

Carbonate chemistry measurements from coral-light experiments (Dufault, 2013, JEB), Taiwan 2010 (MCR LTER project, Climate_Coral_Larvae project)

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Dataset Description

The effect of light and PCO₂ on the calcification and survival of Pocillopora damicornis recruits settled from larvae released in southern Taiwan was tested.

These data include the carbonate chemistry measurements for each light treatment in each of the tanks over the duration of the experiment.

Related datasets:

[coral-light expt. - PAR](#)

[coral-light expt.- temp_salinity](#)

[coral-light expt.- growth](#)

[coral-light expt.- protein](#)

[coral-light expt.- survival](#)

These data were published in Aaron M Dufault, Aaron Ninokawa, Lorenzo Bramanti, Vivian R Cumbo, Tung-Yung Fan, Peter J Edmunds (2013) The role of light in mediating the effects of ocean acidification on coral calcification. Journal of Experimental Biology 216: 1570-1577. doi:10.1242/jeb.080549

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Methods & Sampling

In March 2011 and June 2012, recruits were incubated at 31, 41, 70, 122 and 226 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ under ambient (493 μatm) and high PCO₂ (878 μatm). After 5 days, calcification was measured gravimetrically and survivorship estimated as the number of living recruits.

Total alkalinity (TA) and pH were measured following standard operating procedure (SOP) 3b and 6b (respectively) (see Dickson et al., 2007). TA was measured using an open cell automatic titrator (Model DS50, Mettler-Toledo, Columbus, OH, USA) filled with certified HCl titrant supplied by Dr A. Dickson (Scripps Institute of Oceanography), and TA was calculated using an Excel spreadsheet (Fangue et al., 2010). The accuracy and precision of the TA measurements were tested against certified reference material (CRM, from Dr A. Dickson) and maintained within 0.7% of certified values. pH was measured on the total scale (± 0.001 pH) using m-Cresol Purple dye in a spectrophotometric assay (SOP 6b). TA and pH were used to calculate PCO₂, [HCO₃⁻], [CO₃⁼] and aragonite saturation state (OA) using CO2SYS (Pierrot et al., 2006).

References:

Dickson, A. G., Sabine, C. L. and Christian, J. R. (ed.) (2007). Guide to Best Practices for Ocean CO₂ Measurements: PICES Special Publication 3. Sidney, BC: North Pacific Marine Science Organization.

Fangue, N., O'Donnell, M. J., Sewell, M. A., Matson, P. G., MacPherson, A. C. and Hofmann, G. E. (2010). A laboratory-based, experimental system for the study of ocean acidification effects on marine invertebrate larvae. Limnol. Oceanogr. Methods 8, 441-452.

Pierrot, D., Lewis, E. and Wallace, D. W. R. (2006). MS Excel Program Developed for CO₂ System Calculations. ORNL/CDIAC-105a. Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, TN: US Department of Energy.

Data Processing Description

BCO-DMO processing notes:

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date, reference information
- added lab, lat, lon, expt columns
- renamed parameters to BCO-DMO standard
- reformatted date from m.d.yyyy to yyyy/mm/dd
- added days values
- sorted by expt, pCO₂, tank, date

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Data Files

File
carb_chem.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 3.42 KB) MD5:964541dfc1ac946986477f316a3a206e
Primary data file for dataset ID 527752

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
lab	laboratory	unitless
lat	latitude; north is positive	degrees
lon	longitude; east is positive	degrees
expt	experiment identification number	unitless
tank	tank identification number	unitless
treatment_pCO2	relative partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO2) target for treatment	unitless
days	number of days into the experiment	days
date	date of measurements	yyyy/mm/dd
TA	Total alkalinity	mol/kg
pCO2	Partial pressure of carbon dioxide for a tank and day of measure	uatm
bicarbonate	Bicarbonate (HCO3) ion concentration for a day of measure	mmol/kgSW
carbonate	Carbonate (CO3) ion concentration for a day of measure	mmol/kgSW
pH	pH for a tank and day of measure	unitless

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	Automatic titrator
Generic Instrument Name	Titration
Dataset-specific Description	Model DS50, Mettler-Toledo, Columbus, OH, USA
Generic Instrument Description	Titration instruments are instruments that incrementally add quantified aliquots of a reagent to a sample until the end-point of a chemical reaction is reached.

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Deployments

lab **Edmunds** **NMMBA**

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58892
Platform	Natl Museum Mar. Bio. and Aquar. Taiwan
Start Date	2010-03-18
End Date	2010-03-24
Description	Experiments related to the research project: 'RUI- The ecophysiological basis of the response of coral larvae and early life history stages to global climate change' were conducted at the laboratories of the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium in Southern Taiwan.

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Project Information

Moorea Coral Reef Long-Term Ecological Research site (MCR LTER)

Website: <http://mcr.lternet.edu/>

Coverage: Island of Moorea, French Polynesia

NSF Award Abstract:

Coral reefs provide important benefits to society, from food to exceptional biodiversity to shoreline protection and recreation, but they are threatened by natural perturbations and human activities, including those causing global-scale changes. These pressures increasingly are causing coral reefs to undergo large, often abrupt, ecological changes where corals are being replaced by seaweeds or other undesirable organisms. Historically, the major agent of disturbance to coral reefs has been powerful storms, but in recent decades, episodes of mass coral bleaching from marine heat waves have become more frequent and severe as the temperature of ocean surface waters continues to rise. Coral reefs are further stressed by local human activities that cause nutrient pollution and deplete herbivorous fishes that control growth of seaweeds. Studying how coral reefs respond to these two types of disturbance under different levels of nutrient pollution and fishing provides essential information on what affects the ability of coral reefs to buffer environmental change and disturbances without collapsing to a persistent, degraded condition. The fundamental goals of the Moorea Coral Reef Long Term Ecological Research program (MCR LTER) are to understand how and why coral reefs change over time, to assess the consequences of these changes, and to contribute scientific knowledge needed to sustain coral reef ecosystems and the important societal services they provide. This research improves understanding and management of coral reefs, which benefits all groups concerned with the welfare of this ecologically, economically and culturally important ecosystem. In addition to academic communities, scientific findings are communicated to interested individuals, non-governmental organizations, island communities and governmental entities. These findings also are integrated into K-12, undergraduate, graduate and public education activities through a multi-pronged program that includes inquiry-based curricula, interactive and media-based public education programs, and internet-based resources. MCR's research, training, education and outreach efforts all emphasize broadening participation in STEM fields and strengthening STEM literacy.

New research activities build on MCR LTER's powerful foundation of long-term observations and broad ecological understanding of oceanic coral reefs to address the following core issues: How is the changing disturbance regime (recurrent heat waves in addition to cyclonic storms) altering the resilience of coral reefs, and what are the ecological consequences of altered resilience? Research activities are organized around a unifying framework that explicitly addresses how reef communities are affected by the nature and history of coral-killing disturbances, and how those responses to disturbance are influenced by the pattern of local human stressors. New studies answer three focal questions: (1) How do different disturbance types, which either remove (storms) or retain (heat waves) dead coral skeletons, affect community dynamics, abrupt changes in ecological state, and resilience? (2) How do local stressors interact with new disturbance regimes to create spatial heterogeneity in community dynamics, ecosystem processes, and spatial resilience? And (3) What attributes of coral and coral reef communities influence their capacity to remain resilient under current and future environmental conditions? These questions provide an unparalleled opportunity to test hypotheses and advance theory regarding ecological resilience and the causes and consequences of abrupt ecological change, which is broadly relevant across aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

This award reflects NSF's statutory mission and has been deemed worthy of support through evaluation using the Foundation's intellectual merit and broader impacts review criteria.

From <http://www.ikernet.edu/sites/mcr/> and <http://mcr.ikernet.edu/>:

The Moorea Coral Reef LTER site encompasses the coral reef complex that surrounds the island of Moorea, French Polynesia (17°30'S, 149°50'W). Moorea is a small, triangular volcanic island 20 km west of Tahiti in the Society Islands of French Polynesia. An offshore barrier reef forms a system of shallow (mean depth ~ 5-7 m), narrow (~0.8-1.5 km wide) lagoons around the 60 km perimeter of Moorea. All major coral reef types (e.g., fringing reef, lagoon patch reefs, back reef, barrier reef and fore reef) are present and accessible by small boat.

The MCR LTER was established in 2004 by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and is a partnership between the University of California Santa Barbara and California State University, Northridge. MCR researchers include marine scientists from the UC Santa Barbara, CSU Northridge, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, CSU San Marcos, Duke University and the University of Hawaii. Field operations are conducted from the UC Berkeley Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Station on the island of Moorea, French Polynesia.

MCR LTER Data: The Moorea Coral Reef (MCR) LTER data are managed by and available directly from the MCR project data site URL shown above. The datasets listed below were collected at or near the MCR LTER sampling locations, and funded by NSF OCE as ancillary projects related to the MCR LTER core research themes.

This project is supported by continuing grants with slight name variations:

- LTER: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR II - Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR IIB: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR III: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR IV: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem

The ecophysiological basis of the response of coral larvae and early life history stages to global climate change (Climate_Coral_Larvae)

Coverage: Moorea, French Polynesia; Southern Taiwan; California State University Northridge

Tropical coral reefs face a suite of environmental assaults ranging from anchor damage to the effects of global climate change (GCC). The consequences are evident throughout the tropics, where many coral reefs have lost a substantial fraction of their coral cover in a few decades. Notwithstanding the importance of reducing the impacts of environmental stresses, the only means by which these ecosystems can recover (or simply persist) is through the recruitment of scleractinians, which is a function of successful larval development, delivery, settlement, metamorphosis, and post-settlement events. Despite wide recognition of the importance of these processes, there are few pertinent empirical data, and virtually none that address the mechanisms mediating the success of early coral life stages in a physical environment varying at multiple spatio-temporal scales.

The objective of this research is to complete one of the first comprehensive ecophysiological analyses of the early life stages of corals through a description of: (1) their functionality under 'normal' conditions, and (2) their response to the main drivers of GCC. These analyses will be completed for 2 species representative of a brooding life history strategy, and the experiments will be completed in two locations, one (Taiwan) that provides unrivalled experience in coral reproductive biology, and superb microcosm facilities, and the other (Moorea), with access to a relatively pristine environment, a well described ecological and oceanographic context (through the MCR-LTER), and the capacity to bring a strong biogeographic contrast to the project. The results of the study will be integrated through modeling to explore the effects of GCC on coral community structure over the next century.

The following publications and data resulted from this project:

2013 Wall CB, Fan TY, Edmunds PJ. Ocean acidification has no effect on thermal bleaching in the coral *Seriatopora calandrum*. Coral Reefs 33: 119-130.
[Symbiodinium_Seriatopora photosynthesis](#)
[Symbiodinium_Seriatopora PI curve](#)
[Symbiodinium_Seriatopora temp-salinity-light](#)
[Symbiodinium_Seriatopora water chemistry](#)
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2013 Wall CB, Edmunds PJ. *In situ* effects of low pH and elevated HCO₃⁻ on juvenile *Porites* spp. in Moorea, French Polynesia. Biological Bulletin 225:92-101.
Data at MCR and PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.833913](https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.833913)
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2013 Vivian R Cumbo, Peter J Edmunds, Christopher B Wall, Tung-Yung Fan. Brooded coral larvae differ in their response to high temperature and elevated pCO₂ depending on the day of release. Marine Biology DOI 10.1007/s00227-013-2280-y.
Data also at PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.831612](https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.831612)
[brooded coral larvae 2 - carbonate chemistry](#)
[brooded coral larvae 2 - larval release March 2003-2008](#)
[brooded coral larvae 2 - respiration_photosynth_mortality](#)
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2013 Edmunds PJ, Cumbo VR, Fan TY. Metabolic costs of larval settlement and metamorphosis in the coral *Seriatopora calandrum* under ambient and elevated pCO₂. Journal Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology 443: 33-38 Data also at PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.821644](https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.821644)
[Coral post-settlement physiology](#)
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2013 Aaron M Dufault, Aaron Ninokawa, Lorenzo Bramanti, Vivian R Cumbo, Tung-Yung Fan, Peter J Edmunds. The role of light in mediating the effects of ocean acidification on coral calcification. Journal of Experimental Biology 216: 1570-1577.
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2012 Cumbo, VR, Fan TY, Edmunds PJ. Effects of exposure duration on the response of *Pocillopora damicornis* larvae to elevated temperature and high pCO₂. J Exp Mar Biol Ecol 439: 100-107.

Data is also at PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.823582](#)

[brooded coral larvae 3 - carbonate chemistry](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - light](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - mortality](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - protein](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - respiration and protein](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - respiration raw data](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - symbiont density](#)
[brooded coral larvae 3 - tank temperature](#)
[- Download part 1 of data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)
[- Download tank parameters data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)

2012 Cumbo, VR, Fan TY, Edmunds PJ. Physiological development of brooded larvae from two pocilloporid corals in Taiwan. Marine Biology 159: 2853-2866.

[brooded coral - carbonate chemistry](#)
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[brooded coral - respiration](#)
[brooded coral - settlement competency](#)
[brooded coral - size July](#)
[brooded coral - size protein symbionts photosynth](#)
[- Download complete data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)

2012 Dufault, Aaron M; Vivian R Cumbo; Tung-Yung Fan; Peter J Edmunds. Effects of diurnally oscillating pCO₂ on the calcification and survival of coral recruits. Royal Society of London (B) 279: 2951-2958. doi:10.1098/rspb.2011.2545

Data is also at PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.830185](#)

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[recruit_seawater_chemistry](#)
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2011 Edmunds PJ, Cumbo V, Fan TY. Effects of temperature on the respiration of brooded larvae from tropical reef corals. Journal of Experimental Biology 214: 2783-2790.

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Program Information

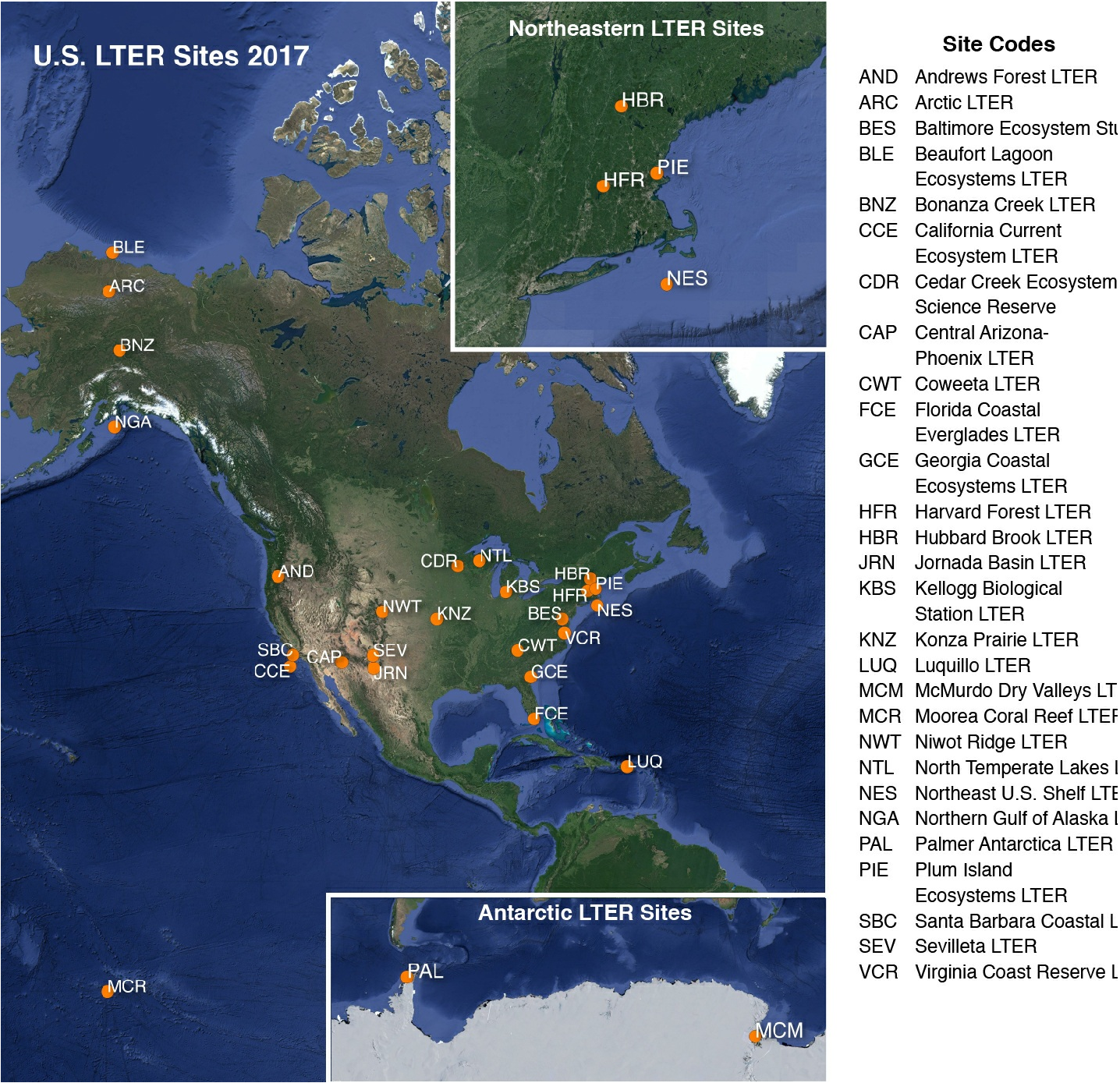
Long Term Ecological Research network (LTER)

Website: <http://www.lternet.edu/>

Coverage: United States

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The National Science Foundation established the LTER program in 1980 to support research on long-term ecological phenomena in the United States. The Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network is a collaborative effort involving more than 1800 scientists and students investigating ecological processes over long temporal and broad spatial scales. The LTER Network promotes synthesis and comparative research across sites and ecosystems and among other related national and international research programs. The LTER research sites represent diverse ecosystems with emphasis on different research themes, and cross-site communication, network publications, and research-planning activities are coordinated through the LTER Network Office.



2017 LTER research site map obtained from <https://lternet.edu/site/lter-network/>

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