

Clutch size of the mangrove tree crab *A. pisonii* from three habitats: mangrove, saltmarsh and mangrove

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Abstract

This dataset includes clutch size of the mangrove tree crab *A. pisonii* from three habitats: mangrove, saltmarsh and mangrove.

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: N:30.1325 E:-80.28611 S:27.43 W:-81.38556

Temporal Extent: 2016-06-14 - 2016-10-13

Dataset Description

This dataset includes clutch size of the mangrove tree crab *A. pisonii* from three habitats: mangrove, saltmarsh and mangrove.

Methods & Sampling

We collected 10 ovigerous females by hand and from each habitat (mangrove, salt marsh, dock) during the week preceding the full moon of each of five consecutive months throughout the *A. pisonii* reproductive season. Crabs were immediately placed on dry ice and stored at -80°C until dissection at which time the size and gut-width were determined and the whole egg clutch was carefully removed from the pleopods.

We examined the sizes of their egg clutches. We first counted the number of eggs in a subset of the clutch of each crab. We then separately dried both this subset and the rest of the clutch to a constant weight at 60-70°C. We then determined the average mass of an individual egg in the subset and used this value to calculate

the total clutch size as the mass of the full clutch divided by this average. We further calculated the log of the clutch size and crab size in order to explore the size-independent difference in clutch-size between habitats.

Locations: Florida East Coast

Round Island Park: 27°33'33"N 80°19'53"W
Pepper Park: 27°29'42"N 80°18'12"W
North Causeway Park: 27°28'28"N 80°19'12"W
Oslo Road: 27°35'14"N 80°21'55"W
Anastasia State Park: 29°52'40"N 81°16'32"W
Guana-Tolomato-Matanzas NERR: 30°0'49"N 81°20'42"W
Vilano Inlet: 29°55'16"N 81°17'57"W
Palm Valley/Nocatee Canoe Launch: 30°07'57"N 81°23'08"W
St. Augustine Yacht Club: 29°53'09"N 81°17'08"W
Boating Club Road: 29°56'34"N 81°18'31"W

Data Processing Description

BCO-DMO Processing

- added Year and ISO_Date columns; removed from display Month, Month_Num, Date
- reduced decimal precision of GW_CW from 9 to 3; Fecund and Fec_CW from 4 and 7, respectively, to 0; log columns from 9 to 3; Fec_CW from 7 to 0.

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Data Files

File
Apisonii_clutch.csv (Comma Separated Values (.csv), 19.28 KB) MD5:f85bcbd7b003d99df0bb7f77ff3a80d5
Primary data file for dataset ID 741078

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
ID	Individual ID number given to each crab	unitless
ISO_Date	Date in ISO format (yyyy-mm-dd)	unitless
Habitat	The habitat where the crab was collected and observed.	unitless
Site	Site of observation/collection. RI= Round Island Park; PP=Pepper Park; BP=Bear Point; NC=North Causeway Park; Oslo=Oslo Road; ANA=Anastasia State Park; GTM= Guana-Tolomato-Matanzas NERR; PV= Palm Valley/Nocatee Canoe Launch; YC=St. Augustine Yacht Club	unitless
CW	Size of crab; measured as carapace-width	millimeters (mm)

GW	Gut width measured as the width of cardiac stomach.	millimeters (mm)
GW_CW	gut-width:carapace-width ratio	unitless
FB_WB	Mass of the weigh-boat in which the full egg brood was dried.	grams
FB_Wet	Wet-mass of the full egg brood (minus a subset) on weigh-boat.	grams
FB_Dry	Dry mass of the full egg brood (minus a subset) on weigh-boat.	grams
Full_Brood	Dry mass of the full egg brood (minus a subset)	grams
Sub_WB	Mass of the weigh-boat in which a subset of the egg brood was dried.	grams
Sub_Dry	Dry mass of a subset of the egg brood on weight-boat.	grams
Sub	Dry mass of a subset of the egg brood.	grams
Count	Number of eggs in the subset	eggs
Egg_Weight	The mass of a single egg in the subset.	grams
Fecund	Clutch size of the full egg brood.	eggs
Log_Fec	Log of the clutch size	unitless
Log_CW	Log of the carapace width	unitless
Log_Fec_Log_CW	Ratio of Log_Fec and Log_CW	unitless
Fec_CW	Ratio of clutch size and crab size	unitless

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Instruments

Dataset-specific Instrument Name	
Generic Instrument Name	scale
Dataset-specific Description	Used to measure wet and dry weights of eggs
Generic Instrument Description	An instrument used to measure weight or mass.

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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](https://doi.org/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

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[P. herbstii diet: body measurements \(Eco-Evo 2015\)](#)

[P. herbstii diet & reproduction \(Eco-Evo 2015\)](#)

[P. herbstii: collection sites \(Eco-Evo 2015\)](#)

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.

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[Stone crab: 052012-DietChoiceExp1](#): Prey choice for 2-clawed and 1-clawed Stone Crabs (*Menippe* spp.)

[Stone crab: 052012-LongTermConsumption](#): Long-term consumption 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.)

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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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Funding

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