

# Field observations from long-term monitoring sites in St. John, USVI.

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## Project

» [The ecophysiological basis of the response of coral larvae and early life history stages to global climate change](#) (Climate\_Coral\_Larvae)

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## Abstract

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## Coverage

**Spatial Extent:** Lat:18.32 Lon:-64.723

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## Dataset Description

Data published in Marine Biology paper entitled “Interactive effects of ocean acidification and neighboring corals on the growth of *Pocillopora verrucosa*”.

## Methods & Sampling

Methodology found in associated publication.

## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO Data Manager Processing Notes:

\* modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions

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## Data Files

File
<b>field_obs.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 2.66 KB) MD5:a3c5be91c9784d846137636550611243 Primary data file for dataset ID 735106

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## Related Publications

Evensen, N. R., & Edmunds, P. J. (2016). Interactive effects of ocean acidification and neighboring corals on the growth of *Pocillopora verrucosa*. *Marine Biology*, 163(7). doi:[10.1007/s00227-016-2921-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00227-016-2921-z)

*Results*

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*Methods*

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Site	Site of sampling	unitless
Pocillopora_colonies	Colonies of each genus were inferred to be interacting and competing for space when they were <5 mm apart	count
Pocillopora_Pocillopora_interactions	Photoquadrats (0.25 m <sup>2</sup> ) were used to quantify the frequency of interactions between adjacent Pocillopora colonies, and between adjacent colonies of Pocillopora and Acropora	count
Pocillopora_conspecific_interactions	Photoquadrats (0.25 m <sup>2</sup> ) were used to quantify the frequency of interactions between adjacent Pocillopora colonies, and between adjacent colonies of Pocillopora and Acropora	count
Acropora_colonies	Colonies of each genus were inferred to be interacting and competing for space when they were <5 mm apart	count
Acropora_Pocillopora_interactions	The number of colonies inferred to be engaged in spatial competition based on analyses of the photoquadrats was expressed as a percentage of the total number of Pocillopora and Acropora colonies in each photoquadrat, and the results were averaged among photoquadrats	count
Acropora_interspecific_interactions	The number of colonies inferred to be engaged in spatial competition based on analyses of the photoquadrats was expressed as a percentage of the total number of Pocillopora and Acropora colonies in each photoquadrat, and the results were averaged among photoquadrats	count
Pocillopora_interspecific_interactions	The number of colonies inferred to be engaged in spatial competition based on analyses of the photoquadrats was expressed as a percentage of the total number of Pocillopora and Acropora colonies in each photoquadrat, and the results were averaged among photoquadrats	count

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## Deployments

### MCR\_Edmunds

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/640059">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/640059</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Richard B Gump Research Station - Moorea LTER
<b>Start Date</b>	2010-01-01
<b>End Date</b>	2016-12-31
<b>Description</b>	Ongoing studies on corals

## Project Information

### 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 caliendrum*. 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 HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> on juvenile *Porites* spp. in Moorea, French Polynesia. Biological Bulletin 225:92-101.

Data at MCR and PANGAEA: [doi.pangaea.de/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 pCO<sub>2</sub> depending on the day of release. Marine Biology DOI 10.1007/s00227-013-2280-y.

Data also at PANGAEA: [doi.pangaea.de/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 caliendrum* under ambient and elevated pCO<sub>2</sub>. 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.

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

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[coral-light expt.- growth](#)  
[coral-light expt.- protein](#)  
[coral-light expt.- survival](#)  
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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 pCO<sub>2</sub>. J Exp Mar Biol Ecol 439: 100-107.

Data is also at PANGAEA: [doi:10.1594/PANGAEA.823582](https://doi.org/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](#)  
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[brooded coral larvae 3 - tank temperature](#)  
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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](#)  
[brooded coral - release](#)  
[brooded coral - respiration](#)  
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2012 Dufault, Aaron M; Vivian R Cumbo; Tung-Yung Fan; Peter J Edmunds. Effects of diurnally oscillating pCO<sub>2</sub> 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](https://doi.org/10.1594/PANGAEA.830185)  
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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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## Funding

Funding Source	Award
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