

Concentrations and stable isotope abundances of particulate organic carbon (POC) and particulate organic nitrogen (PON) from Niskin bottle samples taken on R/V Melville cruise MV1008 in the Costa Rica Dome in 2010 (CRD FLUZiE project)

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Abstract

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: N:10.29979 E:-86.80566 S:8.56014 W:-92.91743

Temporal Extent: 2010-06-24 - 2010-07-23

Dataset Description

Concentrations and stable isotope abundances of particulate organic carbon (POC) and particulate organic nitrogen (PON). Samples were collected on the MV1008 cruise in the Costa Rica Dome (CRD) region of the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean.

Methods & Sampling

Seawater was obtained at sea from 10-L Niskin bottles on a CTD rosette. Sample volumes of 1.1 L were

collected in dark polyethylene bottles, and the contents were filtered onto precombusted 25-mm GF/F filters. Filters were folded into precombusted packets of aluminum foil and frozen in liquid nitrogen. Samples were later stored in a -80°C freezer, and acidified and dried before analysis. Analyses were conducted at the Analytical Facility, Marine Science Institute, UCSB on a Finnigan Delta Plus Advantage continuous flow system with Costech ECS 4010 elemental combustion.

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Data Files

File
poc_pon.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 5.67 KB) MD5:17b747e1d8a6c1f2ab811255e90d498d Primary data file for dataset ID 516495

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
event	Number referring to the particular activity (event) on the FluZiE cruise.	integer
cast	CTD Cast number from the FluZiE cruise.	integer
cycle	Type and number of cruise sampling event. Either "Stn_n" or "Cycle_n". A transect of stations was sampled from 29 June to 03 July. Five quasi-Lagrangian experiments called "cycles" were conducted during the remainder of the cruise.	text
date_local	Date of CTD cast (local time zone of UTC -6). in the format mmddyyyy	unitless
lat	Latitude in degrees North.	decimal degrees
lon	Longitude in degrees East.	decimal degrees
depth	Sample depth.	meters
niskin	Niskin bottle that the sample was taken from.	integer
POC	Particulate organic carbon concentration.	micrograms per liter (ug L-1)
PON	Particulate organic nitrogen concentration.	micrograms per liter (ug L-1)
d13C	Normalized isotopic abundance of 13C.	micrograms per liter (ug L-1)
d15N	Normalized isotopic abundance of 15N.	micrograms per liter (ug L-1)

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Costech ECS 4010
Generic Instrument Name	CHN Elemental Analyzer
Dataset-specific Description	Analyses were conducted at the Analytical Facility, Marine Science Institute, UCSB on a Finnigan Delta Plus Advantage continuous flow system with Costech ECS 4010 elemental combustion. The ECS 4010 Nitrogen / Protein Analyzer is an analytical platform for CHNSO elemental analysis and Nitrogen / Protein determination.
Generic Instrument Description	A CHN Elemental Analyzer is used for the determination of carbon, hydrogen, and nitrogen content in organic and other types of materials, including solids, liquids, volatile, and viscous samples.

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Finnigan Delta Plus Advantage
Generic Instrument Name	Isotope-ratio Mass Spectrometer
Dataset-specific Description	Analyses were conducted at the Analytical Facility, Marine Science Institute, UCSB on a Finnigan Delta Plus Advantage continuous flow system with Costech ECS 4010 elemental combustion. The Finnigan DELTAplusAdvantage is a stable isotope ratio MS for dual-inlet and continuous-flow applications.
Generic Instrument Description	The Isotope-ratio Mass Spectrometer is a particular type of mass spectrometer used to measure the relative abundance of isotopes in a given sample (e.g. VG Prism II Isotope Ratio Mass-Spectrometer).

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Niskin bottle
Generic Instrument Name	Niskin bottle
Dataset-specific Description	Seawater was obtained at sea from 10-L Niskin bottles on a CTD rosette.
Generic Instrument Description	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.

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Deployments

MV1008

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58834
Platform	R/V Melville
Report	http://dmoserv3.whoi.edu/data_docs/CRD_FLUZiE/CRUISE_REPORT_Melville1008.pdf
Start Date	2010-06-22
End Date	2010-07-25
Description	Research on the cruise was aimed at acquiring a better understanding of plankton dynamics, carbon and nutrient fluxes, and potential trace element limitation in the Costa Rica Dome region of the eastern tropical Pacific. The specific science objectives were: 1) to assess grazing and trace metal/nutrient controls on primary production and phytoplankton standing stocks; 2) to quantify carbon and elemental fluxes and export rates from the euphotic zone; and 3) to measure microbial population, processes, stable isotope abundances associated with the OMZ and nitrite maxima. Operations included: 4-day sediment trap deployments, daily process experiments conducted on satellite-tracked drifters, CTD and trace-metal rosette sampling, shipboard grow-out experiments, net sampling for zooplankton biomass and grazing assessments, and MOCNESS stratified tows to 1000 m. BCO-DMO Note: March 2013 (CLC): The original CTD profile data (85 casts) have been submitted by R2R to NODC. Jim Moffett (USC) was a participant on this cruise and is interested in getting a copy of the full set of CTD cast data (deep and shallow casts). He plans to contact SIO ODF group or Mike Landry (Chief Scientist). Original cruise data are available from the NSF R2R data catalog.

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Project Information

Costa Rica Dome FLUX and Zinc Experiments (CRD FLUZiE)

Coverage: Costa Rica Dome, Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean

Research was aimed at improved understanding of plankton dynamics, carbon and nutrient fluxes, and potential trace element limitation in the Costa Rica Dome region of the eastern tropical Pacific. The specific science objectives of the 2010 R/V Melville cruise (MV1008) were:

- 1) to assess grazing and trace metal/nutrient controls on primary production and phytoplankton standing stocks;
- 2) to quantify carbon and elemental fluxes and export rates from the euphotic zone; and
- 3) to measure microbial population, processes, stable isotope abundances associated with the OMZ and nitrite maxima.

Additional information about MV1008 can be found in the [cruise report](#) (PDF).

NOTE: The original proposal and award abstract are not relevant. The project was originally funded by NSF as experimental tests of phytoplankton controls in the Arabian Sea. Piracy concerns in the region led to the cancellation of the research cruise in 2009, and a Change of Scope request was approved to focus the project on related issues in the Costa Rica Dome (CRD).

Though this project is not formally affiliated with any large program, it aligns with IMBER's emphasis on community ecology and biogeochemistry, and the OCB focus on carbon-based measurements of production, grazing and export processes.

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Program Information

Integrated Marine Biogeochemistry and Ecosystem Research -US (IMBER-US)

Website: <http://www.imber.info/>

Coverage: global

The BCO-DMO database includes data from IMBER endorsed projects lead by US funded investigators. There is no dedicated US IMBER project or data management office. Those functions are provided by US-OCB and BCO-DMO respectively.

The information in this program description pertains to the Internationally coordinated IMBER research program. The projects contributing data to the BCO-DMO database are those funded by US NSF only. The full IMBER data catalog is hosted at the Global Change Master Directory (GCMD).

IMBER Data Portal: The IMBER project has chosen to create a metadata portal hosted by the NASA's Global Change Master Directory (GCMD). The GCMD IMBER data catalog provides an overview of all IMBER endorsed and related projects and links to datasets, and can be found at URL <http://gcmd.nasa.gov/portals/imber/>.

IMBER research will seek to identify the mechanisms by which marine life influences marine biogeochemical cycles, and how these, in turn, influence marine ecosystems. Central to the IMBER goal is the development of a predictive understanding of how marine biogeochemical cycles and ecosystems respond to complex forcings, such as large-scale climatic variations, changing physical dynamics, carbon cycle chemistry and nutrient fluxes, and the impacts of marine harvesting. Changes in marine biogeochemical cycles and ecosystems due to global change will also have consequences for the broader Earth System. An even greater challenge will be drawing together the natural and social science communities to study some of the key impacts and feedbacks between the marine and human systems.

To address the IMBER goal, four scientific themes, each including several issues, have been identified for the IMBER project: Theme 1 - Interactions between Biogeochemical Cycles and Marine Food Webs; Theme 2 - Sensitivity to Global Change: How will key marine biogeochemical cycles, ecosystems and their interactions, respond to global change?; Theme 3 - Feedback to the Earth System: What are the roles of the ocean biogeochemistry and ecosystems in regulating climate?; and Theme 4 - Responses of Society: What are the relationships between marine biogeochemical cycles, ecosystems, and the human system?

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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Funding

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