

Connectivity matrices for 2 mussel species (*Mytilus californianus* and *Mytilus galloprovincialis*) from the Southern California Coast and Northwest Coast of Mexico from 2003-2009

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Dataset Description

This dataset consists of connectivity matrices (provided as two spreadsheet files) for 2 mussel species (*Mytilus californianus* and *Mytilus galloprovincialis*) in Southern California. Larval connectivity matrices depict sites of origin (natal sites) and sites of recruitment.

Methods & Sampling

Larval connectivity data are based on trace elemental fingerprinting. Reference algorithms are based on shell chemistry of larvae outplanted at study sites.

Methods are described in:

Becker, B.J., Levin, L.A., Fodrie, F.J. and McMillan, P.A. Complex larval retention patterns in marine invertebrates. Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. 104: 3267-3272.

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Data Files

File
connectivity_matrices.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 298 bytes) MD5:279b65cd9508cf4e03792d33b87257f2
Primary data file for dataset ID 3810

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
species	Name of species	n/a
file_link	Clickable link to the file to display or download	n/a

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Deployments

BC_May2003-Nov2009

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58788
Platform	Bivalve Connectivity
Start Date	2003-05-01
End Date	2009-11-30
Description	Life history data collection and Inshore larval connectivity studies May/2003 - Nov/2009 A series of sites re-visited on separate occasions from May/2003 - Nov/2009 General Location of the Sites: Southern California Coast around 32N, 117W Northwest Coast of Mexico - Bajamar, MX and Punta Morro, MX Methods & Sampling Processing Description

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Project Information

Temporal and spatial scales of variability in bivalve connectivity (Bivalve Connectivity)

Website: <http://levin.ucsd.edu/>

Coverage: Southern California Coast around 32N, 117W, NW Mexico

Temporal and spatial scales of variability in bivalve connectivity

Larval connectivity, the extent to which sub-populations exchange larvae, has emerged as a fundamental concept within the diverse arenas of population ecology, biotic resource management, biodiversity conservation, invasive species control, and habitat restoration. However, determining dispersal trajectories of larvae and their scales of variability remain a major challenge. Project investigators Levin, Muccino and Rasmussen will use an integration of prospective modeling and retrospective (elemental fingerprinting) approaches to assess variability in larval connectivity and its demographic consequences for mytilid mussel populations in southern California. This project builds on initial studies of mytilid connectivity to address in greater depth and with a more strongly coupled physical/biological approach, questions of variability and its causes.

These collaborating scientists will address hypotheses concerning the spatial and temporal scales of connectivity for mussels, *Mytilus californianus* and *Mytilus galloprovincialis*, examining their consistency among sites and species. This will be accomplished through (a) larval out-planting at 18 locations in San Diego County several times a year to generate reference signatures for trace elemental fingerprinting, (b) collection of recruits and elemental analyses of their larval shells to determine sites and regions of origins, and (c) high frequency data collection at 2 bay locations for *M. galloprovincialis* and 2 open coast locations for *M. californianus* to carry out weekly analysis of recruitment variability, its link to chemical signals and recruit origins, and for collection of demographic data (size-specific survivorship, growth and fecundity).

Through numerical dispersal simulations of the coastal ocean and bays, and subsequent comparisons to fingerprinting based assessment of recruit origins, they will examine the roles of circulation, local vs. remote forcing, bay-ocean interaction, episodic events, and larval attributes (vertical behavior, release times, planktonic duration) in defining the variability of connectivity. Demographic data will be combined with connectivity data to model the population and meta-population level fitness consequences of observed mytilid connectivity patterns.

The results of connectivity studies have direct applicability to conservation and management of commercial and natural bivalve populations, and given the key structural role of mussels, to the conservation of rocky shore habitats.

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