

# Phytoplankton abundances from the R/V Melville IronEx II cruise in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean in 1995 (IronEx II project)

**Website:** <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/3440>

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## Project

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## Dataset Description

Phytoplankton abundances

## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO Processing Notes

Prepared by WHOI OCB-DMO from original file:CCIICNT.XLS contributed by Doug Mackie

### Changes made to original file:

- Extensive editing to remove blank lines, organize data (stations, etc) into rows/columns
- Parameter names edited to conform to BCO-DMO convention
- date, time, event, cast, lat, lon manually inserted from Cast Log using event in Cast Log

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## Data Files

File
<b>Phyto_Abundance.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 3.78 KB) MD5:e7ef9d38f3cbc14673e138f511d738b6
Primary data file for dataset ID 3440

## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
STATION	Station id	text
event	Unique event number (Generated by BCO-DMO)	YYYYMMDDHHMM
date	Station date (GMT)	YYYYMMDD
time	Station time (GMT)	HHMM
yrday	year day	int
lon	Station longitude (West is negative)	dec degrees
lat	Station latitude (South is negative)	dec degrees
Patch	Station location relative to the Patch	In/Out
depth	Station depth	meters
TIME_sta	Station time (GMT)	dec days
Del_T	Delta time	hrs
DAY	Experiment Day	text
TOT	Total Phytoplankton	cells/ml
Synoc	Synoc	cells/ml
RFP	RFP	cells/ml
Prymn	Prymn	cells/ml
Dino	Dino	cells/ml
A_flag	A_flag	cells/ml
A_crypto	A_crypto	cells/ml
Prasino	Prasino	cells/ml
Pen	Pen	cells/ml
Cen	Cen	cells/ml
Phaeo	Phaeo	cells/ml
H_Flag	HETEROPLANKTON H_Flag	cells/ml
H_Dino	HETEROPLANKTON H_Dino	cells/ml
Crypto	HETEROPLANKTON Crypto	cells/ml
Choano	HETEROPLANKTON Choano	cells/ml
H_Ciliates	HETEROPLANKTON H_Ciliates	cells/ml
A_Ciliates	HETEROPLANKTON A_Ciliates	cells/ml

## Deployments

### IronExII\_MV

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57830">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/57830</a>
<b>Platform</b>	R/V Melville
<b>Start Date</b>	1995-05-13
<b>End Date</b>	1995-06-21
<b>Description</b>	Cruise Summary: 5/14/95 Depart Papeete, Tahiti 5/14/95 to 5/23/95 Transit & Test stations 5/23/95 to 5/29/95 Survey for Fe release 5/29/95 to 5/30/95 Fe release #1 5/30/95 to 6/1/95 In & out sampling 6/1/95 to 6/1/95 Fe release #2 6/1/95 to 6/5/95 In & out sampling 6/5/95 to 6/5/95 Fe release #3 6/6/95 to 6/8/95 In & out sampling 6/8/95 to 6/9/95 Control patch (SF6 only), 2nd Fe patch release (0.4 nM Fe) 6/9/95 to 6/15/95 In & out sampling of all 3 patches 6/15/95 to 6/21/95 Transit to Acapulco, Mexico

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## Project Information

### Iron Experiment II (IronExII)

**Coverage:** Equatorial Pacific Ocean

One of two (see IronEx I Oct/Nov 1993) small scale iron fertilization experiments conducted in the Equatorial Pacific Ocean.

#### Summary:

5/14/95 Depart Papeete, Tahiti

5/14/95 to 5/23/95 Transit & Test stations

5/23/95 to 5/29/95 Survey for Fe release

5/29/95 to 5/30/95 Fe release #1

5/30/95 to 6/1/95 In & out sampling

6/1/95 to 6/1/95 Fe release #2

6/1/95 to 6/5/95 In & out sampling

6/5/95 to 6/5/95 Fe release #3

6/6/95 to 6/8/95 In & out sampling

6/8/95 to 6/9/95 Control patch (SF6 only), 2nd Fe patch release (0.4 nM Fe)

6/9/95 to 6/15/95 In & out sampling of all 3 patches

6/15/95 to 6/21/95 Transit to Acapulco, Mexico

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## Program Information

## Iron Synthesis (FeSynth)

**Coverage:** Global

The two main objectives of the Iron Synthesis program (SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005), are:

1. Data compilation: assembling a common open-access database of the *in situ* iron experiments, beginning with the first period (1993-2002; Ironex-1, Ironex-2, SOREE, EisenEx, SEEDS-1; SOFeX, SERIES) where primary articles have already been published, to be followed by the 2004 experiments where primary articles are now in progress (EIFEX, SEEDS-2; SAGE, FeeP); similarly for the natural fertilizations S.O.JGOFS (1992), CROZEX (2004/2005) and KEOPS (2005).
2. Modeling and data synthesis of specific aspects of two or more such experiments for various topics such as physical mixing, phytoplankton productivity, overall ecosystem functioning, iron chemistry, CO<sub>2</sub> budgeting, nutrient uptake ratios, DMS(P) processes, and combinations of these variables and processes.

SCOR Working Group proposal, 2005. "The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling".

[http://www.scor-int.org/Working\\_Groups/wg131.htm](http://www.scor-int.org/Working_Groups/wg131.htm)

See also: SCOR Proceedings Vol. 42 Concepcion, Chile October 2006, pgs: 13-16 2.3.3 Working Group on The Legacy of *in situ* Iron Enrichments: Data Compilation and Modeling.

The first objective of the Iron Synthesis program involves a data recovery effort aimed at assembling a common, open-access database of data and metadata from a series of *in-situ* ocean iron fertilization experiments conducted between 1993 and 2005. Initially, funding for this effort is being provided by the Scientific Committee on Oceanic Research (SCOR) and the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

Through the combined efforts of the principal investigators of the individual projects and the staff of Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office (BCO-DMO), data currently available primarily through individuals, disparate reports and data agencies, and in multiple formats, are being collected and prepared for addition to the BCO-DMO database from which they will be freely available to the community.

As data are contributed to the BCO-DMO office, they are organized into four overlapping categories:

1. Level 1, basic metadata  
(e.g., description of project/study, general location, PI(s), participants);
2. Level 2, detailed metadata and basic shipboard data and routine ship's operations  
(e.g., CTDs, underway measurements, sampling event logs);
3. Level 3, detailed metadata and data from specialized observations  
(e.g., discrete observations, experimental results, rate measurements) and
4. Level 4, remaining datasets  
(e.g., highest level of detailed data available from each study).

Collaboration with BCO-DMO staff began in March of 2008 and initial efforts have been directed toward basic project descriptions, levels 1 and 2 metadata and basic data, with detailed and more detailed data files being incorporated as they become available and are processed.

## Related file

[Program Documentation](#)

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