
Data Management Plan for CAREER: Examining Kelp Forest Ecosystems Response to Interactions Between Local Disturbances and Climate Change from Local to Global Scales

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Data Policy Compliance

The project investigators will comply with the data management and dissemination policies described in the *NSF Award and Administration Guide* (AAG, Chapter VI.D.4) and the *NSF Division of Ocean Sciences Sample and Data Policy*. This data management plan is written in accord with policies of the Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office. All data and code products of this research will be provided to the Biological and Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office, National Centers for Environmental Information, and the Ocean Biogeographic Information Service with accompanying metadata for full release either during the lifetime of the project or within two years of completion, project objective depending. Further, this data management plan follows the practices laid out by the Kelp Ecosystem Ecology Network as part of their network methods (<http://kelpecosystems.org>).

Pre-Cruise Planning

Pre-event planning will be done via a planning workshop and the data management plan for all activities will be detailed in a standardized handbook of methods. This handbook contains detailed methods for each sampling event, data sheets customized by region, a field data sheet management protocol, and a data entry protocol including a chain of custody log. The actual sampling events will be recorded on paper logs which are photographed post-dive in the field to ensure no lost data (e.g., high winds or gear malfunctions on following dives) and when returned to shore are scanned into PDF documents before being archived. Data from benthic temperature loggers will be downloaded immediately following the cruise and archived using cloud data sharing services.

Description of Data Types

The project will produce several observational and experimental datasets, described in the list below. In addition to the datasets described below, the project will produce data on temperature and wave heights. All data and the code from the data processing pipeline will initially be made available via Github for version control. The data include

- 1) Site description, logger deployment records, and diver sampled abundance and point count data from surveys before and after kelp manipulations from before and after experimental kelp manipulations.
- 2) Temperature data during the year after the kelp removal data from HOBO temperature loggers.
- 3) Modeled wave height data from the Global Ocean Wave model of Reguero et al. 2012 for experimental removal sites.
- 3) Site description, logger deployment records, and diver sampled abundance and point count data from observational surveys.
- 4) Temperature and wave pressure measurements from sensors deployed at each observational survey site.

All diver data sheets will be scanned and entered data will be archived in CSV format before cleaning and processing. Data from observational survey sites should span the five years of the project. Data from experiments will be collected throughout the duration of the five years of the experiment, with data from different regions coming in at different times.

Data and Metadata Formats and Standards

Field dive sampled data will be photographed in the field and scanned immediately on return from a day of sampling. Photos and scans will be saved on a network-wide Dropbox (<http://dropbox.com>) account in folders labeled with protocol, network member name, site, and date. Data will be entered using Excel using standardized already developed templates with imposed data validation to minimize data entry error. Data will be quality control-checked using read-back methodology in which sheets are read aloud while a member validates each entry. Data from sensors is all saved in long CSV formats with each measurement date-time stamped.

Upon completion of the quality control process, data is sent to the Byrnes lab for centralized data management. Data sets are run through scripted quality control checks ensuring completeness, scans for data entry outliers, and taxonomic standardization of species lists against the World Registry of Marine Species (<http://www.marinespecies.org/>). Any failures are turned back to the network member for correction. Temperature and pressure sensor data are similarly analyzed for outliers indicative of sensors not being deployed during member specified dates.

Data is then merged into a common set of long-format CSV files suitable for further use and analysis. The entirety of the data cleaning pipeline, including code, raw data, and cleaned merged data, is hosted on the version control archive GitHub (e.g., https://github.com/kelpecosystems/observational_data).

Upon archiving (see below), the PI will generate metadata using the ISO19115 compliant Marine Community Profile 2.0 metadata

schema (<https://marinemetadata.org/references/marineprofile19115>) via a user interface at TemperateReefBase.

Data Storage and Access During the Project

The investigators (PI and network members) will store original project data (including spreadsheets, CSV and ASCII files, images, and scans of data sheets) on laboratory computers. In the Byrnes lab, all computers backup both to independent hard drives regulated by Apple Time Machine and to the cloud via a lab Dropbox (<http://dropbox.com>). Scans of data sheets will be sent to the Byrnes lab upon completion of each site for immediate redundancy and backed up in Dropbox. Once each member completes data entry and quality control, Excel or CSV data files will be sent to the Byrnes lab and immediately 1) be placed into a cloud dropbox and 2) be added to the version controlled raw data portion of the project's public (for observational data) and private (for experimental data) Github account.

Mechanisms and Policies for Access, Sharing, Re-Use, and Re-Distribution

Pre-publication Data Management

Observational data sets are immediately available within and outside of the network upon deposition via the public Github archive (or other version control repository, should something happen with Github). Once quality controlled the Each member's dataset is available under CC-BY attribution for immediate use.

Experimental data is available within the network immediately via a private Github Archive with the understanding that members are to be included as co-authors on the first publication using this data. After publication, or two years from the termination of this grant, this archive shall be made entirely public.

Data Sharing Policies

Broadly, KEEN is interested in open and transparent data sharing while ensuring that members get proper credit. Our data sharing policies are as follows.

- 1) Experimental manipulation data is private until publication or two years after the completion of this grant. Members are assured co-authorship on the first publication using their data, at which point it becomes public. Data is made available under the CC-BY license with the additional stipulation that members be queried and offered potential co-authorship if their manipulation data is to be used for later publication. However, they may only claim authorship if they are willing to engage in a significant intellectual contribution to the piece, defined by doing at least two of the following collaborating on ideas, analysis, writing, and editing; merely correcting typographical errors or not offering any feedback is seen as insufficient for authorship.
- 2) Observational data is made public as soon as it quality controlled data is merged into the network data set. Individual member data sets will be made citable (see below) and are offered via a Creative Commons-By license. This ensures members get credit for their work. It also ensures that observational data is immediately available and relevant to the scientific and management communities.
- 3) Non-KEEN datasets that are reshaped into KEEN format will be made available separately and their use must correspond to the original authors data sharing policies. For example, while we will provide scripts and instructions to merge the SBC-LTER data into KEEN data, they have requested that their data not be made available as part of the main dataset so that they might maintain control and monitor access as is required by their funding.

Long-Term Data Sharing and Archiving with TemperateReefBase

The Kelp Ecosystem Ecology Network is one of the partner organizations aiding in the creation of TemperateReefBase (<http://temperatereefbase.imas.utas.edu.au/>), a data warehouse funded by the Australian Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) to host geospatially specific measurements of biotic and abiotic condition of temperate reefs around the globe. Already, TRB hosts the KelpTime kelp timeseries dataset from the Krumhansl et al. 2016 paper, in addition to a wide variety of data sets from other organizations.

TRB requires project scientists to generate metadata using the ISO19115 compliant Marine Community Profile 2.0 metadata schema via an intuitive user interface on initial data creation. Metadata is maintained through data update cycles. Individual data sets will also receive a DOI for citation.

As quality controlled data is merged into the network dataset, we will archive it at TRB. Upon archiving materials at TRB for the first time, we will generate metadata for all data products.

Data Sharing via BCO-DMO

After deposition with TemperateReefBase and metadata generation, I will work with the BCO-DMO to archive data with the National Centers for Environmental Information. Data, samples, and other information collected under this project can be made publically available without restriction once submitted to the public repositories. Machine readable metadata will have already been generated by TRB, thus making archiving and access provision straightforward. As the Ocean Biogeographic Information Service begins to add abundance data to its list of available data types, I will work with IOBIS to add our records of species abundances from the observational sampling data.

Plans for Archiving

The PI will ensure that the original underway measurements are archived permanently at TemperateReefBase, the National Centers for Environmental Information, and/or the Ocean Biogeographic Information Service as appropriate. BCO-DMO will also ensure that project data are submitted to the appropriate national data archive. The PI will work with TRB and BCO-DMO to ensure data are archived appropriately and that proper and complete documentation are archived along with the data.

Roles and Responsibilities

The lead PI is ultimately responsible for the compliance with the data management plan. Already, PI Byrnes has provided members with data management plans, data entry templates, chain of custody logs, and data archival structures that are compliant with the DMP.

Members are responsible for management of their initial raw data sets and are asked to send quality controlled data to PI Byrnes as soon as it is complete. PI Byrnes has created an automated data quality control and merging pipeline for the observational data set, and will work with the Postdoc to create one for the experimental data set.

During year one of the project, PI Byrnes will handle all data coordination and management, ensuring that data management pipelines are setup. After year one, the project postdoc will handle data management duties in consultation with PI Byrnes. The postdoc will also be responsible for creating software to translate other data sets to the KEEN format and to manage the dissemination of those data sets where possible to help them gain practical experience in data management as career development (see Postdoctoral Mentoring Plan).

For long term archiving, the PI will work with the BCO-DMO, TRB, and OBIS to ensure proper data deposition and access.