DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Data description: The primary data gathered from this project will fall into three categories, (1) Biometric data relating to each coral species investigated (e.g. symbiont associations, photosynthetic parameters, growth rates, rates of isotopic enrichment, etc.), (2) moleculargenetic data relating to the sequence, qPCR, and microsatellite analyses of Symbiodinium spp. populations, and (3) physical data collected at each field site (sea water temperatures, incident irradiance, site specific light attenuation).

Data formats and sharing: Following publication, all raw site condition, physiological, and genetic data from each of the PI's laboratories will be submitted to the BCO-DMO. At the start of the project, all PI's will register their projects and submit project metadata to the Biological & Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO, www.bco-dmo.org). Following publication, all raw site condition, physiological, and genetic data from each of the PI's laboratories will be submitted to the BCO-DMO. We will provide direct electronic links to all available project databases through our dissemination of results in scientific publications as well as our respective laboratory websites: (https://homes.bio.psu.edu/people/faculty/lajeunesse/ and http://www.ceoe.udel.edu/people/profile.aspx?mwarner). Molecular data will primarily consist of DNA sequences, gel images, microsatellite allele sizes and quantitative PCR (rtPCR) data relating to symbiont diversity in all samples used in physiological analyses. It is expected that all genetic data will be publically available upon publication of the first paper that uses these data (likely by year 2). Any novel DNA sequences generated from this project will be placed in appropriate international databases (National Center for Biotechnology Information: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/). All data will be included as supplemental files along with papers submitted to international scientific journals.

Physiological data will consist of photosynthesis and respiration rates, Symbiodinium cell densities, size, chlorophyll a content, chlorophyll fluorescence parameters (from PAM and FIRe methodologies), calcification (buoyant weight) and linear extension, 13C pulse/chase and 13C/15N isotope natural abundance measurements, as well as animal protein, carbohydrates, total lipids and lipid classes, and isotope-specific fatty acid profiles. Physical site data will include long-term temperature measurements taken over the course of the project (six thermistors from three sites for three years in Palau), short-term in situ light data recorded at each site (7-14 day intervals) and calculated attenuation coefficients for each site and season of sampling. All data will be initially stored in a relational database in LaJeunesse's laboratory at Penn State and on Penn State's "ScholarSphere" data repository at (https://scholarsphere.psu.edu/). We anticipate making this data freely available to the general public once portions of the data are submitted as part of publications in international scientific journals by the third year of the project, and we expect to maintain this database for approximately three years after the completion of this project.