

# Historical larval release of *P. damicornis*, Taiwan, March 2003-2008 (Cumbo, 2013) (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

To evaluate the effects of temperature and pCO<sub>2</sub> on coral larvae, brooded larvae of *Pocillopora damicornis* from Nanwan Bay, Taiwan (21°56.179' N, 120°44.85' E), were exposed to ambient (419-470 µatm) and high (604-742 µatm) pCO<sub>2</sub> at ~25 and ~29 °C in two experiments conducted in March 2010 and March 2012. Larvae were sampled from four consecutive lunar days (LD) synchronized with spawning following the new moon, incubated in treatments for 24 h, and measured for respiration, maximum photochemical efficiency of PSII (F v/F m), and mortality.

The most striking outcome was a strong effect of time (i.e., LD) on larvae performance: respiration was affected by an LD × temperature interaction in 2010 and 2012, as well as an LD × pCO<sub>2</sub> × temperature interaction in 2012; F v/F m was affected by LD in 2010 (but not 2012); and mortality was affected by an LD × pCO<sub>2</sub> interaction in 2010, and an LD × temperature interaction in 2012. There were no main effects of pCO<sub>2</sub> in 2010, but in 2012, high pCO<sub>2</sub> depressed metabolic rate and reduced mortality. Therefore, differences in larval performance depended on day of release and resulted in varying susceptibility to future predicted environmental conditions. These results underscore the importance of considering larval brood variation across days when designing experiments. Subtle differences in experimental outcomes between years suggest that transgenerational plasticity in combination with unique histories of exposure to physical conditions can modulate the response of brooded coral larvae to climate change and ocean acidification.

These data include the timing of larval release from *P. damicornis* in Taiwan on lunar March 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2008 (Fan et al. 2006; TY Fan unpublished data).

### Related datasets:

[brooded coral larvae 2 - carbonate chemistry](#)

[brooded coral larvae 2 - respiration\\_photosynth\\_mortality](#)

These data are published in Vivian R Cumbo, Peter J Edmunds, Christopher B Wall, Tung-Yung Fan. (2013) Brooded coral larvae differ in their response to high temperature and elevated pCO<sub>2</sub> depending on the day of release. *Marine Biology*. See Figure 3.

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Data also available from PANGAEA: [DOI 10.1007/s00227-013-2280-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s00227-013-2280-y)

### References:

\* Vivian R Cumbo, Peter J Edmunds, Christopher B Wall, Tung-Yung Fan. (2013) Brooded coral larvae differ in their response to high temperature and elevated pCO<sub>2</sub> depending on the day of release. *Marine Biology*. See Figure 3.

Fan TY, Lin KH, Kuo FW, Soong K, Liu LL, Fang LS (2006) Diel patterns of larval release by five brooding scleractinian corals. *Mar Ecol Prog Ser* 321:133-142

## Methods & Sampling

To place the present results in a broader context, the timing of larval release from *P. damicornis* in Taiwan was examined over multiple years to determine when the peak larval release occurred in March, relative to the preceding new moon. The analysis was used to weight the outcome of the present analysis for ecological significance based on the LD when the majority of larvae are released. The analysis was accomplished by compiling data on lunar March 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2008 (Fan et al. 2006; TY Fan unpublished data). In each of 4 years, coral colonies from the same location as in this study were transported to NMMBA and placed in flow-through aquaria as described above. In 2003 and 2005, 8 colonies month-1 were used, but in 2007 and 2008, 4 colonies month-1 were used. During these analyses, the beakers collecting larvae released from each colony were inspected daily (at 0900 hours) and the number of larvae counted. The number of larvae released daily from each colony in each year was summed to give the total number released on each LD over 4 years.

## Data Processing Description

### BCO-DMO processing notes:

- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date, reference information
- added lab, lat, lon columns
- renamed parameters to BCO-DMO standard

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## Data Files

<b>File</b>
<b>brood2_historical_counts.csv</b> (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 3.29 KB) MD5:d4bb1c3b3ab12705c0792d3b8cf80a243
Primary data file for dataset ID 528880

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## Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
site	location of sample collection	unitless
lat	latitude; north is positive	decimal degrees
lon	longitude; east is positive	decimal degrees
year	year of sample collection	YYYY
month	month of sample collection	unitless
lunar_day	lunar day: days since the new moon	unitless
num_colonies	number of colonies in sample	unitless
larvae_released_total	total number of larvae released from the colonies	unitless

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## Instruments

<b>Dataset-specific Instrument Name</b>	flow-through aquaria
<b>Generic Instrument Name</b>	In-situ incubator
<b>Generic Instrument Description</b>	A device on a ship or in the laboratory that holds water samples under controlled conditions of temperature and possibly illumination.

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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 calandrum*. *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.pangaea.de/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.pangaea.de/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](#)  
[- Download complete data for this publication \(Excel file\)](#)

2013 Edmunds PJ, Cumbo VR, Fan TY. Metabolic costs of larval settlement and metamorphosis in the coral *Seriatopora calandrum* 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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2013 Aaron M Dufault, Aaron Ninokawa, Lorenzo Bramanti, Vivian R Cumbo, Tung-Yung Fan, Peter J Edmunds. The role of light in mediating the effects of ocean acidification on coral calcification. *Journal of Experimental Biology* 216: 1570-1577.

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[coral-light expt.- carbonate chemistry](#)  
[coral-light expt.- temp\\_salinity](#)  
[coral-light expt.- growth](#)  
[coral-light expt.- protein](#)  
[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](#)  
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[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)  
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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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## Program Information

### Long Term Ecological Research network (LTER)

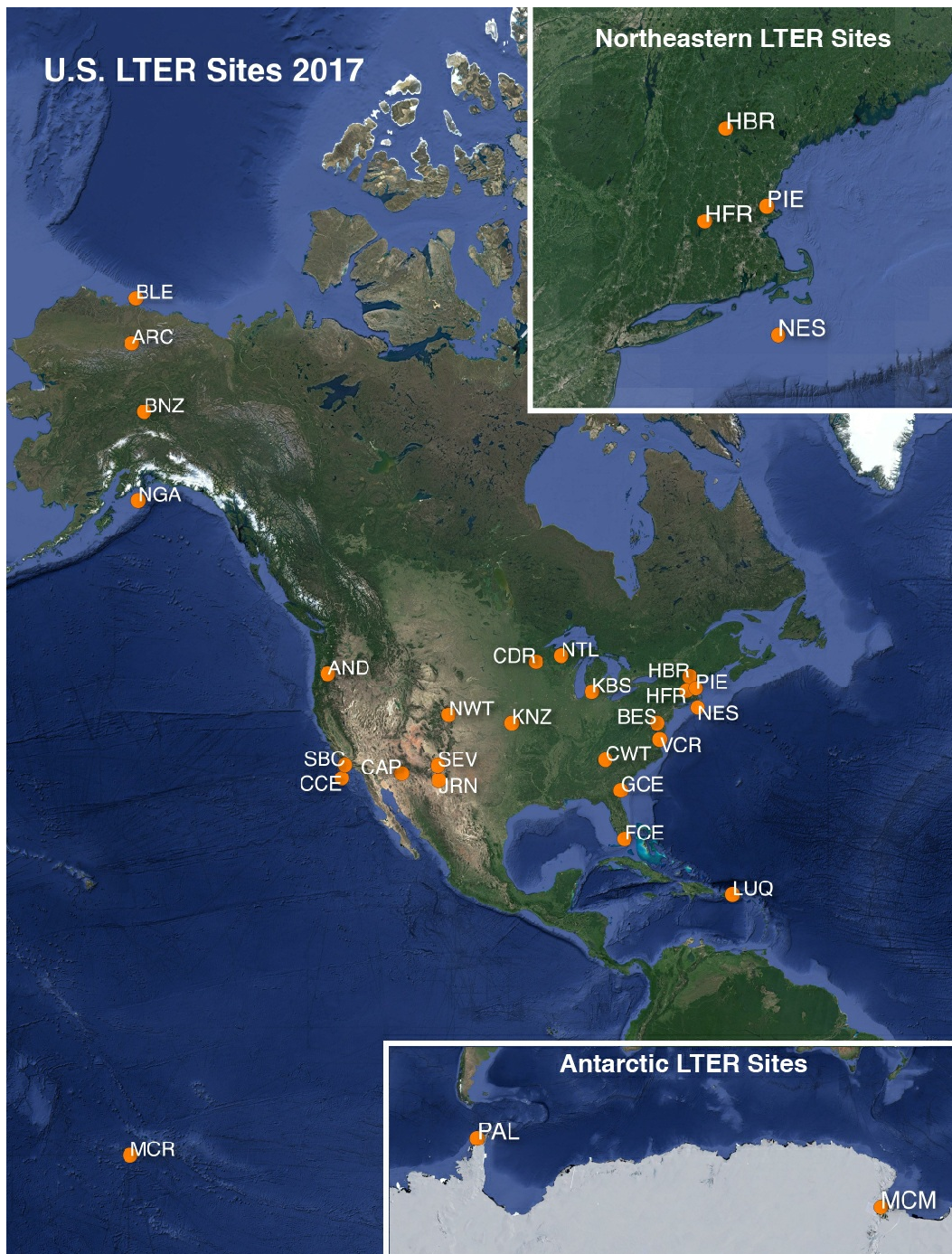
**Website:** <http://www.lternet.edu/>

**Coverage:** United States

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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 Stt  
Ecosystems LTER
- 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 LTE
- NGA Northern Gulf of Alaska I
- PAL Palmer Antarctica LTER  
Ecosystems 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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