

# Primary Productivity and chlorophyll from bottle samples from R/V Melville, R/V Roger Revelle cruises COOK19MV, DRFT08RR from the Southern Ocean, south of New Zealand in 2002 (SOFEX project)

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## Project

» [Southern Ocean Iron Experiment](#) (SOFEX)

## Programs

» [Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry](#) (OCB)

» [Iron Synthesis](#) (FeSynth)

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## Dataset Description

Primary Productivity and Chlorophyll from bottle samples

## Methods & Sampling

dates: 24 January 2002 to 20 February 2002 (20020124-20020220)

location: N: -52.385 S: -66.612 W: -172.693 E: -166.939

project/cruise: SOFEX/MV

12 February 2008: Prepared for OCB data system by Dave DuBois (WHOI) Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO (WHOI) from documentation contributed by originating PI, data analysts and technicians.

**Original Excel file downloaded from MBARI:** [copy of original Excel file](#)

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## R/V Melville Extracted Chlorophyll Methodology

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A Whatman G/FF glass Fiber Filter, (~0.7um) Polycarbonate 5 um filter, or Polycarbonate 20 micron filter was placed in a 25 mm diameter Gelman filter holder. Water was pumped through the filter, being careful the vacuum pressure did not get above 6 psi to avoid cell lyse. After filtration, the vacuum was turned off and the filter was added with forceps to a tube filled with 8 ml of 90% acetone. The tube was labeled and stored in a freezer for a minimum of 24 hours.

After the minimum 24 hours extraction time, the filter was removed from the tube and the tube was wiped down with Chem Wipes. The fluorescence of the chlorophyll extracts were read on a 10AU Turner Designs fluorometer. Two drops of 10 % HCl was added and the fluorescence was reread and recorded again. The "before" and "after" readings were plugged into equation  $chl-a = K * (Rb-Ra) * (vol\ ext/vol\ filtered) * dil$  to calculate chlorophyll a values.

A standard made from Sigma Chl-a in 90% acetone was calibrated on a spectrophotometer and used to calibrate the fluorometer at the beginning, mid and end of the cruise. Due to the fact the fluorometer drifted both  $\pm$  according to the solid standard, and a high correlation was found between the low solid standard and the calibration curve, Chlorophyll-a values were corrected using the ratio of the low solid standard.

## Data Processing Description

Change history: YYMMDD

061228: downloaded original data (MelvilleProductivity.xls)  
from SOFeX project data web site

080212: added to OCB database by Dave DuBois (WHOI) and Cyndy  
Chandler, OCB DMO, (cchandler@whoi.edu)

## OCB DMO Processing Notes

Data file records were sorted by event\_SFX. underway Survey measurements were added sequentially into Day 45. For underway Survey data, Station value 'u/w' was replaced with 'SCUFA' (Self-Contained Underwater Fluorescence Apparatus). Cast was also renamed to ev\_type and 'u/w' was replaced with respective 'S 159', 'S 160', etc... values. event\_SFX matches those found in Michael Hiscock's [multi-ship event log](#). Note that the Year Day and patch day values do not agree with Hiscock's event log, nor do most of the 'Landry' Cast Types.

**SCUFA** or Self-Contained Underwater Fluorescence Apparatus  
[SCUFA brochure](#) from Turner Designs

## PI Notes

from Richard Barber ([rbarber@duke.edu](mailto:rbarber@duke.edu)) and Anna Hilting ([ahilting@duke.edu](mailto:ahilting@duke.edu))

These data have been edited for quality control but will be processed further for size-fraction analysis and integration using the Morel Model. See Barber et al., 1997 and Hiscock et al., 2002. Incubated depth will be calculated using the Morel model and added later.

[Original Excel file](#)

of SCUFA chlorophyll calibration work for underway surface extracted chlorophyll

[Plots of chlorophyll and primary productivity for Revelle and Melville](#) (PDF file created from MS Word .doc original format from Barber and Hilting)

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## Data Files

File
<b>primary_prod_COOK19MV.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 23.07 KB) MD5:c90bc435d4a6b5e971e70d560d88c32a  version 12 February 2008 PI: Richard Barber and Walker Smith  SOFEX cruise: R/V Melville GFF Primary Productivity and Chlorophyll
<b>primary_prod_DRFT08RR.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 14.03 KB) MD5:d05fadce28097a74a6d6b2642aed5d09  version: 12 August 2008 PI: Richard Barber  SOXEX/2002 Revelle cruise Primary Production and Chlorophyll data

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
patch_id	sampling patch (North or South)	dimensionless
patch_loc	sampling location relative to patch	dimensionless
station	station identifier	dimensionless
ev_type	event type description	dimensionless
cast_type	type of cast	dimensionless
event	SOFEX sampling event number; composite of date and time (UTC)	YYYYdoYhhmm
lat	latitude, negative denotes South	decimal degrees
lon	longitude, negative denotes West	decimal degrees
yrday	date sampling began (GMT)	dd.ddd
pDay_N	North patch days since midpoint of first fertilization; day 0 = 012/02	decimal days

pDay_S	South patch days since midpoint of first fertilization; day 0 = 024/02	decimal days
Nis	Niskin bottle number	dimensionless
depth_n	intended nominal sample depth	integer meters
depth	actual sample depth	decimal meters
irrad_surf	percent Surface Spectral Irradiance (E0%)	integer percent
chl_a_GFF	Glass Fiber Filter chlorophyll a	milligrams Chl/meter <sup>3</sup>
PrimProd_GFF	Glass Fiber Filter Primary Productivity	millimole C/meter <sup>3</sup> /day
phytoBiom_GFF	Glass Fiber Filter Phytoplankton Biomass	millimole C/milligram Chl/day

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Niskin Bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Niskin bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A Niskin bottle (a next generation water sampler based on the Nansen bottle) is a cylindrical, non-metallic water collection device with stoppers at both ends. The bottles can be attached individually on a hydrowire or deployed in 12, 24, or 36 bottle Rosette systems mounted on a frame and combined with a CTD. Niskin bottles are used to collect discrete water samples for a range of measurements including pigments, nutrients, plankton, etc.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Trace Metal Bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Trace Metal Bottle
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Trace metal (TM) clean rosette bottle used for collecting trace metal clean seawater samples.

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## Deployments

### COOK19MV

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57826">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57826</a>
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<b>Platform</b>	R/V Melville
<b>Report</b>	<a href="http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFEX/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf">http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFEX/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf</a>
<b>Start Date</b>	2002-01-19
<b>End Date</b>	2002-02-26
<b>Description</b>	<p>Brief cruise plan description: Three ships were involved in the SOFeX experiment. Each ship operated in the study area at a different time to afford the longest observation time. The designations SOFeX-N and SOFeX-S are sometimes used to distinguish between two iron enriched patches - one in low silicate waters north of the polar front (SOFEX-N), and the other in high silicate waters south of the polar front (SOFEX-S). All three ships, Melville (MV), Revelle (RR) and Polar Star (PS), worked in SOFeX-S, but only the Revelle and Melville worked in the SOFeX N patch and shuttled between the two patches. The R/V MELVILLE sailed several weeks after the R/V REVELLE to arrive in the study area just as the 'patches' were forming in response to iron fertilization. The MELVILLE's team planned to make detailed measurements of phytoplankton physiology and rate processes, and to sample daily for phytoplankton growth rates and biomass, soluble and particulate iron and zooplankton biomass. A cruise logbook includes daily entries filed by the Chief Scientist aboard each vessel.</p> <p><b>Methods &amp; Sampling</b></p> <p>dates: 24 January 2002 to 20 February 2002 (20020124-20020220) location: N: -52.385 S: -66.612 W: -172.693 E: -166.939 project/cruise: SOFeX/MV 12 February 2008: Prepared for OCB data system by Dave DuBois (WHOI) Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO (WHOI) from documentation contributed by originating PI, data analysts and technicians. Original Excel file downloaded from MBARI: copy of original Excel file Contact: Anna Hiltig (Duke University Marine Laboratory) R/V Melville Extracted Chlorophyll Methodology Please direct questions to Sara Tanner (<a href="mailto:tanner@mml.calstate.edu">tanner@mml.calstate.edu</a>) or Jodi Brewster (<a href="mailto:jbrewster@mml.calstate.edu">jbrewster@mml.calstate.edu</a>) Water samples were collected from 12 depths on the CTD Rosette and 8 depths on the TM Rosette. The TM Rosette depths were chosen at the 100, 45, 30, 16, 10, 5, 1, and 0.1 percent light levels (so phytoplankton production can be related to phytoplankton biomass) (Evans et al 1987). The CTD also had 2 more depths scattered between .1 and 100 percent and one each at 200m and 300m. The water from the CTD and TM rosettes was collected using opaque brown bottles in 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 ml or white 100 ml bottles. The differing volumes depended upon the depth of the sample and whether the samples were taken within the patch or not. Sampling from the TM Rosette was done with gloves. Each bottle was rinsed three times with the sample water before filling to the neck of the bottle. A Whatman G/FF glass Fiber Filter, (~0.7um) Polycarbonate 5 um filter, or Polycarbonate 20 micron filter was placed in a 25 mm diameter Gelman filter holder. Water was pumped through the filter, being careful the vacuum pressure did not get above 6 psi to avoid cell lyse. After filtration, the vacuum was turned off and the filter was added with forceps to a tube filled with 8 ml of 90% acetone. The tube was labeled and stored in a freezer for a minimum of 24 hours. After the minimum 24 hours extraction time, the filter was removed from the tube and the tube was wiped down with Chem Wipes. The fluorescence of the chlorophyll extracts were read on a 10AU Turner Designs fluorometer. Two drops of 10 % HCl was added and the fluorescence was reread and recorded again. The "before" and "after" readings were plugged into equation <math>chl-a = K * (Rb - Ra) * (vol\ ext/vol\ filtered) * dil</math> to calculate chlorophyll a values. A standard made from Sigma Chl-a in 90% acetone was calibrated on a spectrophotometer and used to calibrate the fluorometer at the beginning, mid and end of the cruise. Due to the fact the fluorometer drifted both <math>\pm</math> according to the solid standard, and a high correlation was found between the low solid standard and the calibration curve, Chlorophyll-a values were corrected using the ratio of the low solid standard.</p> <p><b>Processing Description</b></p> <p>Change history: YYMMDD 061228: downloaded original data (MelvilleProductivity.xls) from SOFeX project data web site 080212: added to OCB database by Dave DuBois (WHOI) and Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO, (<a href="mailto:cchandler@whoi.edu">cchandler@whoi.edu</a>) OCB DMO Processing Notes Data file records were sorted by event_SFX. underway Survey measurements were added sequentially into Day 45. For underway Survey data, Station value 'u/w' was replaced with 'SCUFA' (Self-Contained Underwater Fluorescence Apparatus). Cast was also renamed to ev_type and 'u/w' was replaced with respective 'S 159', 'S 160', etc... values. event_SFX matches those found in Michael Hiscock's <a href="http://ocb.whoi.edu/jg/serv/OCB/SOFEX/multi-ship/log.html0">http://ocb.whoi.edu/jg/serv/OCB/SOFEX/multi-ship/log.html0</a>"&gt;multi-ship event log. Note that the Year Day and patch day values do not agree with Hiscock's event log,</p>

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**DRFT08RR**

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57824">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57824</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Roger Revelle
<b>Report</b>	<a href="http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFex/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf">http://ocb.whoi.edu/SOFex/CRUISES/proj_description.pdf</a>
<b>Start Date</b>	2002-01-06
<b>End Date</b>	2002-02-14

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After the iron and an inert chemical tracer (SF6) were added, the REVELLE's primary mission was to map the size and characteristics of the South patch using a SeaSOAR fish towed behind the ship that pumped water up to the ship for sampling and analysis. The REVELLE also collected samples for initial biological shipboard mapping of iron concentrations, nutrients, chlorophyll, and photosynthetic efficiency. A cruise logbook includes daily entries filed by the Chief Scientist aboard each vessel.</p> <p><b>Methods &amp; Sampling</b></p> <p>dates: 10 January 2002 to 10 February 2002 (20020110-20020210) location: N: -54.093 S: -66.471 W: -172.155 E: -169.242 project/cruise: SOFeX/RR 12 February 2008: Prepared for OCB data system by Dave DuBois (WHOI) Cyndy Chandler, OCB DMO (WHOI) from documentation contributed by originating PI, data analysts and technicians. Original Excel file downloaded from MBARI: RevelleProductivity.xls Contact: Anna Hiltng (Duke University Marine Laboratory) R/V Revelle Extracted Chlorophyll Methodology (same procedures as were used for Melville samples) Please direct questions to Sara Tanner (<a href="mailto:tanner@mlml.calstate.edu">tanner@mlml.calstate.edu</a>) or Jodi Brewster (<a href="mailto:jbrewster@mlml.calstate.edu">jbrewster@mlml.calstate.edu</a>) Water samples were collected from 12 depths on the CTD Rosette and 8 depths on the TM Rosette. The TM Rosette depths were chosen at the 100, 45, 30, 16, 10, 5, 1, and 0.1 percent light levels (so phytoplankton production can be related to phytoplankton biomass) (Evans et al 1987). The CTD also had 2 more depths scattered between .1 and 100 percent and one each at 200m and 300m. The water from the CTD and TM rosettes was collected using opaque brown bottles in 250, 500, 1000, and 2000 ml or white 100 ml bottles. 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Question marks in parameter definitions indicate best guess effort by OCB DMO during data rescue processing. PI note: These data have been edited for quality control but will be processed further for size-fraction analysis and integration using the Morel Model. See Barber et al., 1997 and Hiscock et al., 2002. Incubated depth will be calculated using the Morel model.</p>
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## Project Information

### Southern Ocean Iron Experiment (SOFeX)

**Website:** <http://www.mbari.org/expeditions/SOFeX2002/>

**Coverage:** Southern Ocean, south of New Zealand

Before he passed away in 1993, John Martin suggested that an increase in the flow of iron-rich dust to the ocean causes phytoplankton (single celled algae) to grow. The increased photosynthesis removes carbon dioxide from surface waters as the algae create biomass. This carbon dioxide is replaced by carbon dioxide gas that flows into the sea from the atmosphere. Reduced carbon dioxide in the atmosphere cools the planet (CO<sub>2</sub> is a greenhouse gas that warms the earth). The results of this work, funded by the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the US Coast Guard, will be a much better understanding of how biological processes may regulate climate. (see Related Info: Fe cycle)

A direct test of the 'Martin Hypothesis' that trace concentrations of Fe are responsible for phytoplankton's ability to grow by direct experimental addition of Fe to the surface waters. Consequently the distribution of bioavailable Fe in the surface waters determines large geographical areas primary production and the following flux of fixed organic matter to the deep sea. The aim of the SOFeX project is to investigate the effects of iron fertilization on the productivity of the Southern Ocean. The results of this work will contribute significantly to our understanding of important biogeochemical processes which bear directly on the global carbon cycle, atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration, and climate control.

The SOFeX-N and SOFeX-S designations are sometimes used to distinguish between two iron enriched patches - one in low silicate waters north of the polar front (SOFEX-N), and the other in high silicate waters south of the polar front (SOFEX-S). All three ships, Melville (MV), Revelle (RR) and Polar Star (PS), worked in SOFEX-S, but only the Revelle and Melville worked in the SOFeX N patch and shuttled between the two patches.

## Program Information

### Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB)

**Website:** <http://us-ocb.org/>

**Coverage:** Global

The Ocean Carbon and Biogeochemistry (OCB) program focuses on the ocean's role as a component of the global Earth system, bringing together research in geochemistry, ocean physics, and ecology that inform on and advance our understanding of ocean biogeochemistry. The overall program goals are to promote, plan, and coordinate collaborative, multidisciplinary research opportunities within the U.S. research community and with international partners. Important OCB-related activities currently include: the Ocean Carbon and Climate Change (OCCC) and the North American Carbon Program (NACP); U.S. contributions to IMBER, SOLAS, CARBOOCEAN; and numerous U.S. single-investigator and medium-size research projects funded by U.S. federal agencies including NASA, NOAA, and NSF.

The scientific mission of OCB is to study the evolving role of the ocean in the global carbon cycle, in the face of environmental variability and change through studies of marine biogeochemical cycles and associated ecosystems.



The overarching OCB science themes include improved understanding and prediction of: 1) oceanic uptake and release of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases and 2) environmental sensitivities of biogeochemical cycles, marine ecosystems, and interactions between the two.

The OCB Research Priorities (updated January 2012) include: ocean acidification; terrestrial/coastal carbon fluxes and exchanges; climate sensitivities of and change in ecosystem structure and associated impacts on biogeochemical cycles; mesopelagic ecological and biogeochemical interactions; benthic-pelagic feedbacks on biogeochemical cycles; ocean carbon uptake and storage; and expanding low-oxygen conditions in the coastal and open oceans.

## Iron Synthesis (FeSynth)

**Coverage:** Global

The two main objectives of the Iron Synthesis program (SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005), are:

1. Data compilation: assembling a common open-access database of the *in situ* iron experiments, beginning with the first period (1993-2002; Ironex-1, Ironex-2, SOIRE, EisenEx, SEEDS-1; SOFeX, SERIES) where primary articles have already been published, to be followed by the 2004 experiments where primary articles are now in progress (EIFEX, SEEDS-2; SAGE, FeeP); similarly for the natural fertilizations S.O.JGOFS (1992), CROZEX (2004/2005) and KEOPS (2005).
2. Modeling and data synthesis of specific aspects of two or more such experiments for various topics such as physical mixing, phytoplankton productivity, overall ecosystem functioning, iron chemistry, CO<sub>2</sub> budgeting, nutrient uptake ratios, DMS(P) processes, and combinations of these variables and processes.

SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005. "The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling".

[http://www.scor-int.org/Working\\_Groups/wg131.htm](http://www.scor-int.org/Working_Groups/wg131.htm)

See also: SCOR Proceedings Vol. 42 Concepcion, Chile October 2006, pgs: 13-16 2.3.3 Working Group on The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling.

The first objective of the Iron Synthesis program involves a data recovery effort aimed at assembling a common, open-access database of data and metadata from a series of *in-situ* ocean iron fertilization experiments conducted between 1993 and 2005. Initially, funding for this effort is being provided by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

Through the combined efforts of the principal investigators of the individual projects and the staff of Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO), data currently available primarily through individuals, disparate reports and data agencies, and in multiple formats, are being collected and prepared for addition to the BCO-DMO database from which they will be freely available to the community.

As data are contributed to the BCO-DMO office, they are organized into four overlapping categories:

1. Level 1, basic metadata  
(e.g., description of project/study, general location, PI(s), participants);
2. Level 2, detailed metadata and basic shipboard data and routine ship's operations  
(e.g., CTDs, underway measurements, sampling event logs);
3. Level 3, detailed metadata and data from specialized observations  
(e.g., discrete observations, experimental results, rate measurements) and
4. Level 4, remaining datasets  
(e.g., highest level of detailed data available from each study).

Collaboration with BCO-DMO staff began in March of 2008 and initial efforts have been directed toward basic project descriptions, levels 1 and 2 metadata and basic data, with detailed and more detailed data files being incorporated as they become available and are processed.

## Related file

[Program Documentation](#)

The Iron Synthesis Program is funded jointly by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).



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