Iron and nutrients from underway samples from RVIB Nathaniel B. Palmer NBP0601, NBP0608 cruises in the Ross Sea Southern Ocean (CORSACS project)

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Dataset Description

dissolved iron, total iron, and nutrients from underway samples taken from the ship's underway sampling system

Methods & Sampling

Sampling and Analytical Methodology

Near-surface seawater samples were collected from ~3 m depth while underway at ~5 knots, using a towed, trace-metal clean pumping system developed by Ken Bruland and Geoffrey Smit (University of California, Santa Cruise). Briefly, seawater was collected through the intake of a 'towfish' deployed at ca. 3 m water depth and ca. 5 m outboard of the ship, and then pumped though acid-cleaned low-density polyethylene tubing into a shipboard clean-air laboratory container, where it was filtered in-line using a 0.2 µm Supor Acropak filter cartridge (Pall Corp.). The filtered seawater samples were acidified to pH 1.7 with Seastar Baseline ultrapure hydrochloric acid, stored for at least 24 hours, then dissolved iron (dFe) was determined by flow injection analysis modified after the method of Measures et al. [1995] with analytical figures of merit as detailed by Sedwick et al. [2005, 2008]. The efficacy of our analytical method for dissolved iron in seawater has been

verified in the SAFe intercomparison exercise [Johnson et al., 2007]. Our laboratory values for SAFe seawater reference materials are as follows:
SAFe surface seawater S1: dFe = 0.11 ± 0.01 nM (n = 15) vs consensus value of 0.097 ± 0.043 nM
SAFe deep seawater D2: dFe = 0.97 ± 0.06 nM (n = 14) vs consensus value of 0.91 ± 0.17 nM.
Dissolved macronutrients were measured at sea in 0.2-µm filtered using JGOFS-standard autoanalyzer methods.

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Data Processing Description

Data Processing

An acid blank (to account for iron present in acid added to samples) has been subtracted from raw dFe and TDFe concentrations. For the CORSACS-1 cruise, this blank was determined as 0.007 nM; for the CORSACS-2 samples, the blank was below the limit of quantification (i.e., negligible).

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Data Files

File
Fe_uway.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 11.69 KB) MD5:788d09c523b798a76fbaa74a56e5d11c Primary data file for dataset ID 3113

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
cruise_id	ship's cruise designation	dimensionless
date_local	local date of sampling	YYYYMMDD
time_local	local time of sampling	hhmm
lat	latitude; North is positive, South is negative	decimal degrees
lon	longitude; East is positive, West is negative	decimal degrees
Fe_diss	dissolved iron concentration	nanomoles per liter
PO4	dissolved inorganic phosphate concentration	micromoles per liter
NO3_NO2	dissolved nitrate plus nitrite concentration	micromoles per liter
Si_acid	dissolved silicic acid concentration	micromoles per liter

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	GeoFish
Generic Instrument Name	GeoFish-type Near-surface Towfish Sampler
Generic Instrument Description	This term describes a family of custom-designed, trace-metal-clean, near-surface seawater sampling systems based on the 'GeoFish' design developed by Geoffrey Smith and Ken Bruland at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC). The systems consist of a weighted towed body or torpedo, clean intake tubing, a shipboard pneumatic pump, and a sampling manifold. They are deployed alongside a moving vessel, outside the ship's wake, with the intake typically positioned approximately 1 to 3 meters below the sea surface. Seawater is continuously pumped through the clean tubing to the ship for filtered and unfiltered sampling and, in some applications, direct connection to analytical instruments. This term includes the original GeoFish sampler, Super-GeoFISH variants, and subsequent modified towfish systems used on U.S. GEOTRACES cruises. These systems share the same basic sampling principle but may differ in body construction, depressor or stabilization design, deployment hardware, tubing, pump configuration, flow rate, and sampling manifold. The systems have been used for trace-metal, nutrient, biological, and other chemical measurements in both GEOTRACES and non-GEOTRACES studies, including Bruland et al. (2005).

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Deployments

NBP0601

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57985
Platform	RVIB Nathaniel B. Palmer
Report	http://data.bco-dmo.org/CORSACS/cruises/Dunbar_Hydrography_report_NBP0601.pdf
Start Date	2005-12-17
End Date	2006-01-30
Description	This was the first of two Controls of Ross Sea Algal Community Structure (CORSACS) project cruises and was funded by the NSF Office of Polar Programs. The NBP0601 cruise was conducted in the Ross Sea in December 2005 and January 2006, Ross Sea, ca. 65.21°S-78.65°S, 164.98°E-164.70°W, and supported by NSF research grant, OPP-0338097. The 'Science Pan and Project Description' document includes details of the cruise sampling strategy. Related Files: Science Plan and Project Descriptions (PDF file) Cruise track map (PDF file) Photo of Ice Breaker Nathaniel B. Palmer on station near Beaufort Island (JPG image) Related Sites: MGDS catalog: http://www.marine-geo.org/tools/search/entry.php?id=NBP0601

NBP0608

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57986
Platform	RVIB Nathaniel B. Palmer
Report	http://data.bco-dmo.org/CORSACS/cruises/Dunbar_Hydrography_report_NBP0608.pdf
Start Date	2006-11-01
End Date	2006-12-15
Description	This was the second of two Controls of Ross Sea Algal Community Structure (CORSACS) project cruises and was funded by the NSF Office of Polar Programs. The NBP0608 cruise was conducted in the Ross Sea in November and December 2006, ca. 65.21°S-78.65°S, 164.98°E-164.70°W. Related files: Cruise track map (PDF file) Related Sites: MGDS catalog: http://www.marine-geo.org/tools/search/entry.php?id=NBP0608

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Project Information

Controls of Ross Sea Algal Community Structure (CORSACS)

Website: http://www.whoi.edu/sites/corsacs

Coverage: Ross Sea Southern Ocean

Project summary

The Controls of Ross Sea Algal Community Structure (CORSACS) project was funded by the NSF Office of Polar Programs as "Collaborative Research: Interactive Effects of Iron, Light and Carbon Dioxide on Phytoplankton Community Dynamics in the Ross Sea". Two cruises were completed in 2006 to investigate the interactions between the primary productivity of the Ross Sea and pCO2, iron and other trace elements. Data sets of carbon, nutrient, metal, and biological measurements will be reported.

The main objective in the proposed research was to investigate the relative importance and potential interactive effects of iron, light and CO2 levels in structuring algal assemblages and growth rates in the Ross Sea. The investigators hypothesized that the interaction of these three variables largely determines the bottom-up

control on these two dominant Southern Ocean phytoplankton taxa. While grazing and other loss processes are important variables in determining the relative dominance of these two taxa, the CORSACS research project was designed to focus on the bottom-up control mechanisms. It is important to understand such environmentally-driven taxonomic shifts in primary production, since they are expected to impact the fixation and export of carbon and nutrients, and the production of DMS, thus potentially providing both positive and negative feedbacks on climate.

The CORSACS investigators considered a range of ambient iron, light and pCO2 levels that span those typically observed in the Ross Sea during the growing season. That is, dissolved iron ranging from ~0.1 nM (low iron) to greater than 1 nM (high iron) (Fitzwater et al. 2000; Sedwick et al. 2000); mean irradiance (resulting from vertical mixing/self shading) ranging from less than 10% Io (low light) to greater than 40% (high light) (Arrigo et al., 1998, 1999), possibly adjusted based on field observations during the CORSACS cruises; and pCO2 ranging (Sweeney et al. 2001) from ~150 ppm (low CO2) to the probable higher levels of pCO2 - 750 ppm as a conservative estimate - that are likely to be attained later this century due to anthropogenic perturbation of the global carbon cycle (IPCC, 2001).

From the information previously available from both field observations and experiments, the investigators formulated the following specific hypotheses regarding the interactive role of iron, light and CO2 in regulating algal composition in the Ross Sea: diatoms bloom in the southern Ross Sea only under optimum conditions of high iron, light and pCO2; colonial Phaeocystis dominate under conditions of high iron with either (or both) low light or low pCO2; and solitary Phaeocystis are predominant under conditions of low iron with either (or both) low light or low pCO2.

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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 CO2 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.

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