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River plume fronts and their implications for the biological production of the Bay of Bengal, Indian Ocean

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Fig. S1. Sea surface salinity (psu) based on the satellite (Aquarius) for September and October in 2012-14.

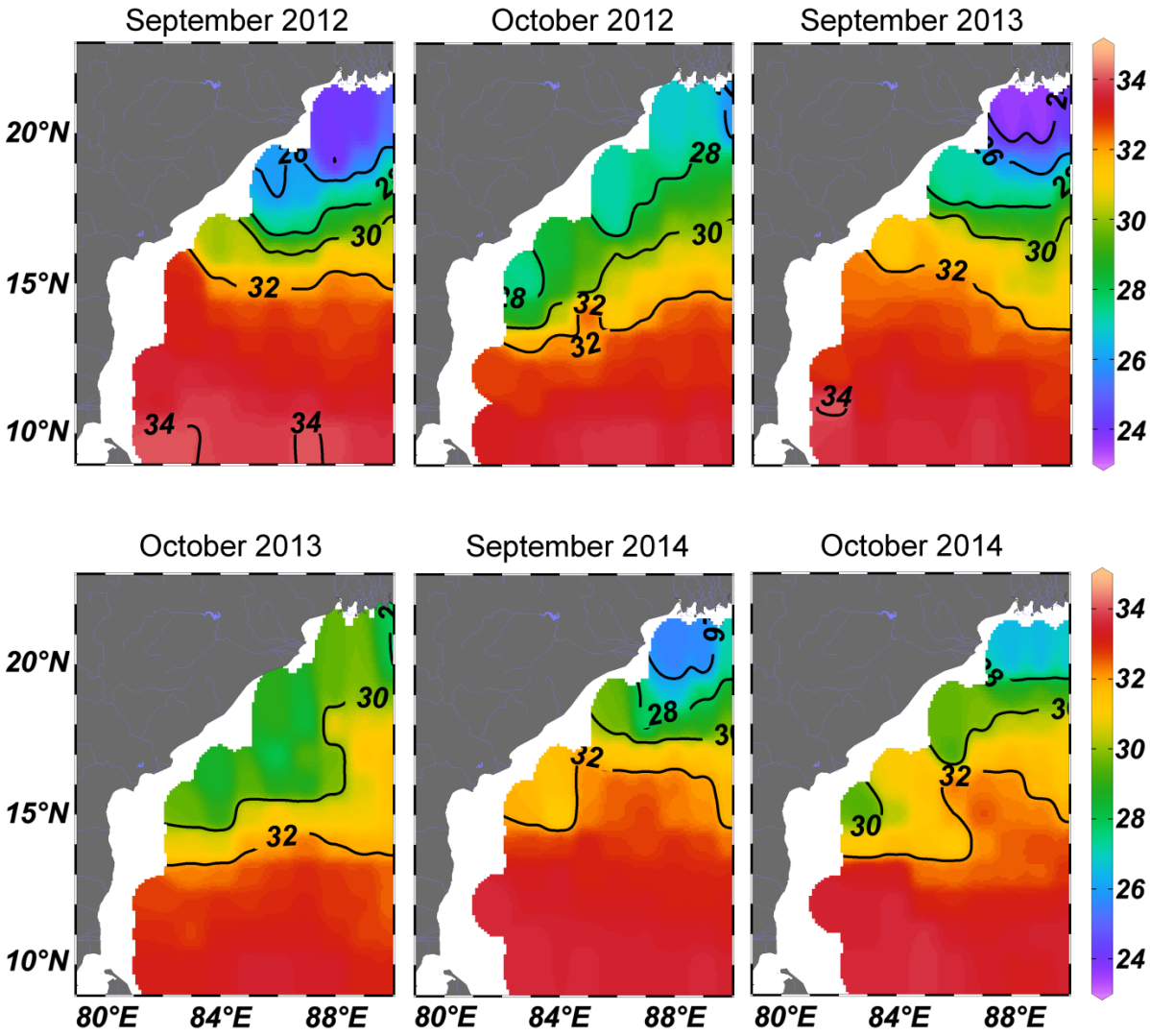

Fig. S2. Distribution of [a] Mixed Layer Depth -MLD (m) and [b] bottom of thermocline (m) in the study region. The frontal regions are indicated by red dots.

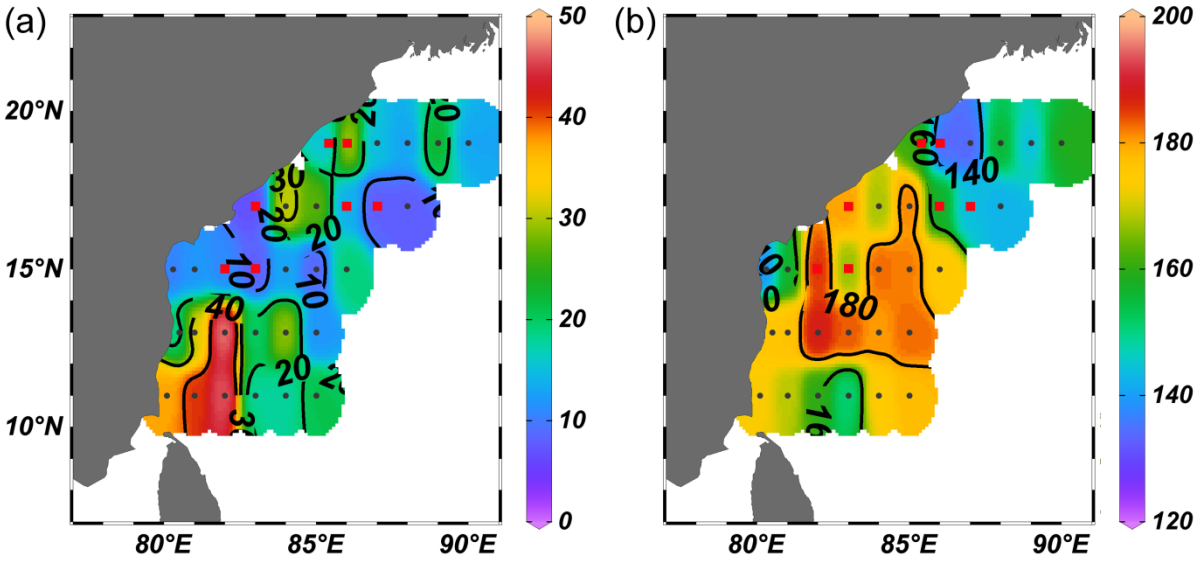

Fig. S3. The chlorophyll *a* (mg m^{-3}) distribution based on the MODIS-Aqua satellite ocean color data in the study area.

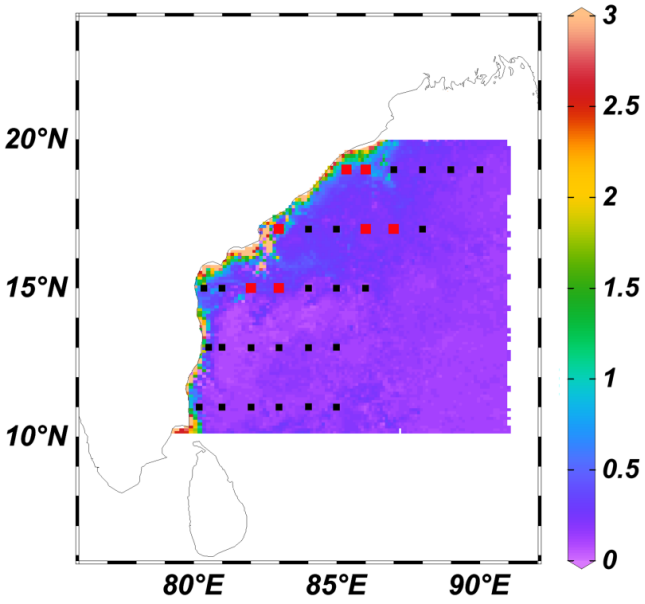

Fig. S4. The phytoplankton specific growth rate-chlorophyll *a* plot (red – frontal, blue – non-frontal)

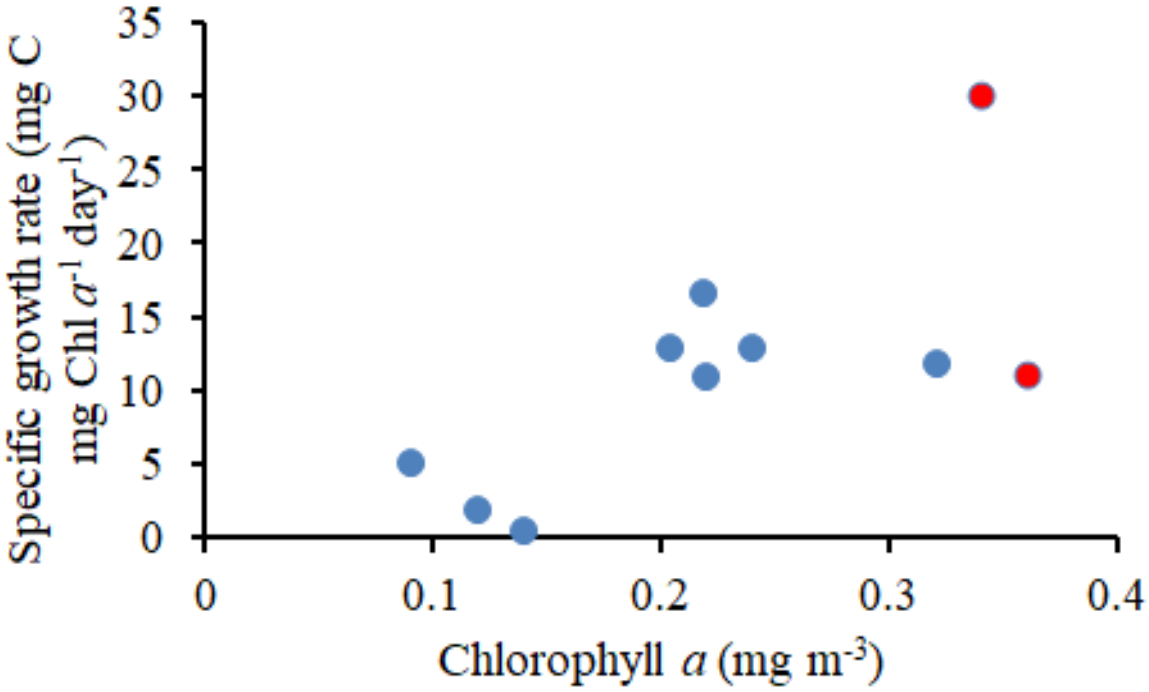

Table S1. The biotic components in the frontal and non-frontal zones of Bay of Bengal (average ± std. deviation). The values in the parenthesis indicates the number of samples (n). The '*' indicates significant variation between frontal and non-frontal region. The statistical test for significant variation was avoided for primary production and phytoplankton specific growth rate because of the low sample numbers.

Variables	**Frontal**	**Non-frontal**
Surface chlorophyll *a* (mg m^{-3})*	0.3 ± 0.1 (7)	0.2 ± 0.1 (24)
Integrated column chlorophyll *a* (mg m^{-2})	17.9 ± 6.7 (7)	13.9 ± 6.8 (24)
Surface primary production (mg C m^{-3} day^{-1})	7.14 ± 4.4 (2)	2 ± 1.5 (8)
Integrated column primary production (mg C m^{-2} day^{-1})	195 ± 23 (2)	114 ± 83 (8)
Phytoplankton specific growth rate (mg C mg Chl a^{-1} day^{-1})	20.7 ± 13.4 (2)	9.1 ± 5.8 (8)
Zooplankton biomass (ml m^{-3})*	0.3 ± 0.12 (7)	0.1 ± 0.1 (24)
Zooplankton abundance (ind m^{-3})*	506 ± 305 (7)	244 ± 171 (24)