Experimental results from the 2nd of 2 studies on prey choice for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (Menippe spp.) in North Inlet Estuary, Georgetown, SC during 2012 (Variation in Metabolic Processes project)

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Project
» Linking Variation in Metabolic Processes as a Key to Prediction (Variation in Metabolic Processes)

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: **Lat**:33.3333 **Lon**:-79.16667
Temporal Extent: 2013-06-18 - 2013-07-11

Dataset Description

Feeding choices made by stone crabs with either one or two claws. Crabs were collected from North Inlet Estuary, Georgetown, South Carolina.

Related Datasets:
Stone crab: 052012-DietChoiceExp1
Stone crab: 052012-LongTermConsumption
Stone crab: 062013-PreySizeSelection

Methods & Sampling

Data was gathered experimentally at the Baruch Institute for Marine & Coastal Sciences. Proportion of the prey items consumed out of total provided (e.g. 1 of 3 mussels; 2 of 3 alternative prey) were used in analysis.

After finding no evidence of prey switching from bivalve prey to any of the previously mentioned diet items as a result of claw loss (see Results), another series of diet choice studies was conducted to assess the selection of various types and sizes of other prey in June 2013. They did this using 2 sequential experiments with a single

set of 24 male stone crabs (mean CW ± SD, 81.3 ± 10.6 mm), and examined prey selection before and after removing the larger, crusher claw. Females were not included in these experiments because of low capture rates; however, no differences in consumption between male and female crabs were observed in either diet choice experiment 1 or the long-term consumption experiment. Because the same crabs were used for both experiments, the 2-clawed treatment of each experiment was conducted first (diet choice experiment 2, then prey size selection, as described later), and then the larger, crusher claw was removed fromthe crabs to conduct the 1-clawed treatment of each experiment (diet choice experiment 2, then prey size selection). Between each experimental treatment, crabs were starved for 48 h to standardize hunger. For both experiments, the crabs were housed in the same individual 5-gal buckets, each provided with a separate flow-through seawater source, allowing water temperature and salinity to fluctuate with ambient conditions. At the end of these 2 experiments, the remaining claw was removed from all crabs to assess the qualitative feeding habits of no-clawed crabs (details provided later).

For diet choice experiment 2, the crabs were provided with 3 small ribbed mussels (between 40 mm and 45 mm) and either 3 acorn barnacles (Balanus spp.) or 3 pieces of polychaete worms (Amphitrite ornata) for 48 h during both the 1- and 2-clawed treatments. These prey items were chosen because they are consumed by stone crabs (Powell & Gunter 1968) and are relatively abundant in the oyster reef in North Inlet estuary. For analysis, the results of 2-clawed and 1-clawed trials for each single crab were paired using a multivariate linear mixed-effects model (binomial distribution) with proportion consumed as the response variable; number of claws, prey type, and crab size as predictors; and crab identification number as the random factor to account for repeated measurements.

Data Processing Description

Data has not been processed.

BCO-DMO Processing:
- added conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date, reference information
- renamed parameters to BCO-DMO standard
- reformatted date from d-Mon-yy to yyyy-mm-dd
- replaced blank cells with nd
- sorted by claw flag and then crab id
- changed date_capture for crab 10 to 2013-06-18 for claw=Y records (some were other dates)
- changed crab number for crab 10 to 25 for those with claw=Y and date_capture on 2013-07-09

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Data Files

File
diet_choice2.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 20.06 KB) MD5:9da1f1176290b36d184b5eb4ced6e1fe Primary data file for dataset ID 638602

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Related Publications

Hogan, J. M., & Griffen, B. D. (2014). The Dietary and Reproductive Consequences of Fishery-Related Claw Removal for the Stone CrabMenippespp. Journal of Shellfish Research, 33(3), 795–804. https://doi.org/10.2983/035.033.0314
Results

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
claw	1-Clawed = Y; 2-clawed = N	unitless
crab	subject number	unitless
date_capture	date crab was captured	yyyy-mm-dd
carap_width	width of crab carapace at widest point	millimeters
sex	male = M; female = F	unitless
mussel_size	total length of mussel (Geukensia demissa) provided to crab	millimeters
alt_prey_type	type of prey other than mussels provided to crab: b = barnacle (Balanus sp); w = polychaete	millimeters
alt_prey_size	length or diameter of the prey size provided	millimeters
consumed	consumed: N = no; Y = yes	unitless

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Deployments

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Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/638572
Platform	Univ_S_Carolina
Start Date	2012-01-01
End Date	2016-12-31

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Project Information

Linking Variation in Metabolic Processes as a Key to Prediction (Variation in Metabolic Processes)

Description from NSF award abstract:
A major goal of biological and ecological sciences is to understand natural systems well enough to predict how species and populations will respond to a rapidly changing world (i.e., climate change, habitat loss, etc.). A population under any conditions will grow, shrink, or disappear altogether depending on how efficiently individuals consume resources (food), utilize that food metabolically, and eventually reproduce. However, making accurate predictions based on these metabolic processes is complicated by the realities that each species has different resource requirements and that no two individuals within a species are exactly alike. Rather, individuals vary and this variation, both within and across species, is central to many ecological and evolutionary processes. Developing the ability to predict responses of biological systems to a changing world therefore requires a mechanistic understanding of variation. The goal of this project is to improve this mechanistic understanding by examining variation within a metabolic context across a range of species that have a spectrum of commonly-seen resource requirements. Further, the work capitalizes on a unique biological characteristic of this group of species that allows control and manipulation of individual reproduction, facilitating experimental study of the mechanistic links between variation in individual consumption, metabolism, and reproduction. The foundation this research is a combination of field measurements and laboratory experiments using both well-established and newly-developed techniques to quantify these links. The result will be a quantitative framework to predict how individuals will respond reproductively to changes in resource use. Because of the close link between individual reproduction and population dynamics, this research will contribute substantially to predictions in population dynamics under realistic conditions where individuals use more than a single resource, and improve the prediction of responses to current and future ecological

changes.

The following publications and data resulted from this project:

Belgrad, B. and B. Griffen. 2016. Predator-prey interactions mediated by prey personality and predator identity.*Proc. Roy. Soc. B*: In Review. [2016-01-20]
P. herbstii mortality data: Mortality of crabs when exposed to either a single blue crab, toadfish, or no predator for a week
P. herbstii personality data: Refuge use of crabs when exposed to predator odor cues from either blue crabs, toadfish, or control of no cue
P. herbstii predator behavior data: Refuge use and mobility of blue crabs and toadfish while in mesocosms for a week - behavior measured during two days.

Belgrad, B. and B. Griffen. 2016. The influence of dietary shifts on fitness of the blue crab, *Callinectes sapidus*. *PloS One. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0145481.*
Blue crab activity: Activity of crabs fed different diets over a summer
Blue crab egg size: Volume of eggs for crabs fed different diets
Blue crab hepatopancreas index (HSI): Weight of hepatopancreas for crabs fed different diets
Blue crab hepatopancreas lipid content: Hepatopancreas lipid content of crabs fed different diets
Blue crab reproductive tissue analysis (GSI): Gonadosomatic index of blue crabs on various diets
Blue crab survival: Blue crab survival data during the dietary study

Knotts ER, Griffen BD. 2016. Individual movement rates are sufficient to determine and maintain dynamic spatial positioning within *Uca pugilator* herds. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* 70:639-646
Uca pugilator: behavior change with carapace marking: Search space behavior due to carapace treatment (control, nail polish, and food dye)
Uca pugilator: field spatial position: Assessment of individual's position within a herd at 3 min. intervals; for proportion of time found at edge of herd
Uca pugilator: herd position proportion: Individual's proportion of time spent in an edge/alone position among a herd
Uca pugilator: search space distribution: Search space that crabs traveled; to evaluate the sample's distribution of exploratory behavior

Belgrad, B. and B. Griffen. 2015. Rhizocephalan infection modifies host food consumption by reducing host activity levels. *Journal of Experimental Marine Biology and Ecology*. 466: 70-75.
E. depressus digestion time : Time taken for food to pass through gut of flat-backed mud crabs infected by a parasite
E. depressus metabolism: Respiration rate of infected/uninfected flat-backed mud crabs
E. depressus reaction time to prey: Time taken for infected/uninfected flat-backed mud crabs to react to the presence of prey

Blakeslee, A.M., C.L. Keogh, A.E. Fowler, B. Griffen. 2015. Assessing the effects of trematode infection on invasive green crabs in eastern North America. *PLOS One* 10(6): e0128674.(pdf)
Carcinus: hemocyte density: Counts of circulating hemocyte density in Carcinus maenas
Carcinus: parasites physiology behavior: Behavior and physiology of Carcinus maenas infected with trematode parasite

Griffen BD, Norelli AP (2015) Spatially variable habitat quality contributes to within-population variation in reproductive success. *Ecology and Evolution* 5:1474-1483.
P. herbstii diet: sampling site characteristics (Eco-Evo 2015)
P. herbstii diet: body measurements (Eco-Evo 2015)
P. herbstii diet & reproduction (Eco-Evo 2015)
P. herbstii: collection sites (Ecol-Evol 2015)

Griffen BD, Riley ME (2015) Potential impacts of invasive crabs on one life history strategy of native rock crabs in the Gulf of Maine. Biological Invasions 17:2533-2544.
Cancer consumption and reproduction (Bio.Inv. 2015): Lab experiment linking dietary consumption and reproduction

Griffen BD, Vogel M, Goulding L, Hartman R (2015) Energetic effects of diet choice by invasive Asian shore crabs: implications for persistence when prey are scarce. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* 522:181-192.
Hemigrapsus diet 1 (MEPS 2015)
Hemigrapsus diet 2 (MEPS 2015)

Hogan and Griffen (2014). The Dietary And Reproductive Consequences Of Fishery-Related Claw Removal For The Stone Crab *Menippe* Spp. Journal of Shellfish Research, Vol. 33, No. 3, 795–804.
Stone crab: 052012-DietChoiceExp1: Prey choice for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (Menippe spp.)
Stone crab: 052012-LongTermConsumption: Long-term consuption for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (Menippe spp.), summer of 2012
Stone crab: 062013-DietChoiceExp2: Prey choice for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (Menippe spp.)
Stone crab: 062013-PreySizeSelection: Prey Size selection ranking for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (Menippe spp.)

Riley M, Johnston CA, Feller IC, and Griffen B. 2014. Range expansion of *Aratus pisonii* (mangrove tree crab) into novel vegetative habitats. *Southeastern Naturalist* 13(4): 43-38
A. pisonii: range expansion: Aratus pisonii survey in native mangrove and novel salt marsh habitats

Riley M, Vogel M, Griffen B. 2014. Fitness-associated consequences of an omnivorous diet for the mangrove tree crab *Aratus pisonii*. *Aquatic Biology* 20:35-43, DOI: 10.3354/ab00543
A. pisonii: fitness and diet: Impact of diet variation on physiological and reproductive condition of A. pisonii

Toscano BJ, Newsome B, Griffen BD (2014) Parasite modification of predator functional response. Oecologia 175:345-352b
E. depressus - parasite and feeding (Oecologia, 2014): Feeding with and without parasitic barnacle infection
E. depressus - parasite and prey handling (Oecologia, 2014): Food handling with and without parasitic barnacle infection
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Toscano BJ, Griffen BD (2014) Trait-mediated functional responses: predator behavioural type mediates prey consumption.*Journal of Animal Ecology* 83:1469-1477
P. herbstii - activity and feeding (JAE, 2014): Activity level and feeding with and without predator cue

Toscano BJ, Gatto J, Griffen BD (2014) Effects of predation threat on repeatability of individual crab behavior revealed by mark recapture. *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology* 68:519-527
P. herbstii - recapture behavior (BESB, 2014): Mud crabs refuge use and activity level - initial measurements
P. herbstii - refuge use (BESB, 2014): Effect of predation threat on repeatability of individual crab behavior revealed by mark-recapture

Griffen BD, Altman I, Bess BM, Hurley J, Penfield A (2012) The role of foraging in the success of invasive species. Biological Invasions. 14:2545-2558
Hemigrapsus seasonal diet (Bio.Inv. 2012): Percent herbivory and gut fullness for Hemigrapsus sanguineus at different times of year

Griffen BD, Toscano B, Gatto J (2012) The role of intraspecific trait variation in mediating indirect interactions. Ecology 93:1935-1943
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P. herbstii: Field personality distribution (Ecology, 2012): Field distribution of personality types in the mud crab Panopeus herbstii relative to tidal height
P. herbstii: Trait mediated indirect effect (Ecology, 2012): Influence of refuge use by the mud crab Panopeus herbstii on consumption of bivalves

Riley ME, Griffen BD (2017) Habitat-specific differences alter traditional biogeographic patterns of life history in a climate-change induced range expansion. PLOS One 12(5):e0176263
A. pisonii: egg size: Comparing egg size in Aratus pisonii populations from mangrove and salt marsh habitats
A. pisonii: fecundity: Determining fecundity of Aratus pisonii populations in mangrove and salt marsh habitats
A. pisonii: larval starvation resistance: Comparing larval quality in Aratus pisonii populations from mangrove and salt marsh habitats
A. pisonii: latitudinal body size: Survey examining latitudinal body size patterns in Aratus pisonii
A. pisonii: predation: Comparing predation pressure on Aratus pisonii in mangrove and salt marsh habitats
A. pisonii: reproductive effort: Survey comparing Aratus pisonii reproductive effort in native and novel habitats
A. pisonii: herbivory: Relationship between leaf herbivory, tree characteristics, and refuge availability
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A. pisonii: dock-marsh thermal: Thermal readings from under a dock and in a nearby salt marsh
A. pisonii: sun-shade: Proportion of time that mangrove tree crab Aratus pisonii spent in sun and shade in three habitats, 2015-2016.
A. pisonii: thermal picture: Thermal condition of A. pisonii in three habitats: under dock, mangroves, saltmarsh

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