

# Secchi depth optical clarity from the R/V Kilo Moana KM0701 cruise in the South Pacific during 2007 (WP2 project)

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## Project

» [Ecotypic Diversity and Adaptation of Prochlorococcus in the Stratified, High Temperature Waters of the Western Pacific Warm Pool](#) (WP2)

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## Dataset Description

Secchi Depth, water column optical clarity, meters

## Methods & Sampling

At approximately local noon, a 16 inch diameter white/black quadrant disc was lowered from the ship's deck until no longer visible and this depth (in meters) recorded as the Secchi depth. Notes on the approximate sea state, weather or 'wire angle' were taken if deemed relevant to the reading.

## Data Processing Description

Generated from original file 'wp2\_secchi.txt' contributed by Zackary Johnson

### BCO-DMO Edits

- year, day of year converted to date formatted as YYYYMMDD
- parameter names formatted to conform with BCO-DMO convention

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## Data Files

<b>File</b>
<b>Secchi_Depth.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 831 bytes) MD5:aeb6a07f8b9f5bef5d6eb017832f92fc
Primary data file for dataset ID 3408

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Station	Station number	integer
date	date (GMT)	YYYYMMDD
lon	Station longitude (West is negative)	decimal degrees
lat	Station latitude (South is negative)	decimal degrees
depth	Secchi depth in meters	meters
comments	comments related to sampling	text

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Secchi Disc
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Secchi Disc
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	At approximately local noon, a 16 inch diameter white/black quadrant disc was lowered from the ship's deck until no longer visible and this depth (in meters) recorded as the Secchi depth
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Typically, a 16 inch diameter white/black quadrant disc used to measure water optical clarity

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## Deployments

### KM0701

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58165">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58165</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Kilo Moana
<b>Report</b>	<a href="http://bcodata.whoi.edu/WP2/wp2_cruise_report.pdf">http://bcodata.whoi.edu/WP2/wp2_cruise_report.pdf</a>
<b>Start Date</b>	2007-01-03
<b>End Date</b>	2007-02-12
<b>Description</b>	A cruise aboard the R/V Kilo-Moana from Hawaii to Brisbane, Australia through the stratified WPWP during January - February 2007. For additional information on KILO MOANA data/data formats see: <a href="#">Formats_of_data_2007.pdf</a> Cruise information and original data are available from the NSF R2R data catalog.

## Project Information

### Ecotypic Diversity and Adaptation of *Prochlorococcus* in the Stratified, High Temperature Waters of the Western Pacific Warm Pool (WP2)

**Website:** <http://www.soest.hawaii.edu/oceanography/zij/wp2/>

**Coverage:** Western Pacific

In most tropical and subtropical ecosystems, the prokaryotic cyanobacteria *Prochlorococcus* plays a critical role in ecosystem structure and biogeochemistry because it is the numerically dominant photoautotrophic picoplankter. Although the worldwide distributions of *Prochlorococcus* are generally understood, the precise reasons for its overwhelming ecological success have remained elusive. This picture has recently become complicated by the discovery that *Prochlorococcus* is not monophyletic and that different genetic clades of *Prochlorococcus* have remarkably different distributions with depth and over oceanic basins. Thus, our understanding of factors that structure *Prochlorococcus* populations in the natural environment, and our ability to predict how this structure might respond to environmental changes, are limited. The PIs will address this by focusing on naturally occurring populations in the Western Pacific Warm Pool, an area where *Prochlorococcus* is known to dominate, but where there are no data on clade abundances. In addition to being a large region of the Pacific Ocean with significance to the global carbon cycle, the Western Pacific Warm Pool (WPWP) is of particular interest because it is typically highly stratified, with surface waters having extreme temperatures and light levels compared to those at depth. Populations of *Prochlorococcus* at the surface and at depth experience different environmental pressures, and may belong to different clades and have different adaptive physiologies. The PIs will test this hypothesis on a cruise from Hawaii to Brisbane, Australia through the stratified WPWP. Samples from this transect will be used to quantify (using quantitative PCR) the six known clades of *Prochlorococcus* and to search for new clades (using clone libraries and isolates) and their abundances. The ultimate goal is to relate clade abundances to temperature, light, nutrient concentrations and other measured biological, chemical and physical variables.

This project will encompass multiple layers of outreach to scientists and the scientific community at large. Data and strains will be deposited at national repositories and results will be disseminated through publications, professional meeting presentations, and a project web site. Undergraduates and graduate students will be trained, and students will be an integral part of the data collection, analysis, and dissemination phases and will be encouraged to present at national meetings. Cross-institutional training will enhance graduate student education. The PIs will integrate results from this project into undergraduate and graduate curricula at their home institutions and will be attending the NSF sponsored 'Scientific Inquiry in the K-16 Classroom' seminar to develop methods to link results to primary education. The PIs will use presentations and activities with local outreach groups, such as the Hawaii Academy of Sciences, to encourage scientific understanding through mentoring, science symposia and science competitions for primary and secondary school students.

[WP2/KM0701 Cruise Report](#)

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