

Thermal condition of *A. pisonii* in three habitats: under dock, mangroves, saltmarsh

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Coverage

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

Temporal Extent: 2015-05-23 - 2016-07-23

Dataset Description

This dataset includes the crab body and air temperature readings from a mangrove, under a dock, and in a nearby salt marsh for a study of mangrove tree crabs, *Aratus pisonii*. Also reported are the proportion of time the crabs spent in the sun, relative solar exposure of each crab, and associated parameters.

Acquisition Description

We observed the behavior of individual crabs *in situ*. In each habitat, we collected groups of five adult *A. pisonii* by hand and determined the sex and carapace width (to the nearest 0.1 mm) of each individual. The groups of crabs were made up of the first five individuals that we encountered and could capture and were drawn from all accessible habitat. We then painted the carapace of each crab an identifying color with nail polish to aid in identification and visibility. Following a short period of observation to ensure normal behavior, we released the crabs onto a single tree within 10 m of the collection tree of all individuals (mangrove), onto separate *S. alterniflora* stalks within 10 m of the area of collection (saltmarsh), or onto the same piling (dock) of the dock where all individuals were captured. Release in the saltmarsh occurred during the rising tide when the crabs had no access to the sediment.

We observed crabs in the mangrove and saltmarsh habitats from the time they lost access to the sediment until the receding tide once again allowed access to the sediment (~6h depending on site and day). In contrast, we observed crabs on docks from three hours before slack high tide until three hours after slack high tide. The total time of observation, in minutes, was recorded. Throughout the observational period we recorded the position of the crab as in sun or shade. We calculated the proportion of time during the observational period that each crab spent in the sun and shade.

To further examine the thermal habitat experienced by the observed crabs, we used a FLIR instruments C2 compact thermal imaging camera to take a thermal image of each visible marked crab every 15 minutes throughout the observational period. The days when crabs were observed took place over a wider range of air temperatures, which was measured on site, in the mangrove and saltmarsh habitats than on docks. Thus, to avoid the confounding factor of relatively cooler air temperatures in these habitats, only thermal pictures taken on days which had an average air temperature greater than 29°C were examined. We then employed the program FLIR tools to obtain the temperature at the center of the carapace of each crab.

We averaged the recorded body temperature of individual crabs over the course of an observational period. We expected that the solar radiation experienced by crabs over the course of an observational period (~6h depending on site and day) would impact their body

temperature. Thus, to examine the impact of solar exposure on crab temperature, we obtained short and long-wave solar radiation from the NCEP North American Regional Reanalysis (NARR). NARR has a resolution of 32km and calculates solar radiation in 3hr intervals. We obtained the solar radiation at the grid point closest to each site and averaged the sum of the short and long-wave solar radiation over the observational period. This number, in W/m^2 was then multiplied by the number of seconds the crab was observed to spend in the sun to obtain a relative measure of the solar energy experienced over the observational period. This calculated variable will hereafter be referred to as “solar exposure”.

Average crab body temperature was calculated as the average body temperature, obtained from thermal photos, over the course of the observational period.

Proportion of time in sun and water were both calculated as the proportion of minutes that crab was observed in the sun or water during the observational period.

Relative solar exposure was calculated by using NARR to obtain the solar radiation at the grid point closest to each site and averaging the sum of the short and long-wave solar radiation over the observational period. This number, in W/m^2 was then multiplied by the number of seconds the crab was observed to spend in the sun over the course of the observational period to obtain a relative measure of the solar energy experienced over the observational period.

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

Bear Point: 27°25'48"N 80°17'10"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

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

Processing Description

BCO-DMO Processing

- added column for Year and ISO_Date columns

- reduced decimal precision: Avg_Crab_Temp (8 to 2), Sun_Prop (9 to 4), Temp_Diff (8 to 2), Solar (7 to 0), Solar_Time (5 to 0)

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Related Publications

Cannizzo, Z. J., Dixon, S. R., & Griffen, B. D. (2018). An anthropogenic habitat within a suboptimal colonized ecosystem provides improved conditions for a range-shifting species. *Ecology and Evolution*, 8(3), 1521–1533. doi:[10.1002/ece3.3739](https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.3739)

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Parameters

| Parameter | Description | Units |
|---------------|--|--|
| Year | Year of observation/collection | unitless |
| ISO_Date | Day of observation/collection formatted as yyyy-mm-dd | unitless |
| ID | individual ID number given to each crab | 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) |
| Sex | Sex of crab | unitless |
| Prop_Water | The proportion of time the crab spent in water during the observational period | unitless |
| Avg_Crab_Temp | The body temperature of the crab averaged over the course of the observational period | degrees Celsius |
| Temp_Day | Ambient air temperature at the site during the observational period. | degrees Celsius |
| Sun_Prop | Proportion of time the crab was observed to be in the sun during the observational period. | unitless |
| Temp_Diff | Difference between the average crab body temperature and the ambient air temperature. | degrees Celsius |
| Solar | Solar radiation averaged over the observational period obtained from NARR at the grid point nearest to the observational site. | W/m ² |
| Time | Time of observational period. | minutes |
| Time_S | Time of observational period | seconds |
| Solar_Time | Relative solar exposure experienced by crab over the course of the observational period. | watts*seconds/square meter [(W*s)/m ²] |

Instruments

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| Dataset-specific Instrument Name | HOBO thermal data loggers |
| Generic Instrument Name | Temperature Logger |
| Generic Instrument Description | Records temperature data over a period of time. |

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

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