

Coral community response to bleaching on a highly disturbed reef

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Supplementary material

Table S1. Proportion (%) of colonies not bleached, moderately bleached, severely bleached and bleaching indices for all genera that had at least 5 colonies surveyed on all three survey occasions.

Genus	n	June				n	July				n	October			
		Not bleached	Moderate	Severe	BI		Not bleached	Moderate	Severe	BI		Not bleached	Moderate	Severe%	BI
<i>Acropora</i>	21	95	5	0	2	62	82	18	0	9	83	96	4	0	2
<i>Galaxea</i>	17	94	6	0	3	10	80	20	0	10	14	100	0	0	0
<i>Pavona</i>	24	79	17	4	13	14	79	21	0	11	14	100	0	0	0
<i>Merulina</i>	54	54	43	4	25	43	65	35	0	17	25	92	8	0	4
<i>Favites</i>	20	40	50	10	35	26	38	50	12	37	25	80	16	4	12
<i>Echinopora</i>	22	41	41	18	39	14	29	64	7	39	11	64	36	0	18
<i>Favia</i>	9	22	78	0	39	12	25	58	17	46	9	78	22	0	11
<i>Platygyra</i>	38	42	37	21	39	18	39	28	33	47	24	75	21	4	15
<i>Goniastrea</i>	41	34	44	22	44	54	46	39	15	34	35	89	6	6	9
<i>Porites</i>	15	47	13	40	47	17	47	18	35	44	23	57	17	26	35
<i>Symphyllia</i>	12	25	42	33	54	12	17	75	8	46	12	67	25	8	21
<i>Pocillopora</i>	12	17	58	25	54	10	0	80	20	60	40	85	15	0	8
<i>Ctenactis</i>	6	17	50	33	58	5	40	0	60	60	7	71	29	0	14
<i>Montipora</i>	146	25	29	46	60	105	36	15	49	56	64	92	6	2	5
<i>Hydnophora</i>	8	13	50	38	63	10	10	60	30	60	8	75	25	0	13
<i>Pectinia</i>	54	11	52	37	63	41	24	54	22	49	27	67	26	7	20
<i>Fungia</i>	25	16	40	44	64	27	19	52	30	56	25	80	16	4	12
<i>Podabacia</i>	5	20	20	60	70	7	14	14	71	79	9	56	44	0	22
<i>Pachyseris</i>	35	11	17	71	80	27	7	7	85	89	9	56	33	11	28

Table S2. Change in relative cover (%) of coral genera at Pulau Satumu between 2009 (before bleaching), 2010 (during bleaching) and 2012 (after bleaching). Genera are in order from the greatest reduction in relative cover to the greatest increase in relative cover between 2009 and 2012.

Genus	Relative cover (%)		
	2009	2010	2012
<i>Porites</i>	8.9	10.8	2.5
<i>Pavona</i>	9.0	9.5	3.8
<i>Pachyseris</i>	7.4	3.2	2.6
<i>Montipora</i>	13.8	10.3	9.8
<i>Echinopora</i>	4.4	3.6	1.0
<i>Pectinia</i>	6.7	6.6	4.1
<i>Hydnophora</i>	3.0	1.4	0.7
<i>Symphyllia</i>	2.3	2.0	0.9
<i>Goniopora</i>	1.0	0.6	0.0
<i>Leptoseris</i>	0.5	0.3	0.0
<i>Lithophyllon</i>	0.5	0.0	0.0
<i>Fungia</i>	0.9	1.4	0.5
<i>Herpolitha</i>	0.5	0.0	0.3
<i>Lobophyllia</i>	0.1	0.4	0.0
<i>Heliopora</i>	0.2	0.0	0.2
<i>Coscinaraea</i>	0.0	0.7	0.0
<i>Euphyllia</i>	0.0	1.0	0.0
<i>Turbinaria</i>	0.0	0.5	0.0
<i>Ctenactis</i>	0.5	0.4	0.6
<i>Acropora</i>	0.7	2.4	0.8
<i>Cyphastrea</i>	0.6	0.1	0.8
<i>Mycedium</i>	0.2	0.0	0.5
<i>Leptoria</i>	0.0	0.2	0.4
<i>Favites</i>	3.4	4.3	4.3
<i>Psammocora</i>	0.3	0.5	1.4
<i>Merulina</i>	16.5	19.3	17.7
<i>Acanthastrea</i>	0.0	0.0	1.5
<i>Pocillopora</i>	0.2	0.1	1.8
<i>Galaxea</i>	0.7	1.0	2.5
<i>Favia</i>	0.6	2.0	2.4
<i>Oulophyllia</i>	1.0	0.3	2.9
<i>Goniastrea</i>	6.4	7.6	8.6
<i>Podabacia</i>	0.3	1.6	2.7
<i>Echinophyllia</i>	1.5	0.2	4.2
<i>Platygyra</i>	5.1	5.9	8.3
<i>Diploastrea</i>	2.8	1.9	12.5

Symbiont clade analysis: Methods and materials

Coral samples were immediately snap-frozen at -80°C after collection and tissue samples were directly resuspended in the Tris-EDTA buffer. DNA was extracted from all samples using the phenol-chloroform method¹. DNA yield and purity were assessed using a NanoDrop 1000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, USA) and sent to the Research and Testing Laboratory (RTL, USA) for PCR amplification (using Primers ITSDF (5'-GTGAATTGCAGAACTCCGTG-3') and ITS2-R (5'-CCTCCGCTTACTTATATGCTT-3')² for the ITS2 region between the 5.8S and 28S rRNA subunits of *Symbiodinium*) and pyrosequencing using the Roche 454 FLX Titanium platform (Roche Diagnostics Corporation, USA). A total of 3556 reads with a median length of 320 bp were obtained from sequencing and processed using the QIIME pipeline (Version 1.8.0)³. Briefly, reads were trimmed (> 150 bp and *phred* quality score ≥ 20)⁴ and demultiplexed using the `split_libraries.py` script. The `pick_otus.py` script was used for *de novo* OTU picking, using `cd-hit`⁵ and a sequence similarity threshold of 97%, and representative OTUs selected using the `pick_rep_set.py` script. Representative OTUs were aligned with the GeoSymbio database⁶ using NCBI BLAST+ tools⁷ and the putative cladal or subcladal ID and percentage identity of the top hit for each OTU sequence parsed. Pyrosequencing data were submitted to the NCBI Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under Accession Number SRP068395, whilst sequence data for the representative OTUs listed in Table S3 were submitted to NCBI GenBank under Accession Numbers KU549088-KU549107.

Table S3. Relative proportions of *Symbiodinium* OTUs and putative cladal or subcladal identification for independent tissue samples of *Platygyra sinensis* and *Pocillopora damicornis* collected in 2012 from sites south of Singapore.

OTU#	Sample ID ^a						Putative ID ^b (% Identity)
	Pd1 K <i>n</i> = 90	Pd2 K <i>n</i> = 2510	Pd3 PS <i>n</i> = 60	Ps1 PS <i>n</i> = 665	Ps2 PS <i>n</i> = 182	Ps3 PS <i>n</i> = 49	
4						53	C3 (99)
6	13	17	92	33		12	D1 (99)
7	41	5	3	9	17		D1 (99)
8	7	2		11	4	2	D1 (98)
9					2		D1 (99)
11	3	1		4	19	2	D1 (99)
12		12					D (100)
15						2	C3 (98)
16	19	5			33		D1 (99)
17	1			11		12	D (99)
18		7		13			D (99)
20		2			3	4	D1 (100)
21	1	15					D (99)
23	12	4	5	10	15	12	D1 (99)
24				6			D (100)
25				1			D (99)

26	2	24			D (99)
27		1	2	2	D1 (99)
28		5			D (99)
31				3	D1 (99)

^a Sample ID = {Species}{Replicate}{Site}, where:

{Species} Pd=*Pocillopora damicornis*; Ps= *Platygyra sinensis*;

{Replicate} 1,2 or 3;

{Site} K = Kusu, PS = Pulau Satumu;

n = Number of sequence reads per sample after quality trimming.

^bPutative subcladal ID assigned from top BLAST+ hit to GeoSymbio⁶ database. In the event that taxonomy could not be assigned to subcladal level, cladal affiliation was used.

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