

## DISSOLVED ORGANIC PHOSPHATE

*Persulfate mineralization followed by manual spectrophotometric DIP measurements*

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Total phosphate (TP) was estimated on 20 ml samples of seawater, using the same high-temperature persulfate wet-oxidation as for particulate phosphate (Pujo-Pay & Raimbault, 1994). DIP was then analysed using the S&P procedure. The measurement of Dissolved Organic Phosphate in seawater requires simultaneous measurements of DIP, Part-P and TP. DOP was assumed to be equal to  $([TP]-[DIP]-[Part-P])$ . Precision and accuracy of DOP estimates decreased with increasing depth, when DIP concentrations became the dominant components of the total dissolved nutrient pools.

### References:

Pujo-Pay M, Raimbault P (1994) Improvement of the wet-oxidation procedure for simultaneous determination of particulate organic nitrogen and phosphorus collected on filters. *Mar Ecol Prog Ser* 105: 203-207.