

List of outputs of ReefMod-GBR (09/09/2021)

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Matlab file: [sR0_FORECAST_100REEFS_CCISM4_85.mat](#)

Characteristics of simulations:

- 3 replicate runs
- 100 reefs
- number of time steps: 1 (initial step) + 26 (hindcast) + 58 (forecast) = 85
- 6 coral groups

Model description: <https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.12.01.406413v1.abstract>

Notes:

- time step is 6 month (summer/winter)
- model initialised (t=1) in winter 2007 (valued as 2007.5 for graphical representations)
- final step of hindcast (t=27) is winter 2020 (valued as 2020.5)
- 'nongrazable' represents the proportion of space that cannot be colonised by corals and algae (ie, patch of sand, sponges, ...). Important mostly for coral-algal competition (intensifies grazing on algal substrates) but convenient here to limit total coral cover to a realistic maximum (<80%). At initialisation, the cover of nongrazable substrates is generated at random for every reef (normal distribution, mean=30%, sd=6%) and kept constant for the entire run.
- sum of all coral cover + nongrazable + all algae should be $\leq 100\%$ (the rest is free substrates = EAC)
- coral size frequency is given as the number of coral colonies over a simulated reef grid (400m²) for the following life history stages:
 - juveniles: 4 (diameter classes with bins (cm): 0 1 2 3 4
 - adolescents: 13 diameter classes with bins (cm): 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
 - adults: 9 diameter classes with bins (cm): 17 27 37 47 57 67 77 87 97
- rubble cover is not spatially explicit and not accounted in space occupancy (i.e., sum of all coral cover + all algal covers + free space + nongrazable + rubble can be $>100\%$). The reason is that we cannot model every rubble piece. Rubble pieces are moving so they can be everywhere on the 20m×20m surface. Plus, coral larvae can settle on rubble. Thus, rubble is just a variable that reduces survival of coral juveniles following a simple rule: 20% rubble reduces the survival rate of all juveniles by 20% (mean field approximation). This might be re-visited with the RRAP Rubble team.

Variables	Description	Dimensions
coral_cover_per_taxa	Percent coral cover (0 – 100%)	3×100×85×6
coral_cover_lost_COTS	Percent coral cover lost due to COTS (0 – 100%)	3×100×84×6
coral_cover_lost_cyclones	Percent coral cover lost due to cyclones (0 – 100%)	3×100×84×6
coral_cover_lost_bleaching	Percent coral cover lost due to bleaching (0 – 100%)	3×100×84×6
nb_coral_juv	Number of coral juveniles per grid per size class (4)	3×100×84×6×4
nb_coral_adol	Number of coral adolescents per grid per size class (13)	3×100×84×6×13
nb_coral_adult	Number of coral adults per grid per size class (9)	3×100×84×6×9
COTS_mantatow	Number of subadult and adult CoTS per tow	3×100× 85
rubble	Percent cover of loose coral rubble (0 – 100%)	3×100× 85
nongrazable	Percent cover of nongrazable, non colonisable substrates (0 – 100%)	3×100
macroTurf	Percent cover of long, thick turf (0 – 100%)	3×100× 85
macroEncrustFleshy	Percent cover of encrusting fleshy (carpeting) macroalgae (typically, Lobophora) (0 – 100%)	3×100× 85

macroUprightFleshy	Percent cover of upright fleshy macroalgae (0 – 100%)	3×100× 85
reefs	Table of reef descriptors (HabitatAreaKm2 = area from GBRMPA reef outline) (ShelfPosition = 1: inshore, 2:midshelf, 3: outershelf)	100×7
years	Indicative years of model time steps	1× 85