |           |                       | 0.08   | 0.18  | 0.69                                     |
| 5  |   |   |           |                       | 0.11   | 0.42  | 0.86                                     |
| 10   |   |   |           |                       | 0.41   | 0.56  | 3.02                                     |
| 20   | 2.12                                    | 0.22  | 0.89      | 31.69                 | 0.36   | 0.50  | 8.19                                     |
| 30   |   |   |           |                       | 0.14   | 0.08  | 4.46                                     |
| 50   | 2.09                                    | 0.20  | 0.89      | 31.80                 |  |   | 1.46                                     |
| 100  | 2.18                                    | 0.21  | 0.91      | 32.38                 | 0.00   | 0.00  |  |
| 180  | 1.98                                    | 0.15  | 0.91      | 32.39                 | 0.01   | 0.01  |  |
| BAIK13-18 (54°47'31.4" N 109°14'15.3" E) [Photic zone depth: 19.1 m; LAC: 21 $\text{m}^{-1}$ ] |   |   |           |                       |  |   |  |
| Depth (m)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (‰) | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error ( $2\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Fucoxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Zeaxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Chl-a concentration nmol/L               |
| 1  | 2.02                                    | 0.12  | 0.87      | 31.14                 | 0.04   | 0.80  | 0.46                                     |
| 3  |   |   |           |                       | 0.08   | 0.98  | 0.93                                     |
| 5  |   |   |           |                       | 0.11   | 1.00  | 0.87                                     |
| 10   |   |   |           |                       | 0.14   | 0.80  | 1.64                                     |
| 20   | 2.10                                    | 0.21  | 0.87      | 31.04                 | 0.44   | 0.60  | 5.20                                     |
| 30   |   |   |           |                       | 0.29   | 0.46  | 2.53                                     |
| 50   | 2.06                                    | 0.19  | 0.90      | 32.01                 |  |   | 0.78                                     |
| 100  | 2.40                                    | 0.20  | 0.89      | 31.59                 | 0.01   | 0.01  |  |
| 180  | 1.99                                    | 0.16  | 0.90      | 32.02                 | 0.00   | 0.00  |  |
| BAIK13-19 (55°38'54.9" N 109°46'54.6" E) [Photic zone depth: 20.6 m; LAC: 22 $\text{m}^{-1}$ ] |   |   |           |                       |  |   |  |
| Depth (m)  | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ (‰) | $\delta^{30}\text{Si}_{\text{DSi}}$ error ( $2\sigma$ ) | Dsi (ppm) | DSi ( $\mu\text{M}$ ) | Fucoxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Zeaxanthin concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ | Chl-a concentration $\text{nmol L}^{-1}$ |
| 1  | 1.74                                    | 0.14  | 0.93      | 33.10                 | 0.09   | 0.73  | 0.39                                     |
| 3  |   |   |           |                       | 0.13   | 0.78  | 1.05                                     |
| 5  |   |   |           |                       | 0.16   | 0.95  | 1.26                                     |
| 10   |   |   |           |                       | 0.12   | 0.24  | 2.01                                     |
| 20   | 1.87                                    | 0.14  | 0.96      | 34.27                 | 0.05   | 0.04  | 0.99                                     |
| 30   |   |   |           |                       | 0.02   | 0.06  | 0.69                                     |
| 50   | 1.88                                    | 0.16  | 0.96      | 34.22                 |  |   | 0.36                                     |
| 100  | 1.87                                    | 0.20  | 0.98      | 34.93                 | 0.00   | 0.00  |  |
| 180  | 2.69                                    | 0.34  | 0.99      | 35.20                 | 0.02   | 0.00  |  |