

# Temperature and salinity measurements from coral-light experiments (Dufault, 2013, JEB), Taiwan 2010 (MCR LTER project, Climate\_Coral\_Larvae project)

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**Project**  
» [Moorea Coral Reef Long-Term Ecological Research site](#) (MCR LTER)  
» [The ecophysiological basis of the response of coral larvae and early life history stages to global climate change](#) (Climate\_Coral\_Larvae)

**Program**  
» [Long Term Ecological Research network](#) (LTER)

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## Dataset Description

The effect of light and PCO2 on the calcification and survival of Pocillopora damicornis recruits settled from larvae released in southern Taiwan was tested.

These data include the temperature and salinity measurements for each light treatment in each of the tanks over the duration of the experiment.

**Related datasets:**  
[coral-light expt.- PAR](#)  
[coral-light expt.- carbonate chemistry](#)  
[coral-light expt.- growth](#)  
[coral-light expt.- protein](#)  
[coral-light expt.- survival](#)

These data were published in Aaron M Dufault, Aaron Ninokawa, Lorenzo Bramanti, Vivian R Cumbo, Tung-Yung Fan, Peter J Edmunds (2013) The role of light in mediating the effects of ocean acidification on coral calcification. Journal of Experimental Biology 216: 1570-1577. doi:10.1242/jeb.080549

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## Methods & Sampling

In March 2011 and June 2012, recruits were incubated at 31, 41, 70, 122 and 226 µmol photons m<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> under ambient (493 µatm) and high PCO2 (878 µatm). After 5 days, calcification was measured gravimetrically and survivorship estimated as the number of living recruits.

Temperature and salinity were measured twice daily in each tank. Salinity was measured with a conductivity meter (±0.1 accuracy, model 340i, WTW GmbH, Weilheim, Germany), and temperature with a certified digital thermometer (±0.05°C accuracy, Fisher Scientific Traceable Digital Thermometer, Pittsburgh, PA, USA).

## Data Processing Description

**BCO-DMO processing notes:**

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date, reference information
- added lab, lat, lon, expt columns
- renamed parameters to BCO-DMO standard
- added days values for expt. 1
- reformatted date from m/d/yyyy to yyyy/mm/dd
- sorted by expt, treatment\_pCO2, tank, date, time

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## Data Files

File
<b>temp_sal.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 5.42 KB) MD5:9ed31e00793c3e800e2d5a1b3fd9e8fa
Primary data file for dataset ID 527729

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
lab	laboratory	unitless
lat	latitude; north is positive	degrees
lon	longitude; east is positive	degrees
expt	experiment identification number	unitless
tank	tank identification number	unitless
treatment_pCO2	relative partial pressure of carbon dioxide (pCO2) target for treatment	unitless
days	number of days into the experiment	days
date	date of measurements	yyyy/mm/dd
time	time of measurements	HHMM
temp	temperature for a day and time of measure	degrees Celsius
sal	salinity for a day and time of measure	PSU

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Conductivity Meter
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Conductivity Meter
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	±0.1 accuracy, model 340i, WTW GmbH, Weilheim, Germany
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	Conductivity Meter - An electrical conductivity meter (EC meter) measures the electrical conductivity in a solution. Commonly used in hydroponics, aquaculture and freshwater systems to monitor the amount of nutrients, salts or impurities in the water.

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	Water Temp Sensor
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	Water Temperature Sensor
<b>Dataset-specific Description</b>	a certified digital thermometer (±0.05°C accuracy, Fisher Scientific Traceable Digital Thermometer, Pittsburgh, PA, USA).
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	General term for an instrument that measures the temperature of the water with which it is in contact (thermometer).

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## Deployments

### lab\_Edmunds\_NMMBA

<b>Website</b>	<a href="https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58892">https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/58892</a>
<b>Platform</b>	Natl Museum Mar. Bio. and Aquar. Taiwan
<b>Start Date</b>	2010-03-18
<b>End Date</b>	2010-03-24
<b>Description</b>	Experiments related to the research project: 'RUI- The ecophysiological basis of the response of coral larvae and early life history stages to global climate change' were conducted at the laboratories of the National Museum of Marine Biology and Aquarium in Southern Taiwan.

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## Project Information

### Moorea Coral Reef Long-Term Ecological Research site (MCR LTER)

**Website:** <http://mcr.lternet.edu/>

**Coverage:** Island of Moorea, French Polynesia

**From** <http://www.lternet.edu/sites/mcr/> and <http://mcr.lternet.edu/>:

The Moorea Coral Reef LTER site encompasses the coral reef complex that surrounds the island of Moorea, French Polynesia (17°30'S, 149°50'W). Moorea is a small, triangular volcanic island 20 km west of Tahiti in the Society Islands of French Polynesia. An offshore barrier reef forms a system of shallow (mean depth ~ 5-7 m), narrow (~0.8-1.5 km wide) lagoons around the 60 km perimeter of Moorea. All major coral reef types (e.g., fringing reef, lagoon patch reefs, back reef, barrier reef and fore reef) are present and accessible by small boat.

The MCR LTER was established in 2004 by the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and is a partnership between the University of California Santa Barbara and California State University, Northridge. MCR researchers include marine scientists from the UC Santa Barbara, CSU Northridge, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, UC San Diego, CSU San Marcos, Duke University and the University of Hawaii. Field operations are conducted from the UC Berkeley Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Station on the island of Moorea, French

Polynesia.

**MCR LTER Data:** The Moorea Coral Reef (MCR) LTER data are managed by and available directly from the MCR project data site URL shown above. The datasets listed below were collected at or near the MCR LTER sampling locations, and funded by NSF OCE as ancillary projects related to the MCR LTER core research themes.

**This project is supported by continuing grants with slight name variations:**

- LTER: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR II - Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR IIB: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR III: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem
- LTER: MCR IV: Long-Term Dynamics of a Coral Reef Ecosystem

## **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: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: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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[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](#)

[brooded coral larvae 3 - respiration raw data](#)

[brooded coral larvae 3 - symbiont density](#)

[brooded coral larvae 3 - tank temperature](#)

[- Download part 1 of data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)

[- Download tank parameters data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)

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](#)

[brooded coral - settlement competency](#)

[brooded coral - size\\_july](#)

[brooded coral - size\\_protein\\_symbionts\\_photosynth](#)

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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)

[recruit\\_growth\\_area](#)

[recruit\\_growth\\_weight](#)

[recruit\\_seawater\\_chemistry](#)

[recruit\\_survival](#)

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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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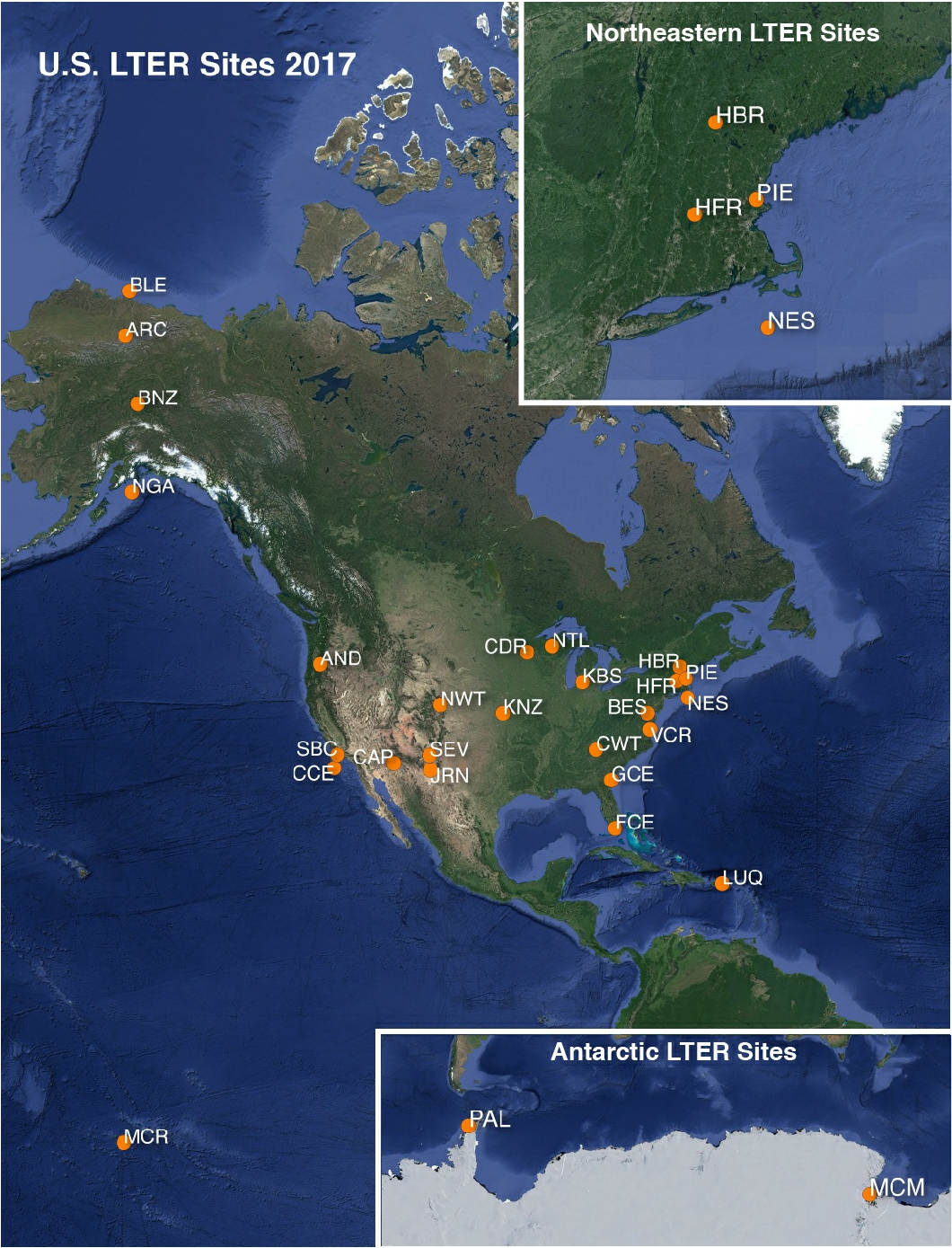
### Long Term Ecological Research network (LTER)

**Website:** <http://www.lternet.edu/>

**Coverage:** United States

**adapted from** <http://www.lternet.edu/>

The National Science Foundation established the LTER program in 1980 to support research on long-term ecological phenomena in the United States. The Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Network is a collaborative effort involving more than 1800 scientists and students investigating ecological processes over long temporal and broad spatial scales. The LTER Network promotes synthesis and comparative research across sites and ecosystems and among other related national and international research programs. The LTER research sites represent diverse ecosystems with emphasis on different research themes, and cross-site communication, network publications, and research-planning activities are coordinated through the LTER Network Office.



Site Codes	
AND	Andrews Forest LTER
ARC	Arctic LTER
BES	Baltimore Ecosystem Stu
BLE	Beaufort Lagoon Ecosystems LTER
BNZ	Bonanza Creek LTER
CCE	California Current Ecosystem LTER
CDR	Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve
CAP	Central Arizona-Phoenix LTER
CWT	Coweeta LTER
FCE	Florida Coastal Everglades LTER
GCE	Georgia Coastal Ecosystems LTER
HFR	Harvard Forest LTER
HBR	Hubbard Brook LTER
JRN	Jornada Basin LTER
KBS	Kellogg Biological Station LTER
KNZ	Konza Prairie LTER
LUQ	Luquillo LTER
MCM	McMurdo Dry Valleys LT
MCR	Moorea Coral Reef LTER
NWT	Niwot Ridge LTER
NTL	North Temperate Lakes I
NES	Northeast U.S. Shelf LTER
NGA	Northern Gulf of Alaska I
PAL	Palmer Antarctica LTER
PIE	Plum Island Ecosystems LTER
SBC	Santa Barbara Coastal L
SEV	Sevilleta LTER
VCR	Virginia Coast Reserve L

2017 LTER research site map obtained from <https://lternet.edu/site/lter-network/>

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