

Amphipods collected on Japanese tsunami marine debris along the Hawaii, Washington and Oregon coasts during 2012 (JTMD-BF project)

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Project

» [Testing the Invasion Process: Survival, Dispersal, Genetic Characterization and Attenuation of Marine Biota on the 2011 Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris Field.](#) (JTMD-BF)

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Dataset Description

A major objective of the JTMD project was to characterize the biodiversity of the arriving and landed JTMD fauna and flora. This dataset includes species and counts of amphipods collected from the debris.

Access to this data is temporarily RESTRICTED. Please contact the PI's for further information.

Methods & Sampling

Amphipod specimens were collected from Japanese tsunami marine debris (JTMD) from 2012-2014 at coastal sites in Washington, Oregon and Hawaii.

Data Processing Description

BCO-DMO Processing:

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date
- renamed parameters to BCO-DMO standard
- replaced spaces with underscores
- changed blank cells to nd
- reformatted columns to rows for species names and counts

Related Publications

Carlton, J. T., Chapman, J. W., Geller, J. B., Miller, J. A., Carlton, D. A., McCuller, M. I., ... & Ruiz, G. M. (2017). Tsunami-driven rafting: Transoceanic species dispersal and implications for marine biogeography. *Science*, 357(6358), 1402-1406. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.aao1498>
Results

Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
site	sampling location	unitless
debris	description of debris	unitless
date	local date collected	unitless
BF_sample	biofouling sample identification	unitless
taxon	amphipod species	unitless
count	number of individuals found on debris item	amphipods

Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	
Generic Instrument Name	Microscope - Optical
Generic Instrument Description	Instruments that generate enlarged images of samples using the phenomena of reflection and absorption of visible light. Includes conventional and inverted instruments. Also called a "light microscope".

Deployments

JTMD_2012

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/552342
Platform	Carlton_shore
Start Date	2012-12-01
End Date	2014-11-30
Description	Japanese tsunami marine debris collection

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Project Information

Testing the Invasion Process: Survival, Dispersal, Genetic Characterization and Attenuation of Marine Biota on the 2011 Japanese Tsunami Marine Debris Field. (JTMD-BF)

Coverage: North Pacific Ocean (W and E)

I. Biodiversity; Population and Food Web Analysis; Viability and Reproductive Condition; Dispersal Track and Growth History; Shellfish Pathogens/Parasites

This project seeks to document the biodiversity of Japanese species on arriving tsunami-generated debris, through morphological and genetic identification (including massively parallel DNA sequencing of whole community samples) and through quantitative replicate samples to determine numerical abundance, density, frequency, and biomass. In addition, species accumulation and rarefaction curves will be determined to estimate total inbound diversity.

Focuses include:

- Population structure of selected taxa, based on size/age class distributions.
- Viability and reproductive condition of selected taxa, based on fecundity, gonadal indices, and/or spore production, upon arrival.
- Food web analyses based upon tissue stable isotope ratios ($\delta^{13}\text{C}$ and $\delta^{15}\text{N}$).
- Dispersal track and growth history of selected taxa based on oxygen isotopic and elemental composition of shell calcite.
- Identity and prevalence of parasites and pathogens in oysters (*Crassostrea gigas*) and mussels (*Mytilus galloprovincialis*).

II. Biotic Attrition Over Time

Comparison of dead species assemblages on JTMD to live assemblages to assess the fate and alteration of debris communities over time.

III. Genetic Matching of Novel Invasions With JTMD Biota

Genetically characterize populations of target species so that if and when new invasions are detected, or when previously established invasions appear to be newly expanding or appearing in new locations, genetic studies can be undertaken to determine if these events are related to the JTMD phenomenon.

This is a Rapid Response Grant.

2020-09-30: Final data was not submitted for this project. The data for this research are available at the Dryad data depository (<http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.rh01m>). Contact Dr. Carlton for more information.

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