

Trichodesmium sample provenance from samples collected in North Atlantic surface waters, station BATS, and station ALOHA between 2000 and 2018

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Abstract

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Coverage

Spatial Extent: N:31.4 E:-21.59 S:0.17976 W:-158

Temporal Extent: 2000-07-27 - 2018-03-11

Dataset Description

Trichodesmium sample provenance collected in North Atlantic surface waters, at station BATS (Bermuda Atlantic Time-series Study), and station ALOHA (A Long-Term Oligotrophic Habitat Assessment) between 2000 and 2018. These results were published in Held et al. (2020).

Related Datasets:

Trichodesmium Metaproteomes: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/787078>

Trichodesmium single colonies metaproteomes: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/786694>

Trichodesmium field metaproteomes - peptide spectral counts: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/787168>

Trichodesmium field metaproteomes - protein spectral counts: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/787147>

Trichodesmium field metaproteomes - sequence fasta: <https://www.bco-dmo.org/dataset/787181>

Acquisition Description

A 200mm plankton net was deployed to ~20m depth, then recovered to just below surface, repeating five times. Trichodesmium colonies were hand-picked into 0.2mm filtered surface seawater, rinsed twice in 0.2mm filtered surface seawater, and decanted onto a 0.2-4mm Supor filter.

Processing Description

BCO-DMO Data Manager Processing Notes:

* added a conventional header with dataset name, PI name, version date

* modified parameter names to conform with BCO-DMO naming conventions (spaces, +, and - changed to underscores). Units in parentheses removed and added to Parameter Description metadata section.

* blank values in this dataset are displayed as "nd" for "no data." nd is the default missing data identifier in the BCO-DMO system.

* micron unit characters "uM" removed from filter size values in the data table and added to the units in parameter description section.

* Date format changed to ISO 8601 format yyyy-mm-dd

* As discussed with PI, if latitude and longitude are integers, use one decimal place of precision. So .0 added to integer lat/lons. Locations were intentionally selected to fall on integer degrees in some cases.

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Related Publications

Held, N. A., Webb, E. A., McIlvin, M. M., Hutchins, D. A., Cohen, N. R., Moran, D. M., ... Saito, M. A. (2020). Co-occurrence of Fe and P stress in natural populations of the marine diazotroph *Trichodesmium*. doi:[10.5194/bg-2019-493](https://doi.org/10.5194/bg-2019-493) [[details](#)]

Saito, M. A., McIlvin, M. R., Moran, D. M., Goepfert, T. J., DiTullio, G. R., Post, A. F., & Lamborg, C. H. (2014). Multiple nutrient stresses at intersecting Pacific Ocean biomes detected by protein biomarkers. *Science*, 345(6201), 1173–1177. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1256450> [[details](#)]

Shih, P. M., Wu, D., Latifi, A., Axen, S. D., Fewer, D. P., Talla, E., ... Kerfeld, C. A. (2012). Improving the coverage of the cyanobacterial phylum using diversity-driven genome sequencing. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 110(3), 1053–1058. doi:[10.1073/pnas.1217107110](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1217107110) [[details](#)]

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Parameters

Parameter	Description	Units
Name	Sample name	unitless
Replication	Replication (singlicate duplicate triplicate)	unitless
Cruise	Cruise identifier (or station BATS or HOT)	unitless
Cruise_station_num	Station number	unitless
Time_sampled	Description of time sampled	unitless
Date_sampled	Date of sample	unitless
Net_size	Plankton net mesh size	microns (um)
Filter_size	Supor filter size	microns (um)
Latitude	Latitude	decimal degrees
Longitude	Longitude	decimal degrees
time_zone	Local time zone used for columns Date_sampled and Time_sampled.	unitless

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Deployments

AT39-05

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/765978
Platform	R/V Atlantis
Start Date	2018-02-11
End Date	2018-03-14
Description	For study of iron and phosphorus balanced limitation of nitrogen fixation in the oligotrophic ocean.

JC150

Website	https://www.bco-dmo.org/deployment/786689
Platform	RRS James Cook
Start Date	2017-06-26
End Date	2017-08-12

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Project Information

Collaborative Research: Iron and phosphorus balanced limitation of nitrogen fixation in the oligotrophic ocean (TriCoLim)

Coverage: Tropical Atlantic

NSF abstract: Marine cyanobacteria are able to use or "fix" atmospheric nitrogen gas, and so supply much of the essential nutrient nitrogen that supports open ocean food chains. Oceanographers have usually thought that the growth of these nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria is limited at any particular time and place by the supply of either iron, or of phosphorus. Preliminary experiments have shown, though, that these nitrogen fixers instead grow best when both iron and phosphorus are scarce at the same time. In this project, the researchers will use cellular indicators that are specific for iron and phosphorus limitation to determine how important this type of "balanced limitation" of nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria is in controlling the productivity of ocean food chains in the tropical Atlantic Ocean. Two graduate students will be trained at the University of Southern California (USC) and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, as well as a postdoctoral researcher at USC. Educational outreach efforts will take place at a Los Angeles inner city high school with a student body that is over 98% Hispanic and African-American, and with underrepresented undergraduates in the USC Global Environmental Microbiology course. In addition, two Research Experiences for Undergraduates students will be supervised for summer research projects to help them learn about science career options. The researchers will investigate the biological and biogeochemical consequences of this unique balanced iron/phosphorus-limited phenotype, using both laboratory and fieldwork approaches. During the first year of this project, the nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria will be cultured under iron and/or phosphorus limitation, followed by application of proteomics and transcriptomics to identify genes that are potential diagnostic biomarkers for iron/phosphorus balanced limitation. Preliminary work has already identified one promising candidate biomarker in one cyanobacterium, an EzrA protein domain that appears to be associated with the cell size decreases seen specifically under balanced

limitation, and the researchers have identified numerous other potential candidates for similar biomarkers. During the second year, these new co-limitation biomarkers and others previously validated for iron limitation (IsiB) and phosphorus limitation (SphX) will be used to investigate balanced limitation during a research cruise transecting from relatively high-iron, low-phosphorus North Atlantic waters, to the relatively high-phosphorus, low-iron South Atlantic. This fieldwork component will survey nitrogen fixing cyanobacteria populations across this natural iron/phosphorus gradient for genetic, proteomic, and physiological indicators of balanced limitation, as well as testing their responses to iron and phosphorus manipulations in shipboard incubation experiments. The third year will be devoted to sample analysis, and publications exploring the responses of oceanic nitrogen fixers to simultaneous limitation by both iron and phosphorus.

New technology for high resolution analysis of proteins and other organic materials produced by marine microorganisms (MM Proteins and Organics Tech)

Website: <https://www.moore.org/grant-detail?grantId=GBMF3934>

In support of acquiring a high resolution mass spectrometer that incorporates the latest technologies for analyzing proteins and other organic materials.

Marine Microbial Investigator Award: Investigator Mak Saito (MM Saito)

In support of obtaining deeper knowledge of major biogeochemically relevant proteins to inform a mechanistic understanding of global marine biogeochemical cycles.

Collaborative Research: Evolutionary, biochemical and biogeochemical responses of marine cyanobacteria to warming and iron limitation interactions (Cyanobacteria Warming Responses)

NSF abstract: The oceans absorb much of the heat generated by human activities, and this warming of the surface ocean has consequences for important groups of marine organisms. Marine cyanobacteria are one such key group of organisms, since they supply much of the essential carbon and nitrogen that supports nearly all the rest of the marine food web. Currently, the growth of cyanobacteria is mostly constrained by scarce supplies of the micronutrient element iron, but they are also very sensitive to the ongoing increases in

seawater temperature. Preliminary results suggest that warming could partly mitigate the negative effects of iron limitation on marine cyanobacteria. This project examines in depth how these interactions between warming and iron limitation will affect the future ocean carbon and nitrogen cycles, using laboratory culture experiments showing how cyanobacteria respond to simultaneously changing temperature and iron supplies. Both short-term response studies and long-term evolutionary experiments testing for adaptation use a comprehensive set of molecular biology tools targeting genes to proteins. The final goal is to apply the results of these experiments to improve quantitative models predicting how the ocean's carbon and nitrogen cycles, biological productivity, and living resources will respond to a warming future climate. Two graduate students, a postdoc and 3-4 underrepresented undergraduate researchers are supported, and the investigators also mentor summer science interns from largely Hispanic local high schools. The physiology, biochemistry and biogeography of nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria and unicellular picocyanobacteria are strongly influenced by temperature, subjecting them to intense selective pressure as the modern ocean steadily warms up. These groups have likewise been rigorously selected under chronic iron (Fe) scarcity, and the availability of this crucial micronutrient is also changing with a shifting climate. This project examines short-term acclimation and long-term evolutionary responses of Fe-stressed marine cyanobacteria to a warmer environment. Preliminary data show that Iron Use Efficiencies (IUE, $\text{mols N fixed} \cdot \text{hr}^{-1} \text{ mol cellular Fe}^{-1}$) of Fe-limited *Trichodesmium* increase 4 to 5-fold with a 5°C temperature increase, allowing the cells to much more efficiently leverage scarce available Fe supplies to grow and fix nitrogen. This means that warming can to a large degree mitigate the negative effects of Fe limitation on *Trichodesmium*, resulting in a modelled 22% increase in global nitrogen fixation by 2100 in a warmer climate. This project aims to uncover the cellular biochemical mechanisms involved in this Fe-limitation/thermal IUE effect in a four-year experimental evolution study of the diazotrophs *Trichodesmium* and *Crocospaera* and the picocyanobacteria *Synechococcus* and *Prochlorococcus*, under a multi-variate selection matrix of temperature and Fe availability. The objectives are to 1) Assess the long-term adaptive responses of fitness, IUE and physiology to Fe limitation and warming interactions in these four major cyanobacterial groups; 2) Determine the molecular and biochemical mechanisms behind the surprising Fe/warming interactive effect on IUE using genomics, transcriptomics and quantitative proteomics coupled with 'metalloproteomics' determinations of Fe content in critical proteins; 3) Compare and contrast acclimation and adaptation responses to Fe limitation and warming in key cyanobacteria taxa, and 4) Integrate results using a published biogeochemical modeling approach to assess global consequences for marine productivity and nitrogen fixation. This project offers a mechanistic and predictive understanding of adaptation to Fe and warming co-stressors in a rapidly changing future ocean environment for some of the most important photoautotrophic functional groups in the ocean. This award reflects NSF's statutory mission and has been deemed worthy of support through evaluation using the Foundation's intellectual merit and broader impacts review criteria.

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