**Reef fish growth dataset: a dataset of annual otolith sagittal growth for 51 reef fish from French Polynesia**

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**Introduction**

**Metadata**

**Class I. Data set descriptors**

**A. Data set identity**

**Title:** Reef fish growth dataset: a dataset of annual otolith sagittal growth for 51 reef fish from French Polynesia

**B. Data set identification code**

Nom du fichier

**C. Data set description**

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**2. Abstract**

Somatic growth, i.e. the increment in body mass across time is an important ecological trait, which is pivotal for the assessment of physiological as well as population to ecosystem-level processes. Indeed, the rate of somatic growth is directly correlated to the energetic demand of organisms, their metabolism the influence they may have on important ecological processes such as the nutrients cycling. As such, the rate of somatic growth is one of the basic information that feeds bioenergetic models, one of the main tools to quantify fluxes at individual to the ecosystem level. However, for marine fishes this information is available mainly for those species targeted by commercial fisheries and aquaculture often limiting our capacity to perform analysis at community level, on a large number of species in coastal areas. This is partly due to the fact that somatic growth can hardly be estimated in aquaria due to a general loss of weight of individuals kept in captivity. The analysis of the sagittal growth of fish otolith, a calcium carbonate structure in the inner ear, has shown as a powerful tool to estimate individual growth. However, this type of data is rarely available because of the extremely time-consuming nature of the otolith processing. This is especially true for coral reef fishes whose commercial importance mainly relies on local subsistence fisheries and whose large diversity often discourage assessments over a large number of species. Here we report information on the sagittal otolith growth of XX individuals belonging to 51 species of coral reef fishes. Individuals were caught in French Polynesia in different islands belonging to different archipelagoes and subjected to different temperatures (Moorea, Mataiva, Hao and Mangareva). No copyright or proprietary restrictions are associated with the use of this data set other than citation of this Data Paper.

**D. Key words**

French Polynesia, fish, otolith, back-calculation

**Class II. Research origin descriptors**

**A. “Overall” project description**

**1. Identity**

Titre du projet : REEFSERVICES ??

**2. Originator(s)**

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**3. Period of study**

The project started in March 2016 by the NECTAR project (Funding by the LABEX CORAIL) and continued by the REEF SERVICE project since 2017

The research started in March 2016 and finished in November 2018.

**4. Objectives**

Reef services aims to collect important ecological data to understand how climate change is impacting ecosystem processes and key services (eg. food provisioning, coastal protection) to humans.

**5. Abstract**

Resumé de projet Reef service.

**6. Sources of founding**

The project was supported by the BNP PARIBAS foundation (REEF SERVICES Project), the French national Agency for research (ANR-17-CE32-006), the Fondation de France and the French Polynesia.

**B. “Specific subproject” description**

1. Site description

a. Site type

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b. Geography

The sites sampled during this study covered different island in French Polynesia.

c. Habitat

Fish were collected in lagoon and/or in the outer slope of the reefs.

d. Geology, landform

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e. Watersheds, hydrology

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f. Site history

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g. Climate

All the French Polynesia is in tropical climate. The see surface temperature varied from the East to West and from the North to South. The table xx show the sea surface temperature (SST) recorded around each island.

2. Experimental or sampling design

a. Design characteristics

b. Permanent plots

c. Data collection period, frequency etc.

3. Research methods

a. Field/Laboratory

Fish from Moorea (Society Island) and Nuku Hiva (Marquesas) were collected using spear gun or clove oil depending on size; those from HAO (Tuamotu) and Mangareva (Gambier) were collected by spearfishing; those from Tuamotu Archipelago were bought on the fish market of Tahiti.

In the laboratory, total fish length (TL) were measured to the nearest millimeter and pairs of sagittae (largest otolith of the fish inner ear) were extracted, cleaned with distilled water, died and stored in microtubes.

For each species, otolith were cut transversely, using a diamond disc saw (Presi Mecatome T210) to obtain a section of 500 µm. Sections were then fixed on a glass side with a thermoplastic glue (Crystalbond TM). Sections of small otolith were obtain by sanding both side. Otolith were sanded with abrasive disc of decreasing grain size (2 400, 1 200 grains cm-²) and polished with 0.25 µm diameter diamonds suspension in order to be closest to the nucleus. All sections were photographed under Leica DM750 light microscope with Leica ICC50 HD microscope camera and LAS software (Leia Microsystems). When section were too large, multiple photographs were taken and assembled in one with Photostitch software (Canon).

For each species, a reading transect was chosen and distances between annual growth increments were measured with Image J software. This procedure was done twice by two readers in order to limit observer bias on age estimation. When the coefficient of variation (Panfili *et al.*, 2002) between observers was greater than 5 % a common reading was assessed. The measurements realized by the two readers were averaged for each section.

The back-calculation procedure, proposed by Vigliola and Meekan (2009), was used to estimate the fish length at previous ages. This method requires to examine the shape of the relationship (allometric or isometric) between the length at capture (Lcpt) and the radius of otolith at capture of all samples (Rcpt). In case of isometry (eq. 1) the fish size at otolith formation (a) was calculated from equation 2 although in case of allometry (eq. 3) it was calculated from equation 4. Back-calculation Modified Fry (MF) model (eq. 5), proposed by Vigliola *et al.* (2000) was carry out for each individual.

Isometry: (eq. 1) and (eq. 2)

Allometry: (eq. 3) and (eq. 4)

MF model: (eq. 5)

Where Li and Ri are the fish length and otolith radius at age *i,* and L0p and R0p are the fish size and radius of otolith at hatching. The L0p parameter was given in table XX.

Table XX. Fish size at hatching (Lop) for each species studied in this study. Level referred to the taxonomic level where L0p was found. When it was possible L0p from different studies were averaged.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Species** | **Lop (mm)** | **Level** | **Reference** |
| *Abudefduf sexfasciatus* (Lacepède, 1801) | 2.65 | Species | Shadrin and Emel’yanova (2007) |
| *Acanthurus achilles* Shaw, 1803 | 1.70 | Genus | Mccormick (1999) |
| *Acanthurus lineatus* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 1.70 | Genus | Mccormick (1999) |
| *Acanthurus nigricans* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 1.70 | Genus | Mccormick (1999) |
| *Acanthurus pyroferus* Kittlitz, 1834 | 1.70 | Genus | Mccormick (1999) |
| *Acanthurus triostegus* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 1.70 | Species | Mccormick (1999) |
| *Balistapus undulatus* Tilesius, 1820 | 1.80 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Caranx melampygus,* Cuvier, 1833 | 3.15 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Centropyge bispinosa* (Günther, 1860) | 1.95 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Centropyge flavissima* (Cuvier, 1831) | 1.95 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Cephalopholis argus* Schneider, 1801 | 1.90 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Cephalopholis urodeta* (Forster, 1801) | 1.90 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Chaetodon citrinellus* Cuvier, 1831 | 1.45 | Genus | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Chaetodon ornatissimus* Cuvier, 1831 | 1.45 | Genus | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Cheilinus chlorourus* (Bloch, 1761) | 1.97 | Genus | Hutapea and Slamet (2006) |
| *Chlorurus spilurus* (Valenciennes, 1840) | 1.65 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Chromis iomelas* Jordan & Seale, 1906 | 3.05 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Chromis viridis* (Cuvier, 1830) | 3.05 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Ctenochaetus marginatus* (Valenciennes, 1835) | 1.70 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Ctenochaetus striatus* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1825) | 1.70 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Dascyllus aruanus* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 2.10 | Genus | Emel’yanova *et al.* (2009) |
| *Dascyllus flavicaudus* Randall & Allen, 1977 | 2.10 | Genus | Emel’yanova et al. (2009) |
| *Epibulus insidiator* (Pallas, 1770) | 2.10 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Epinephelus fasciatus* (Forsskål, 1775) | 1.50 | Species | Kawabe and Kohno (2009) |
| *Epinephelus hexagonatus* (Forster, 1801) | 1.70 | Genus | Hussain and Higuchi (1980), Glamuzina *et al.* (2000), Colin *et al.* (1996), Leu *et al.* (2005), Yoseda *et al.* (2006), Lim (1993), Duray *et al.* (1996), Duray *et al.* (1997), Ma *et al.* (2013), Glamuzina *et al.* (1998), James *et al.* (1997), Ukawa *et al.* (1966), Jagadis *et al.* (2006) |
| *Epinephelus merra* Bloch, 1793 | 1.50 | Species | Jagadis et al. (2006) |
| *Epinephelus polyphekadion* (Bleeker, 1849) | 1.65 | Species | James et al. (1997) |
| *Gnathodentex aureolineatus* (Lacepède, 1802) | 1.55 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Gymnosarda unicolor* (Rüppell, 1836) | 2.75 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Halichoeres trimaculatus* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1834) | 1.58 | Genus | Kimura and Kiriyama (1993) |
| *Lutjanus fulvus* (Forster, 1801) | 1.83 | Genus | Suzuki and Hioki (1979) |
| *Lutjanus gibbus* (Forsskål, 1775) | 1.83 | Genus | Suzuki and Hioki (1979) |
| *Lutjanus kasmira* (Forsskål, 1775) | 1.83 | Species | Suzuki and Hioki (1979) |
| *Monotaxis grandoculis* (Forsskål, 1775) | 1.55 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Mulloidichthys flavolineatus* (Lacepède, 1801) | 2.50 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Myripristis berndti* Jordan & Evermann, 1903 | 1.80 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Naso lituratus* (Forster, 1801) | 1.70 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Naso unicornis* (Forsskål, 1775) | 1.70 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Odonus niger* (Rüppell, 1836) | 1.80 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Ostorhinchus angustatus* (Smith & Radcliffe, 1911) | 4.25 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Ostorhinchus apogonoides* (Bleeker, 1856) | 4.25 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Parupeneus barberinus* (Lacepède, 1801) | 1.95 | Genus | Pavlov *et al.* (2011) |
| *Plectropomus laevis* (Lacepède, 1801) | 1.62 | Genus | Masuma *et al.* (1993) |
| *Pristiapogon taeniopterus* (Bennett, 1836) | 4.25 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Sargocentron microstoma* (Günther, 1860) | 1.80 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Scarus psittacus* Forsskål, 1775 | 1.65 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Siganus argenteus* (Quoy & Gaimard, 1825) | 2.02 | Genus | May *et al.* (1974), Bryan and Madraisau (1977), Hara *et al.* (1986), Popper *et al.* (1976) |
| *Siganus spinus* (Linnaeus, 1758) | 2.02 | Genus | May et al. (1974), Bryan and Madraisau (1977), Hara et al. (1986), Popper et al. (1976) |
| *Stegastes albifasciatus* (Schlegel & Müller, 1839) | 3.05 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Stegastes nigricans* (Lacepède, 1802) | 3.05 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |
| *Zebrasoma scopas* (Cuvier, 1829) | 1.70 | Family | Leis and Carson-Ewart (2000) |

b. Instrumentation

c. Taxonomy and systematics.

d. Permit history

Sapling collection is permit by the French Polynesia government (Authorization N°:681MCE/ENV)

e. Legal / organizational requirements

4. Project personnel

Class III. Data set status and accessibility

1. Status
2. Latest update.
3. Latest archive date
4. Metadata status
5. Data verification
6. Accessibility
7. Storage location and medium
8. Contact person(s)
9. Copyright restrictions
10. Proprietary restrictions
11. Costs

Class IV. Data structural descriptors

1. Data set file
2. **Identity**: size\_at\_age\_coral\_reef\_fishes\_data.csv
3. **Size**: 950 Kb
4. **Format and storage mode**: Comma-separated values, no compression
5. **Header information**: The header row indicates variable names as described in Table YY (see part IV.B).
6. **Alphanumeric attributes**:
7. **Special characters/fields**:
8. **Authentication procedures**:
9. Variable information
   1. **Variable identity**: see Table YY
   2. **Variable definition**: see Table YY
   3. **Units of measurement**: see Table YY
   4. Data type
      1. **Storage type**: see Table YY
      2. **List and definition of variable codes**:
      3. **Range for numeric values**: see Table YY
      4. **Missing values codes**:
      5. **Precision**:
   5. Data format

Table YY. Description of the variables included in the dataset file

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| **Column** | **Variable identity** | **Variable definition** | **Unit of measurement** | **Storage type** | **Range** |
| 1 | family | Family names according to Fishbase (https://www.fishbase.de/search.php) | - | Factor | - |
| 2 | genus | Genus names according to Fishbase (https://www.fishbase.de/search.php) | - | Factor | - |
| 3 | species | Species names according to Fishbase (https://www.fishbase.de/search.php) | - | Factor | - |
| 4 | id | Unique code identifying each individual | - | Factor | - |
| 5 | agei | Age *i* | years | Integer | 0 - 30 |
| 6 | radi | Otolith radius at age *i* | mm | Numeric | 0 - 3.784 |
| 7 | agecap | Age at capture | years | Integer | 0 - 30 |
| 8 | radcap | Otolith radius at capture | mm | Numeric | 0.152 - 3.859 |
| 9 | lencap | Total length at capture | mm | Numeric | 28.11 - 984.69 |
| 10 | l0p | Total length at hatching | mm | Numeric | 1.45 - 4.25 |
| 11 | r0p | Otolith radius at hatching | mm | Numeric | 0.012 - 0.086 |
| 12 | li | Total length at age *i* | mm | Numeric | 1.45 - 949.576 |
| 13 | biomass | Wet biomass at capture | g | Numeric | 0.4 - 12950 |
| 14 | location | Island or archipelago of the sampling | - | Factor | - |
| 15 | observer | Name of the person who made the reading of the otolith | - | Factor | - |

1. Data anomalies

NA in the dataset indicates missing data. Missing values are present in the variables ‘radi’ (366), ‘lencap’ (9), ‘li’ (7) and ‘biomass’ (603). For variable ‘radi’ missing values correspond to individuals for whom it has not been possible to estimate the radius at age 0 (radius at hatching) on photographs. For variable ‘lencap’ and ‘biomass’ missing values are due to lack of measurement during sampling. The calculation of ‘li’ variable through back-calculation model (see part 3.A) requires a value of ‘lencap’. This is why ‘li’ is missing for rows where ‘lencap’ is NA except those for ‘agei’ equal to 0. Indeed, in this case the ‘li’ takes the value of ‘l0p’.

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