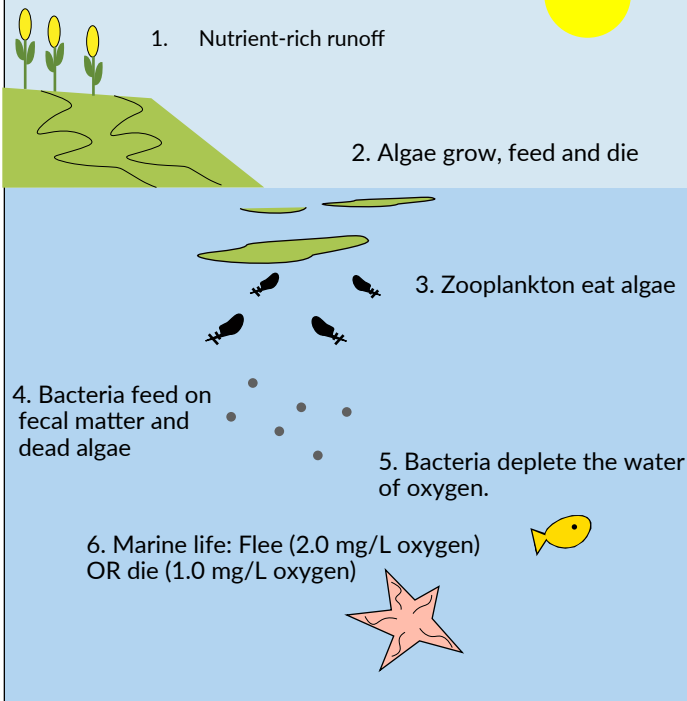




HYPOXIA, the severe deoxygenation of a water body, is a consequence of chemical fertilizer use. Fertilizer runoff from farms contributes to algal blooms, which deplete water-oxygen levels.

CONSEQUENCES:

Marine life and habitat loss

Interrupts nutrient cycling, biodiversity

Destabilizes fish and shellfish stocks