

Chalk Biozone 17 - *Triblastula utinensis*

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Age: Early to late Maastrichtian.

Macrofaunal correlation: The upper *B. occidentalis* Zone to the lower *B. junior* Zone.

Definition: The interval between the LAD of *Alterbidinium acutulum* to the LAD of *Triblastula utinensis*.

Comments: The LAD of *Triblastula utinensis* in the late Maastrichtian is a well-established biomarker (Kjellström, 1973; Wilson, 1974; Robaszynski *et al.*, 1983; 1985; Costa & Davey, 1992; Schiøler & Wilson, 1993; Schiøler *et al.*, 1997; Foucher & Monteil, 1998). The LADs of *Gillinia hymenophora* and *Hystrichodinium pulchrum* occur within this biozone, at the Lower Maastrichtian-Upper Maastrichtian boundary (Wilson, 1974; Robaszynski *et al.*, 1985; Foucher & Monteil, 1998).

Lithostratigraphical correlation: The Tor Formation (North Sea).

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