# Rocky Intertidal Sea Star Size, Count, and Disease Data from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

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Rocky Intertidal Data from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

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Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

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Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7513WCB>  
Larger\_Work\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center  
Publication\_Date: 2005  
Title: Nearshore Marine Ecosystem Research Program  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: website  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Alaska Science Portal  
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Publication\_Place: Anchorage, Alaska  
Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

Other\_Citation\_Details:

This is a link to the broader USGS Alaska Science Center research project supported by these data. Users will find a description of the research project and links to associated reports, publications, and data products.

Online\_Linkage: <https://alaska.usgs.gov/portal/project.php?project_id=99>

Description:

Abstract:

These data are part of the Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) long-term monitoring program, nearshore monitoring component. The dataset has four comma separated values (.csv) file exported from a Microsoft Access relational database. The data consist of: 1) size and disease state of sea stars, 2) counts of sea stars, 3) taxonomic classification and 4) Gulf Watch Alaska contributors.

Purpose:

These data provide sizes, counts, density, and disease state of sea stars at sites in sheltered rocky habitats. These data are used to estimate density of healthy and diseased sea stars and sea star size frequency on sheltered rocky shorelines to assess change in intertidal invertebrate communities on rocky shorelines.

Sampling was conducted within regions of Alaska including: Kenai Peninsula (KEP; Kenai Fjords National Park), Alaska Peninsula (AKP; Katmai National Park and Preserve), and Prince William Sound (PWS; northern, western, and eastern Prince William Sound). Study site locations are described in the "Monitoring Site Locations" data release: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R> (Coletti et al. 2017).

Supplemental\_Information:

This dataset is a component of the nearshore monitoring portion of the Gulf Watch Alaska (GWA) program. There are multiple datasets associated with the rocky site sampling; see "KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Rocky\_Intertidal\_Sampling\_Project\_Metadata" for a list of all associated datasets.

Two additional closely related USGS Data Releases from these sampling locations are available: (1) temperature logger data (<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7WH2N3T>) and (2) mussel (Mytilus) sampling (<https://doi.org/10.5066/F7FN1498)>.

Time\_Period\_of\_Content:

Time\_Period\_Information:

Range\_of\_Dates/Times:

Beginning\_Date: 2006  
Ending\_Date: 2023

Currentness\_Reference: observed

Status:

Progress: In work  
Maintenance\_and\_Update\_Frequency: Annually

Spatial\_Domain:

Description\_of\_Geographic\_Extent:

Prince William Sound (east, north, and west), Kenai Fjords National Park, Katmai National Park and Preserve.

Bounding\_Coordinates:

West\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -156.643  
East\_Bounding\_Coordinate: -145.415  
North\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 61.122  
South\_Bounding\_Coordinate: 57.938

Keywords:

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Theme\_Keyword: USGS:ASC486

Theme:

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Theme\_Keyword: Biota  
Theme\_Keyword: Environment

Theme:

Theme\_Keyword\_Thesaurus: NASA GCMD Earth Science Keyword Thesaurus  
Theme\_Keyword: Animals/Invertebrates  
Theme\_Keyword: Echinoderms  
Theme\_Keyword: Aquatic ecosystems  
Theme\_Keyword: Intertidal zone  
Theme\_Keyword: Biospheric indicators

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Theme\_Keyword: Intertidal environments  
Theme\_Keyword: Marine invertebrates

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Theme\_Keyword: Marine ecosystems  
Theme\_Keyword: Community ecology  
Theme\_Keyword: Ecosystem monitoring

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Theme\_Keyword: Sea star

Place:

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Place\_Keyword: Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Gulf of Alaska  
Place\_Keyword: Prince William Sound  
Place\_Keyword: Alaska Peninsula

Place:

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Place\_Keyword: Kenai Fjords National Park  
Place\_Keyword: Katmai National Park and Preserve

Taxonomy:

Keywords/Taxon:

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Taxonomic\_Keywords: Pisaster  
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Taxonomic\_Keywords: Mediaster aequalis  
Taxonomic\_Keywords: Solaster

Taxonomic\_System:

Classification\_System/Authority:

Classification\_System\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System  
Publication\_Date: Unknown  
Title: ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: online database  
Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: ITIS-North America

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Taxonomic details retrieved October 25, 2023, from the Integrated Taxonomic Information System online database [https://www.itis.gov](https://www.itis.gov/)

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F7KH0KBK>

Classification\_System/Authority:

Classification\_System\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)  
Publication\_Date: Unknown  
Title: World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: online database  
Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: WoRMS Editorial Board

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Taxonomic details retrieved October 25, 2023, from the World Register of Marine Species online database [https://www.marinespecies.org](https://www.marinespecies.org/)

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.14284/170>

Taxonomic\_Procedures:

Sea star species were identified by trained observers in the field using physical characteristics.

Taxonomic\_Completeness:

Provided here is the classification of sea stars to the taxonomic rank of 'Order'. Further details of taxonomy are provided in the table "KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Taxonomy" included with this data package.

Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Kingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Animalia  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Subkingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Bilateria  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Infrakingdom  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Deuterostomia  
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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Phylum  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Echinodermata  
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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Subphylum  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Asterozoa  
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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Class  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Asteroidea  
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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Superorder  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Valvatacea  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Order  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Valvatida

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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Superorder  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Forcipulatacea  
Taxonomic\_Classification:

Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Order  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Forcipulatida

Taxonomic\_Classification:

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Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Spinulosacea  
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Taxon\_Rank\_Name: Order  
Taxon\_Rank\_Value: Spinulosida

Access\_Constraints: None  
Use\_Constraints:

It is requested that the authors and the USGS Alaska Science Center be cited for any subsequent publications that reference this dataset.

Point\_of\_Contact:

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Contact\_Organization: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

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State\_or\_Province: Alaska  
Postal\_Code: 99508  
Country: USA

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Data\_Set\_Credit:

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Citation\_Information:

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Originator: Iken, K.  
Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Monson, D.H.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Publication\_Date: 2016  
Title:

Influence of Static Habitat Attributes on Local and Regional Rocky Intertidal Community Structure

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Estuaries and Coasts  
Issue\_Identification: 39:1735-1745

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: SpringerLink

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Konar, B., Iken, K., Coletti, H.A., Monson, D.H., Weitzman, 2016. Influence of static habitat attributes on local and regional rocky intertidal community structure. Estuaries and Coasts 39:1735-1745. doi:10.1007/s12237-016-0114-0

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12237-016-0114-0>

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Citation\_Information:

Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Ballachey, B.E.  
Originator: Monson, D.H.  
Originator: Esler, D.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Publication\_Date: 2018  
Title:

Variation in abundance of Pacific Blue Mussel (Mytilus trossulus) in the Northern Gulf of Alaska, 2006–2015

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Deep Sea Research Part II: Topical Studies in Oceanography  
Issue\_Identification: 147:87-97

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Elsevier

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Bodkin, J.L., Coletti, H.A., Ballachey, B.E., Monson, D.H., Esler, D., Dean, T.A. 2018. Variation in abundance of Pacific Blue Mussel (Mytilus trossulus) in the Northern Gulf of Alaska, 2006–2015. Deep Sea Research Part II: Topical Studies in Oceanography 147:87-97. doi:10.1016/j.dsr2.2017.04.008

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2017.04.008>

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Originator: Suryan, R.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Hondolero, D.  
Originator: Lindeberg, M.  
Publication\_Date: 2021  
Title:

Changes in Rocky Intertidal Community Structure During a Marine Heatwave in the Northern Gulf of Alaska

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Frontiers in Marine Science  
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Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Frontiers

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Weitzman, B.P., Konar, B., Iken, K., Coletti, H.A., Monson, D.H., Suryan, R., Dean, T.A., Hondolero, D., Lindeberg, M. 2021. Changes in rocky intertidal community structure during a marine heatwave in the northern Gulf of Alaska. Frontiers in Marine Science 8:556820. doi:10.3389/fmars.2021.556820

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Originator: Strom, S.L.  
Originator: Sweeney, K.L.  
Originator: Szymkowiak, M.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Originator: Yasumiishi, E.M.  
Originator: Zador, S.G.  
Publication\_Date: 2021  
Title: Ecosystem Response Persists After a Prolonged Marine Heatwave  
Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Nature Scientific Reports  
Issue\_Identification: 11:6235

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Nature Briefing

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Suryan, R.M., Arimitsu, M.L., Coletti, H.A., et al., 2021. Ecosystem response persists after a prolonged marine heatwave. Nature Scientific Reports 11:6235. doi:10.1038/s41598-021-83818-5

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-83818-5>

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Citation\_Information:

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Originator: Lindeberg, M.R.  
Originator: Monson, D.  
Originator: Robinson, B.  
Originator: Suryan, R.M.  
Originator: Weitzman, B.P.  
Publication\_Date: 2022  
Title:

Evidence of Increased Mussel Abundance Related to the Pacific Marine Heatwave and Sea Star Wasting

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: journal article  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Marine Ecology  
Issue\_Identification: e12715

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: Wiley

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Traiger, S.B, Bodkin, J.L., Coletti, H.A., Ballachey, B., Dean, T., Esler, D., Iken, K., Konar, B., Lindeberg, M.R., Monson, D., Robinson, B., Suryan, R.M., Weitzman, B.P., 2022. Evidence of increased mussel abundance related to the Pacific marine heatwave and sea star wasting. Marine Ecology e12715. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maec.12715>

Online\_Linkage: <https://doi.org/10.1111/maec.12715>

Data\_Quality\_Information:

Attribute\_Accuracy:

Attribute\_Accuracy\_Report:

Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QAQC) protocols for these data included: 1) entering identification data directly into the electronic databases in the field, thus avoiding transcription errors while copying from data sheets, 2) algae and invertebrate names were verified and standardized by using drop-down lists on electronic data entry forms, 3) data were proofed and edited immediately after each site was sampled and before beginning a new site, 4) all records were checked for missing values, duplicates, outliers, and inconsistencies, and 5) field notes and other data sheets associated with rocky intertidal monitoring were checked against the database.

Counting diseased and healthy sea stars began in 2019. Observers were trained on identification of sea star wasting symptoms using the ID guide at <https://marine.ucsc.edu/data-products/sea-star-wasting/#id-guides>. Only presence of symptoms is recorded, severity of symptoms is not recorded.

Logical\_Consistency\_Report:

Attribute values fall within expected ranges. Count data were entered electronically in the field, rather than being recorded on datasheets to prevent transcription errors. After a site has been sampled, the data were proofed and edited in the field before beginning a new site. Field notes and other data sheets associated with rocky intertidal monitoring are checked against the database.

Completeness\_Report:

In 2011, none of the AKP (Katmai) sites were sampled. In 2021, no data were collected at KEP\_B5\_RI\_03 Nuka Bay due to weather. In 2022, AKP\_B10\_RI\_02 star swath was not sampled because the site was sampled on a +0.2 m MLLW tide day, due to weather. In 2023, KEP\_B05\_RI\_02 was not sampled due to inclement weather.

Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy:

Horizontal\_Positional\_Accuracy\_Report:

Transects for rocky intertidal sampling are marked with stainless steel eye-bolts and a site ID marker plate to ensure consistency in sampling location. Additionally, several eye-bolts are placed along the transects' horizontal lengths to ensure similar placement of the lines. Coordinates are not recorded for each eye-bolt. Tide prediction software and GPS clock and location data (approximately 4 m accuracy) are used to estimate 0 MLLW for the sea star swath lower boundaries, but coordinates were not recorded. Rather, each year when re-sampling the site, the same tools are used to conduct the sea star swath count.

Lineage:

Methodology:

Methodology\_Type: Field  
Methodology\_Description:

Sea stars were counted along 50 meter long swaths at each of the randomly selected sites within sheltered rocky shorelines. The lower edge of the transect was placed at 0 MLLW (mean lower low water). Star swath sizes were varied in the early years of this monitoring project from 4 m wide X 100 m long to 4 m wide X 50 m long. The 4 m X 50 m swath size was chosen for all future sampling.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Publication\_Date: 2011  
Title:

SOP for Sampling of Intertidal Invertebrates and Algae on Sheltered Rocky Shores - Version 4.6

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: report  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR  
Issue\_Identification: 2011/397

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Fort Collins, Colorado  
Publisher: National Park Service

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Dean, T.A., Bodkin, J.L. 2011. SOP for sampling of intertidal invertebrates and algae on sheltered rocky shores - Version 4.6: Southwest Alaska Inventory and Monitoring Network. Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR - 2011/397. National Park Service, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Published report archived by U.S. National Park Service Catalog (IRMA Data Store) <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore> [reference code: 2170950]

Online\_Linkage: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2170950>

Type\_of\_Source\_Media: Digital Report  
Source\_Time\_Period\_of\_Content:

Time\_Period\_Information:

Single\_Date/Time:

Calendar\_Date: 2011

Source\_Currentness\_Reference: publication date

Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Dean and Bodkin 2011  
Source\_Contribution:

Sampling protocol used for sampling Rocky intertidal invertebrates and algae at each study site.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Coletti, H.  
Publication\_Date: 2014  
Title:

Protocol Narrative for Nearshore Marine Ecosystem Monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska - Version 1.1

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: report  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR  
Issue\_Identification: 2014/756

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: Fort Collins, Colorado  
Publisher: National Park Service

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Dean, T.A., Bodkin, J.L. Coletti, H.A. 2014. Protocol narrative for marine nearshore ecosystem monitoring in the Gulf of Alaska: Version 1.1. Natural Resource Report NPS/SWAN/NRR— 2014/756. National Park Service, Fort Collins, Colorado.

Published report archived by U.S. National Park Service Catalog (IRMA Data Store) <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore> [reference code: 2206501]

Online\_Linkage: <https://irma.nps.gov/DataStore/Reference/Profile/2206501>

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Calendar\_Date: 2014

Source\_Currentness\_Reference: publication date

Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Dean et al. 2014  
Source\_Contribution:

Protocol for monitoring marine nearshore ecosystems in the Gulf of Alaska.

Source\_Information:

Source\_Citation:

Citation\_Information:

Originator: Coletti, H.A.  
Originator: Kloecker, K.A.  
Originator: Bodkin, J.L.  
Originator: Dean, T.A.  
Publication\_Date: 2017  
Title:

Gulf Watch Alaska Nearshore Component: Monitoring Site Locations from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park

Geospatial\_Data\_Presentation\_Form: tabular digital data  
Series\_Information:

Series\_Name: USGS Data Release  
Issue\_Identification: doi:10.5066/F78S4N3R

Publication\_Information:

Publication\_Place: online  
Publisher: U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Science Center

Other\_Citation\_Details:

Coletti, H.A., Kloecker, K.A., Bodkin, J.L., Dean, T.A., 2017. Gulf Watch Alaska nearshore component: monitoring site locations from Prince William Sound, Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Kenai Fjords National Park: U.S. Geological Survey data release, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>

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Source\_Citation\_Abbreviation: Coletti et al. 2017  
Source\_Contribution:

A U.S. Geological Survey data release containing site location information for nearshore Rocky Intertidal studies.

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Most field data were entered directly into a Microsoft Access database using data entry forms. Some data were recorded on field data sheets for entry later.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Database QAQC queries were completed and any items flagged were corrected in the field.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

Notes were compiled on items that couldn't be addressed in the field (e.g., new species ID) by combining data from multiple field laptops. Field entered data and notes were provided to the database administrator at National Park Service - Southwest Alaska Network for updates, corrections to the master database.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Process\_Step:

Process\_Description:

A copy of the data was provided to Dr. Sarah Traiger (or Dr. Tom Dean prior to 2022) for an additional round of QAQC. Any fixes were communicated back to the NPS-SWAN database administrator. Finally, a comma separated values (.csv) file of each table was exported. Each file contains the whole time series.

Process\_Date: Unknown

Spatial\_Data\_Organization\_Information:

Indirect\_Spatial\_Reference:

The only spatial information in this dataset are the named locations for the sampling sites. Sites are documented with start and end coordinates and are also referred to by name (e.g., Herring Bay rocky sampling site). Please refer to Coletti et al. 2017, a USGS data release which provides for geographic coordinates of all sites: <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>

Entity\_and\_Attribute\_Information:

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Taxonomy.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table containing the taxonomic classification of invertebrates and algae sampled along transects. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Kingdom  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Kingdom  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Kingdom

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Phylum  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Phylum  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Phylum

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Class  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Class  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Class

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Order  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Order  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS).

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Order

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Family  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Family.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Family

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Genus  
Attribute\_Definition: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Genus.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Genus

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Species  
Attribute\_Definition:

Taxonomic hierarchical level; Species. This refers to the 'Species' attribute throughout all tables included with this data release. The term "spp." indicated that the animal could not be identified to species, only genus.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species (WoRMS)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Taxonomic hierarchical level; Species

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Sampling\_ScientificName  
Attribute\_Definition:

The species scientific name at the time of sampling, if different from the current species name identified in the 'Species' attribute. Null values "." indicate that the species name has not changed over time.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The species scientific name at the time of sampling, if different from the current species name identified in the 'Species' attribute.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Type  
Attribute\_Definition: Classification of sea star.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Classification of sea star.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Taxon\_Authority  
Attribute\_Definition:

Taxonomic classification authority used in the classification of the species.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: ITIS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Integrated Taxonomic Information System; authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Integrated Taxonomic Information System (April 18, 2022)

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: WoRMS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

World register of Marine Species; authoritative taxonomic information on marine species.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: World register of Marine Species (May 16, 2022)

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Taxon\_AuthorityID  
Attribute\_Definition:

A unique identification number for each species from the particular Taxonomic Authority. For ITIS: 'Taxonomic Serial Number (TSN)'; WoRMS: 'Life Science Identifier (LSID)'

Attribute\_Definition\_Source:

ITIS Integrated Taxonomic Information System or World Register of Marine Species

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The unique identification number for each species from the particular Taxonomic Authority.

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Count.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with counts of sea stars at rocky intertidal sampling sites used to estimate the density of sea stars at rocky intertidal sites. Each record is the count of sea stars at a single rocky intertidal sampling site. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table exported from a relational database.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteID  
Attribute\_Definition:

Identification code of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014. The SiteID is comprised of 4 parts, 1) the region (AKP, KEP, PWS), 2) the block number (5, 7, 8, 9, or 10), 3) the sampling type (described below), and 4) the sample type number (01-05).

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RI  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling type = Rocky Intertidal Intensive Block. Intensive sites are chosen by a random process.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RE  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Sampling Type = Rocky Intertidal Extensive Block  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling Type = Selected Sites. Selected sites are chosen for a specific reason (e.g., existence of historic data)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteName  
Attribute\_Definition:

Name of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: A unique site name given to each unique 'SiteID'.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SampleDate  
Attribute\_Definition: Date the sea star swath was sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2006-06-22  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023-07-08  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Year  
Attribute\_Definition: Year the sea star swath was sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2006  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Year

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Transect\_Width\_m  
Attribute\_Definition: Width of the sea star swath surveyed in meters.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 4  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 4  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Meters

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Transect\_Length\_m  
Attribute\_Definition: Length of the sea star swath surveyed in meters.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 50  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 100  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Meters

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Species  
Attribute\_Definition:

Scientific name of sampled species. See table "KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Taxonomy.csv" included with this data release for a taxonomic details.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Scientific name of sampled species.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Count  
Attribute\_Definition: Number of individual sea stars counted along the swath.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 633  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Count

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Density\_individual200SqM  
Attribute\_Definition:

Calculated density of individual sea stars within a 200 square meter swath. Includes both healthy and diseased sea stars

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 633  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Individuals per 200 square meters

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Density\_Healthy  
Attribute\_Definition:

Calculated density of healthy sea stars (showing no signs of sea star wasting disease). Null values "." indicate that no data were recorded.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 178  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Count

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Density\_Diseased  
Attribute\_Definition:

Calculated density of diseased sea stars (with symptoms of sea star wasting disease). Null values "." indicate that no data were recorded.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 0  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Count

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2020-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Size\_Disease.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with length measurements and disease status of sea stars at rocky intertidal sampling sites. Each record shows the length and disease status of one sea star at a single rocky intertidal sampling site. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table exported from a relational database.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteID  
Attribute\_Definition:

Identification code of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014. The 'SiteID' is comprised of 4 parts, 1) the region (AKP, KEP, PWS), 2) the block number (5, 7, 8, 9, or 10), 3) the sampling type (described below), and 4) the sample type number (01-05).

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RI  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling type = Rocky Intertidal Intensive Block. Intensive sites are chosen by a random process.

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

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Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Sampling Type = Rocky Intertidal Extensive Block  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: RS  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition:

Sampling Type = Selected Sites. Selected sites are chosen for a specific reason (e.g., existence of historic data)

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SiteName  
Attribute\_Definition:

Name of sampling site, as defined in Coletti et al. 2017, <https://doi.org/10.5066/F78S4N3R>, and Dean et al. 2014.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Coletti et al. 2017 and Dean et al. 2014  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: A unique site name given to each unique 'SiteID'.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: SampleDate  
Attribute\_Definition: Date the sea star swaths were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2020-06-21  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023-07-08  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Date (YYYY-MM-DD)

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Year  
Attribute\_Definition: Year the sea star swaths were sampled.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 2020  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 2023  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Year

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Species  
Attribute\_Definition:

Scientific name of sampled species. See table "KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Taxonomy.csv" included with this data release for a taxonomic details.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Integrated Taxonomic Information System or WoRMS  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Scientific name of sampled species.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Size\_mm  
Attribute\_Definition:

Sea star radius (millimeters) from center to tip of longest arm.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Range\_Domain:

Range\_Domain\_Minimum: 5  
Range\_Domain\_Maximum: 235  
Attribute\_Units\_of\_Measure: Millimeters

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Diseased\_State  
Attribute\_Definition:

The presence of any symptoms of sea star wasting disease. The severity of the disease was not specified.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: H  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Healthy, no signs of sea star wasting disease  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Enumerated\_Domain:

Enumerated\_Domain\_Value: D  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition: Diseased, signs of sea star wasting disease  
Enumerated\_Domain\_Value\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Comments  
Attribute\_Definition:

Comments on sea star diseased state. Blank cells indicate that no comments were recorded.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: Comments on sea star diseased state.

Detailed\_Description:

Entity\_Type:

Entity\_Type\_Label: KATMKEFJWPWS\_2006-2023\_Sea\_Star\_Contributors.csv  
Entity\_Type\_Definition:

Table with a list of principal investigators and contributors to the rocky intertidal sampling component of Gulf Watch Alaska. Presented in a Comma Separated Value (CSV) formatted table.

Entity\_Type\_Definition\_Source: Author defined

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Last\_Name  
Attribute\_Definition: The last name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The last name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: First\_Name  
Attribute\_Definition: The first name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The first name of a Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: ORCID  
Attribute\_Definition:

The ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) for each collaborator. The null values "." indicate that the contributor does not have an ORCID or the ID is unknown.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) for each collaborator.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Position  
Attribute\_Definition: The position title of the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.  
Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain: The position title of the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor.

Attribute:

Attribute\_Label: Agency  
Attribute\_Definition:

The agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
Attribute\_Domain\_Values:

Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with.

Attribute:

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Attribute\_Definition:

The program within the agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with. The null values "." indicate that the program of the collaborator is unknown.

Attribute\_Definition\_Source: Author defined  
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Unrepresentable\_Domain:

The program within the agency who the Gulf Watch Alaska contributor is associated with.

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