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**Accomplishments**

* What are the major goals of the project?*

The Santa Barbara Coastal LTER (SBC LTER) is an interdisciplinary research and education program established in April 2000 with the goal of developing a predictive understanding of how
environmental drivers interact with terrestrial and oceanic processes to alter material flows and influence the ecology of coastal ecosystems. SBC LTER’s principal study domain is the semi-arid coast and nearshore waters of the Santa Barbara Channel in southern California, and its diverse and productive marine forests of giant kelp (Macrocystis pyrifera) serve as the focal study ecosystem. Analyses of our long-term data have identified many of the environmental drivers and ecological processes underlying the production and community dynamics of kelp forests. Still to be determined are the ecosystem consequences of wave disturbance and fishing that alter the area and architecture of giant kelp forests, the processes that sustain kelp growth during warm, low nitrate conditions, the ecological and evolutionary consequences of kelp-induced changes in pH and dissolved oxygen, and the degree to which climate variability influences forest persistence and trophic subsidies to and from kelp forests. These and other unknowns form the basis of the overarching question that motivates our proposed research: “How do natural and human drivers influence giant kelp dynamics and alter the long-term structure and function of kelp forest ecosystems?”. The research proposed to address this question is integrated in a conceptual framework that focuses on the causes and ecological consequences of the dynamics of a relatively short-lived foundation species in a setting of long-term climate change and human use, and is organized in three inter-related themes:

Theme 1 - Environmental drivers of kelp persistence and community structure

Theme 2 - Dynamic biophysical coupling in kelp forest ecosystems

Theme 3 - Spatial dynamics and connectivity of kelp forests and adjacent ecosystems.

* What was accomplished under these goals and objectives (you must provide information for at least one of the 4 categories below)?

Major Activities:

Theme 1. Environmental drivers of kelp persistence and community structure

Theme 1a. Community and ecosystem consequences of climate variability, disturbance and pathways of recovery

We initiated a finer-scale long-term experiment to quantify the role of competition for space as a key process governing community structure and recovery in kelp forests. The experiment is designed to measure the effects of giant kelp in mediating competition between sessile invertebrates and understory macroalgae at 10 kelp forest sites using paired circular plots (8 m radius) of two treatments: kelp removal and control. Smaller paired plots (~0.5 m²) with and without understory algae removed have been nested within the larger kelp control and kelp removal plots to isolate the effects of giant kelp on competition between understory macroalgae and sessile invertebrates. This experiment was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but has been completely deployed as of September 2021.

Theme 1b. Ecological consequences of fishing
In 2012 we initiated a new time series on lobster abundance, size and fishing effort in response to the designation of the MPAs. We combined these data with landings data obtained from the CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to show that the MPAs have resulted in an increase in spiny lobster within the MPAs which has benefited the commercial lobster fishery outside of the MPAs through spillover, an often asserted but seldom documented phenomenon.

Theme 1c. Sources and utilization of recycled nitrogen

We quantified the kinetics of regenerated N use by giant kelp and phytoplankton in light and dark in the laboratory (Smith et al. 2021). Urea uptake by giant kelp decreased 3–12% in darkness (relative to in light) compared to a 66–85% decline for phytoplankton. Similar differences were observed for ammonium and nitrate, suggesting that light intensity and photocycles influence the outcome of competition for N between giant kelp and phytoplankton. These results support the conclusion that giant kelp uses multiple forms of N to sustain year-round growth. Kelp’s consistent capacity to acquire N during both day and night may help offset its low uptake rates relative to phytoplankton and increase its ability to compete for N during periods of low N availability.

Theme 2. Dynamic biophysical coupling in kelp forest ecosystems

Theme 2a. Effects of kelp on physical and chemical fluxes

To address this aim, we have augmented our long-term kelp forest sites at Mohawk (MK) and Arroyo Quemado (AQ) with additional physical and chemical sensors to quantify the residence time and carbonate chemistry of water within the kelp forest. MK and AQ are well suited for this purpose because many SBC core measurements are made at these sites. Moreover, the difference in size between these two kelp forests (AQ is ~5 times larger than MK) coupled with high seasonal and inter-annual variability in kelp abundance will allow us to examine how residence time varies with kelp forest architecture and alongshore current speed.

Theme 2b. Effects of kelp on the processing and fate of dissolved organic matter

Quantifying remineralization rates of kelp-derived DOM and its accumulation along a spatial gradient from within the kelp forest to the waters outside of it will provide an estimate of kelp DOM available to kelp forest food webs via the microbial loop vs DOM exported from the kelp ecosystem. Microbial remineralization experiments are being conducted seasonally on DOM released directly from kelp, and on DOM that accumulates in the surface waters (within the kelp forest and up to 1000 m offshore) to determine degradation rates and bioavailability. We have begun using a new high-throughput system for measuring microbial respiration that has made these experiments much more tractable.

Theme 2c. Ecological and evolutionary consequences of kelp-induced changes in seawater chemistry
The massive and dense biomass of giant kelp forests has the potential to significantly alter water chemistry via photosynthesis and respiration. We are investigating the potential for giant kelp to influence the eco-evolutionary dynamics of kelp forest metazoans by examining the consequences of kelp forests as modifiers of seawater properties including DO, pCO$_2$, and pH in a warmer future, using calcifying sea urchins as model species.

**Theme 3. Spatial dynamics and connectivity of kelp forests and adjacent ecosystems**

**Theme 3a. Demographic connectivity and metapopulation dynamics of giant kelp**

To characterize canopy dynamics on sub-meter scales, identify small-scale extinction events and relate local patterns of recolonization to connectivity and environmental factors, we have initiated high-resolution monitoring of select kelp forests along the Santa Barbara coastline using small unoccupied aerial systems (sUAS; quadcopter drones). A recently released 10-band multispectral imager from MicaSense has reflectance bands that can be used to estimate the concentration of chlorophyll and nitrogen content based on our laboratory reflectance timeseries and field validation tests. Starting in February 2021, we began monthly timeseries of 10-band sUAS flights at the Mohawk and Arroyo Quemado kelp forests to examine the dynamics of canopy biomass and physiological condition and relate these changes to demographic and environmental processes.

**Theme 3b. Trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches**

To evaluate connectivity and synchrony between beaches and kelp forests, we are collecting detailed data on the abundance of kelp wrack at our five study beaches, quantifying smaller blades and fronds as well as whole plants. We are also developing methods to use sUAS imagery to get a more spatially comprehensive and rapid estimate of wrack abundance that could be collected in tandem with the kelp forest imagery in Theme 2a used to assess the level of synchrony between kelp standing biomass and kelp wrack abundance and flux, and the subsequent connectivity between subtidal kelp forests and intertidal beaches.

**Theme 3c. Trophic connectivity between the coastal ocean and kelp forests**

In spring 2021 we began a focused research campaign to better understand the linkage between phytoplankton and reef suspension feeders. Over 2-week periods each season, we are collecting concurrent field measurements at MK and AQ, along with measurements offshore, using SBC’s Teledyne Webb G2 glider to quantify cross-shelf fluxes and onshore delivery of phytoplankton to kelp forests and reef suspension feeders that will be contextualized at larger spatial scales through analysis of available satellite data. On the reefs, we are investigating the response of suspension-feeding invertebrates to the supply and taxonomic composition of phytoplankton. Three days per week during each two-week period each season, water samples for chlorophyll, POC, and phytoplankton community composition are being collected in the kelp forest, augmented
by near-continuous chlorophyll measurements by moored in situ fluorometers. On a subset of the same days, suspension feeders are also sampled for gut contents to evaluate feeding selectivity as compared with available phytoplankton assemblages. To supplement microscope counts of phytoplankton, we will analyze water and gut content samples using DNA metabarcoding techniques.

Specific Objectives:

**Theme 1. Environmental drivers of kelp persistence and community structure**

**Theme 1a. Community and ecosystem consequences of climate variability, disturbance and pathways of recovery**

Further analysis of our long term kelp disturbance experiment revealed that understory macroalgae partly compensated for canopy NPP losses and this effect magnified with increasing habitat quality. Disturbance-driven increases in understory NPP were still rising after 5–10 years of disturbance, demonstrating the value of long-term experimentation for understanding ecosystem responses to changing disturbance regimes (Castorani et al. 2021).

**Theme 1b. Ecological consequences of fishing**

We are using data from other long-term monitoring programs in the region to address questions about effects of fishing on kelp forests. Trophic cascades are often hypothesized to be major drivers of kelp forest community structure, with fishing reducing predation on sea urchins that then overgraze kelp to form barrens. To test this idea we examined the effect of older MPAs established in 2002 on the two abundant species of urchins in our region: the heavily fished red urchin Mesocentrotus franciscanus, and the virtually unfished purple urchin Strongylocentrotus purpuratus, using data collected since 1984 by the National Park Service in the Channel Islands. Our analyses revealed that after 15 years of protection from fishing, purple urchin populations and kelp abundance were unaffected by reserves, while red urchin biomass significantly increased (Malakhoff and Miller 2021). These results revealed the overwhelming direct effect of protecting fished species in marine reserves over indirect effects that are often predicted, but seldom clearly documented.

**Theme 1c. Sources and utilization of recycled nitrogen**

We tested whether the benthos is a potentially significant source of locally regenerated N to kelp forests during otherwise low-nutrient oceanographic conditions. Permeable marine sediments are biogeochemically active and may contribute substantial quantities of dissolved nutrients to support primary production in coastal regions. Measured reservoirs and exchange rates of NH$_4^+$ suggest that marine sediment provides a significant source of nitrogen to the water column and may help to offset high nitrogen demand by giant kelp during periods of high productivity in the summer (Lowman et al., in preparation).
**Theme 2. Dynamic biophysical coupling in kelp forest ecosystems**

**Theme 2a. Effects of kelp on physical and chemical fluxes**

We are working to develop residence time estimates that are a function of stratification, kelp forest area, and kelp density. In prior research we estimated water residence time in the kelp forest at Mohawk Reef to be ~1 hour based on mean velocities and forest area, but more recent estimates derived from observed changes in dissolved oxygen were several times longer. Our ongoing research on this topic strives to quantify spatial and temporal scales of variation in seawater properties (i.e., temperature, salinity, and dissolved oxygen) inside, outside and offshore of the kelp forest as it varies naturally through time in its footprint area and kelp density.

**Theme 2b. Effects of kelp on the processing and fate of dissolved organic matter**

The microbial community living on kelp itself may use kelp DOM and influence kelp physiology and condition. In marine microbial communities, assembly order can shape the rate of organic matter processing, especially when pioneer taxa “unlock” substrates for subsequent arrivals. To address such phenomena graduate students Sevan Esaian and An Bui (Wilbanks and Moeller labs) are investigating community assembly of the kelp microbiome through time and over depth. Their results suggest that deeper blade communities do assemble over time, while surface blades tend to track ambient conditions. In-progress analysis is identifying taxa that drive these shifts in community composition.

**Theme 2c. Ecological and evolutionary consequences of kelp-induced changes in seawater chemistry**

Ph.D. candidate Logan Kozal provide evidence that maternal condition influences the performance of the progeny. For example, larvae from mothers conditioned outside the kelp forest exhibited higher thermal tolerance that those conditioned within the forest, likely reflecting the higher variability in temperature there (Kozal et al. in prep). In addition, larvae spawned from mothers conditioned inside kelp forests exhibited longer spicules per unit body size, regardless of developmental treatment. These findings reproducibly demonstrate that in situ environmental variation in the SBC can alter larval biocalcification via transgenerational plasticity. We are now preparing to assess gene expression and perform analysis of DNA methylation in the progeny from the larval crosses; to do so, graduate student Sam Bogan developed a bioinformatic pipeline for the project; this product has been publicly shared on Github ([Bogan and Strader 2021](https://github.com/)).

**Theme 3. Spatial dynamics and connectivity of kelp forests and adjacent ecosystems**

**Theme 3a. Demographic connectivity and metapopulation dynamics of giant kelp**

New work is investigating the finer-scale patterns and drivers of resistance and resilience of giant kelp populations throughout the region. We have continued to use the
hyperspectral aerial imagery collected by NASA’s AVIRIS sensor from 2013-2015 to examine the physiological condition of the kelp canopy in the Santa Barbara Channel. We found that the condition of the kelp canopy is related to the availability of seawater nitrate on the regional scale (1 km) but that patterns on the local scale (20 m) are related to kelp frond senescence and demographic patterns (Bell & Siegel in revision).

Theme 3b. Trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches

Species diversity and resource partitioning by beach detritivores may affect species coexistence and ecosystem function. By measuring individual consumption rates of four talitrid species on five macrophyte species in the laboratory and field we discovered that these abundant consumers do not partition wrack resources, making them potentially functionally redundant. Additional laboratory and field experiments that manipulated richness of six common species of invertebrate detritivores showed no effect on kelp consumption; instead, species identity and body size drove variation in kelp consumption rates (Emery et al. 2021). These results show that beach detritivore species are not functionally redundant and that the disproportionate loss of larger talitrid species by coastal urbanization heavily impacts ecosystem function.

Theme 3c. Trophic connectivity between the coastal ocean and kelp forests

Understanding variability in phytoplankton production and community structure is important for understanding dynamics of kelp forest food webs. In an effort to do this, we created a 22-year monthly time series of the relative abundance of five distinct phytoplankton groups in the SBC by combining 12 years of high performance liquid chromatography phytoplankton pigment concentrations with bio-optical models and 10 additional years of bio-optical observations (Catlett et al. 2021). Our observations indicated that nanophytoplankton groups respond most rapidly to seasonal upwelling, followed by diatoms, and then by picophytoplankton as the water column stratifies in the summer. On decadal time scales, dinoflagellate blooms are associated with the warm phase of the North Pacific Gyre Oscillation and advection of Southern California Bight source waters into the SBC.

Significant Results:

Theme 1. Environmental drivers of kelp persistence and community structure

Theme 1a. Community and ecosystem consequences of climate variability, disturbance and pathways of recovery

An undergraduate (now graduate) student, Raine Detmer (Moeller lab), developed and analyzed a model of the effects of variable storm regimes on giant kelp population dynamics and of the cascading effects on kelp-mediated competition between benthic organisms. Simulations of severe storm regimes resulted in a greater abundance of understory macroalgae and a lower abundance of sessile invertebrates than did milder regimes. The model’s predictions were consistent with empirical data from our 20-yr
time series of community dynamics, suggesting that interannual variability in disturbance that affects giant kelp abundance can have strong consequences for benthic community structure (Detmer et al. 2021).

**Theme 1b. Ecological consequences of fishing**

Despite a 35% reduction in fishing area, increases in lobster populations inside the two newly established MPAs resulted in a 225% increase in total catch after 6 years, demonstrating MPAs benefitted the fishery overall (Lenihan et al. 2021). This study was coauthored by a CDFW biologist who promoted the results to her agency, an example of SBC LTER’s growing connection with local resource managers.

**Theme 1c. Sources and utilization of recycled nitrogen**

We paired taxon-specific ammonium excretion rates of fishes and invertebrates with time series data of taxon-specific biomass collected during our 10-year kelp removal experiment to assess the effects of increased frequency of kelp disturbance on ammonium excretions and macroalgal N demand. We found that increased disturbance to giant kelp in experimental removal plots reduced fish biomass and the amount of excreted ammonium in kelp removal plots relative to control plots that experienced less frequent disturbance. The amount of ammonium excreted by benthic consumers in control plots was sufficient to support ~ 45% of the N demand of understory macroalgae and ~ 10% of the N-demand of all macroalgae (giant kelp + understory combined), suggesting that consumer excretion, in addition to sediment fluxes, is important in helping sustain macroalgae growth during stratified periods (Peters et al., in prep).

**Theme 2. Dynamic biophysical coupling in kelp forest ecosystems**

**Theme 2a. Effects of kelp on physical and chemical fluxes**

We are using the inside-outside paired instrumentation at MK and AQ to better resolve details of the flow through the kelp canopy. For example, on July 29, 2021, we conducted several hours of in situ surveys around and offshore of a portion of Mohawk Reef. A REMUS 600 ran 675 m-long cross-shore transects to within 50 m of the kelp forest while an instrumented surfboard was paddled around the kelp forest and RGB UAS imagery was collected hourly. We observed a gradual warming of surface waters of the kelp forest through the morning. When detrended, a reversal of the local temperature gradient was evident and several important processes were revealed. Significant gradients can be formed at the scale of the kelp forest in as little as a couple hours, indicating that our field-intensive studies are warranted and likely to observe significant features. Filaments of low-temperature water exiting through gaps in the kelp forest suggest the structure of the kelp canopy is an important determinant of residence time.

**Theme 2b. Effects of kelp on the processing and fate of dissolved organic matter**
To begin resolving spatial gradients in dissolved organic compounds, bacterioplankton communities and associated microbial activity as water moves through a kelp forest, graduate student Chance English (Carlson lab) conducted cross-canopy sampling at Arroyo Quemado reef in February 2021. Results to date show that DOC concentrations, bacterial abundance and bacterial respiration were significantly higher inside the kelp forest, suggesting that DOM released by kelp may be consumed and recycled rapidly within the forest, enhancing bacterial growth and fueling the microbial loop. To determine whether microbial assemblages sourced from within the kelp canopy process organic substrates at greater rates than background microbial assemblages, a microbial remineralization experiment was conducted at Arroyo Quemado in February 2021. Monitoring changes in oxygen and bacterial abundance within the treatments demonstrated that bacteria inoculum from inside the canopy grew at higher rates and respired organic matter faster than that from outside of the forest. Further, bacteria sourced from inside the canopy maintain elevated respiration rates when grown with DOC sourced from outside the kelp canopy. The microbial assemblages in close proximity to kelp and associated DOM production may alter the bacterial community to one capable of turning over DOC at a higher rate regardless of its source.

Theme 2c. Ecological and evolutionary consequences of kelp-induced changes in seawater chemistry

In laboratory experiments, we found that elevated pCO$_2$ conditions predicted for coastal environments in the future adversely impacted the early development of the red sea urchin *M. franciscanus* while moderate warming improved growth and thermal tolerance. Further investigation revealed between-treatment differential expression of genes related to cellular stress response, transmembrane transport, metabolic processes, and regulation of gene expression. Temperature contributed significantly to variance in gene expression, which was also correlated to the embryo phenotypes. On the other hand, the transcriptomic response to pCO$_2$ was relatively muted (Wong and Hofmann 2021).

**Theme 3. Spatial dynamics and connectivity of kelp forests and adjacent ecosystems**

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We have developed an automated method for processing these data and examined the effects of tides and currents on sUAS-based estimates of kelp canopy area (Cavanaugh et al. 2021).

**Theme 3b. Trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches**

SBC Investigators Dugan, Page, and Melack participated in a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment of the Santa Barbara area that relied on SBC LTER data to synthesize projected changes in climate, coastal erosion and flooding, watershed runoff and impacts to sandy beaches and coastal salt marshes. The group identified potential climate change-related tipping points for coastal systems and found that tipping points for beaches and wetlands could be reached with just 0.25 m or less of SLR (~2050), with > 50%
subsequent habitat loss that would degrade overall biodiversity and ecosystem function (Barnard et al. 2021).

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Key outcomes or Other achievements:

**LTER Network cross site projects**

Former SBC post doc and present Associate Investigator Thomas Lamy, now faculty at the French National Research Institute, participated in a cross-site working group to synthesize the general relationships between metacommunity parameters and stability across a diverse range of ecosystems. Several products resulted: Wang et al (2019) developed a partitioning framework of variability and synchrony measures across spatial scales and organizational levels. Lamy et al. (2019) used this new approach on SBC’s long term community data to show that species insurance can stabilize community biomass. Further work found that spatial asynchrony reduced variability in metacommunity biomass of SBC macroalgae (Lamy et al. 2021). Record et al. (2021) described how LTER data could inform metacommunity theory and applications.

Former SBC postdoc Max Castorani, now Investigator and faculty at UVA, where he is also a PI on VCR LTER, participated in a cross-site working group using LTER data from several sites including SBC to integrate population and community approaches to synchrony to understand drivers of ecosystem stability. A paper is in press (Walter et al., 2021) concluding that stability is more strongly related to richness synchrony than to species richness itself.

SBC Co-PI Reed is leading an LTER synthesis paper on the long-term effects of climate change on coastal ecosystems. The study includes five other coastal LTER sites, Florida Coastal Everglades, Georgia Coastal Ecosystems, Moorea Coral Reef, Plum Island Ecosystems, and Virginia Coast Reserve. The paper is in revision at *BioScience*.

Co-PI Reed, PI Miller, and SBC Investigators Castorani and Rassweiler participated in a cross-site synthesis effort to show the importance of long-term data collection and
experiments for addressing ecological questions with implications for policy (Iwaniek et al. 2021).

Margaret O’Brien, SBC’s former lead Information manager and current IM advisor, is a co-PI helping to lead the EMERGENT synthesis working group, which is advancing efforts to harmonize molecular information for microbial taxa, streamlining their use in syntheses with related ecosystem level data and spurring future microbial ecology research at LTER sites.

Non-LTER cross-site and broader scale research

SBC Investigators Dugan, Page, and Melack participated in a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment of the Santa Barbara area that relied on SBC LTER data to synthesize projected changes in climate, coastal erosion and flooding, watershed runoff and impacts to sandy beaches and coastal salt marshes (Meyer et al. 2019). The group identified potential climate change-related tipping points for coastal systems and found that tipping points for beaches and wetlands could be reached with just 0.25 m or less of SLR (~2050), with >50% subsequent habitat loss that would degrade overall biodiversity and ecosystem function (Barnard et al. 2021).

SBC Investigator Cavanaugh expanded the capabilities of our kelp Landsat dataset to the entire globe by partnering with Zooinverse to develop a web-based citizen science project (Floating Forests) that uses the efforts of volunteers to analyze Landsat imagery of giant kelp from across the world. More than 2 million classifications of >500,000 images by nearly 6,000 volunteers have been completed to date.

* What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

SBC LTER contributes substantially to undergraduate involvement in research at UCSB. During the past year, 7 postdoctoral fellows, 35 graduate students, 3 REU students and 71 additional undergraduate students participated in SBC research. Each year 20-30 undergraduate students receive academic credit to participate in an SBC research training program that runs the entire academic year. Students in the program actively participate in the collection, processing and analysis of core data and many develop their own independent research projects. REU students work closely with SBC researchers on a wide range of topics and most choose to pursue an advanced degree following their undergraduate education. Opportunities for training in public education and student mentoring arise from SBC’s partnership with the REEF, which is also designed to provide UCSB undergraduates majoring in Aquatic Biology with training in communicating their knowledge of marine ecology in an educational format. SBC graduate students, post docs and research staff actively participate in this aspect of undergraduate training, which engaged 30-60 undergraduate interns annually for the REEF during the past three years. In a collaboration with SBC graduate student Xochitl Clare, we hosted two REEFlections annual symposia. REEFlections provides an opportunity for undergraduates who work both at the REEF and in a research lab under a graduate student or post-doc mentor to communicate their work to UCSB faculty, staff, students, and community members.
In 2021, SBC LTER Education Coordinator and LTER EOC Co-chair, Scott Simon, co-taught an undergraduate course on Coastal-based Literacies, that utilized the science of the SBC LTER to highlight the significance of science in “Our Maritime Community”.

SBC graduate student and postdoctoral training are coordinated with several graduate programs on the UCSB campus to promote opportunities for interdisciplinary training in ecology, physiology, geology, geography, hydrology, oceanography, and coastal policy. This enables valuable cross-training on environmental issues pertaining to coastal ecosystems, provides a common language for communicating scientific information on these issues, and contributes to the creation of a diverse scientific community of students and postdocs that fosters respect and appreciation for other disciplines. Graduate seminars hosted by SBC faculty, the SBC Annual All Scientist Meeting and SBC workshops on key research themes served to engage SBC graduate students in the culture and diverse research offered by SBC. A student-organized cross-site LTER graduate student symposium with Moorea Coral Reef and California Current Ecosystem LTERs and the triannual LTER Network’s All Scientist Meeting serve to expose SBC graduate students to the research and career opportunities offered throughout the Network.

* Have the results been disseminated to communities of interest? If so, please provide details.

We are committed to sharing our research results with resource managers, decision makers, stakeholders, and the general public who are interested in applying our findings to policy issues concerning natural resources, coastal management, and land use. To this end SBC researchers actively use their expertise and data to inform these entities to the betterment of society. Below are some examples of the broader benefits of SBC research in the past year of SBC IV.

- SBC LTER data and studies are showing the effects of marine reserves on ecosystems and fishing. New work showing spillover bolsters the case for marine reserves as management tools and may help improve the design of future reserves and networks.
- SBC LTER expertise and data on patterns and drivers of kelp productivity is informing the possibility of kelp farming for biofuels off the coast of CA. DOE is funding several projects on this topic; one is using SBC LTER data to develop a model for kelp farm siting.
- SBC investigators Dugan, Melack, Page and Reed worked with USGS and Scripps Institution of Oceanography researchers to provide local city and county officials with a vulnerability assessment of coastal ecosystems to climate change.
- SBC investigators and students are collaborating with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, to assess factors affecting the spread and ecological impact of the invasive bryozoan *Watersipora subtorquata*, which is rapidly increasing at SBC study sites.
- SBC investigators serve as science advisers for public and non-governmental agencies tasked with managing coastal resources.

* What do you plan to do during the next reporting period to accomplish the goals?

*Theme 1. Environmental drivers of kelp persistence and community structure*
Theme 1a. Community and ecosystem consequences of climate variability, disturbance and pathways of recovery

We initiated a finer-scale long-term experiment to quantify the role of competition for space as a key process governing community structure and recovery in kelp forests. This experiment was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but has been completely deployed as of September 2021. In the next year we will begin monitoring it and doing preliminary analyses of the results.

Theme 1b. Ecological consequences of fishing

In the next year we plan to do further analyses of long-term data from inside and outside marine protected areas to inform on the indirect effects of fishing beyond trophic cascades.

Theme 1c. Sources and utilization of recycled nitrogen

We predict N regeneration rates in the water column will vary with the structure of planktonic communities and associated shifts in remineralization processes. In the coming months we will begin testing this prediction by quantifying seasonal rates of N regeneration in the water column (this research was delayed by COVID). Water column regeneration rates will be determined at the three kelp forests where kelp NPP and oceanographic properties are measured as part of our long-term studies. Monthly measurements of concentrations of urea, ammonium, nitrate, POC, PON and phytoplankton chlorophyll a will be augmented with rate measurements of urea and ammonium regeneration in spring, summer and fall, with particular emphasis on the stratified summer periods when the relative contribution of recycled N to kelp N demand should be highest. Isotope pool dilution will be used to quantify microbial urea and ammonium regeneration. An SBC graduate student, Natalie Dornan (Santoro lab), will be leading this research.

Theme 2. Dynamic biophysical coupling in kelp forest ecosystems

Theme 2a. Effects of kelp on physical and chemical fluxes

In the next year we will be working to develop residence time estimates that are a function of stratification, kelp forest area, and kelp density.

Theme 2b. Effects of kelp on the processing and fate of dissolved organic matter

The microbial assemblages in close proximity to kelp and associated DOM production may alter the bacterial community to one capable of turning over DOC at a higher rate regardless of its source. Future work will include the monitoring of initial microbial assemblages using 16s rRNA gene metabarcoding to identify the initial and responding community along transects and in experiments.

Theme 2c. Ecological and evolutionary consequences of kelp-induced changes in seawater chemistry
To continue testing whether kelp-induced changes in the environment influence the provisioning of offspring by sea urchins via parental effects, we are continuing in situ experiments using caged and fed adult purple sea urchins within and outside of the kelp forests at MK and AQ from late summer to early winter when adults undergo gametogenesis. Cages will be co-located with pH sensors in order to capture differential abiotic exposures during gametogenesis.

**Theme 3. Spatial dynamics and connectivity of kelp forests and adjacent ecosystems**

**Theme 3a. Demographic connectivity and metapopulation dynamics of giant kelp**

In the next year we will continue investigating the use of a sUAS mounted hyperspectral imager and 10-band multispectral imager to measure canopy biomass and physiological condition of SBC kelp forests. Starting in February 2021, we began monthly timeseries of 10-band sUAS flights at the Mohawk and Arroyo Quemado kelp forests to examine the dynamics of canopy biomass and physiological condition and relate these changes to demographic and environmental processes. These surveys will be continued over the coming year and augmented as needed to validate the use of additional sensors.

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**Theme 3c. Trophic connectivity between the coastal ocean and kelp forests**

In the coming year, to supplement microscope counts of phytoplankton, we will analyze water and gut content samples using DNA metabarcoding techniques. This campaign will begin to define whether kelp forest food webs rely on specific groups of phytoplankton more than others and the physical drivers and transport processes that deliver these crucial trophic resources to the reef.

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Other Products

• Audio or Video Products.

The SBC LTER YouTube channel provides videos of project seminars and research activities, The channel is shared through the SBC LTER website and can be accessed directly at this link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCF9VmulO6jIzjrz8CnKe3eQ

• Audio or Video Products.

The newly launched Virtual Reef for K-12 education highlights the ecosystems and research of the SBC LTER. It includes a YouTube channel with short videos on different
marine science topics made by UCSB undergraduates. This program has allowed our K-12 programming to reach diverse schools all over the world and engaged students in marine science during remote learning.

- [https://msi.ucsb.edu/education/oceans-to-classrooms/the-virtual-reef](https://msi.ucsb.edu/education/oceans-to-classrooms/the-virtual-reef)
- **Audio or Video Products.**

We collaborated with the "Deep Look" program on public radio station KQED to produce a short video on beachhoppers, the major consumers of kelp wrack and a key element of sandy beach food webs. This video was aired on public broadcast in February 2021 and is available on the Deep Look webpage, the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz8P8ig459g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zz8P8ig459g&feature=youtu.be)

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## Other Publications

### Patent Applications

### Technologies or Techniques

### Thesis/Dissertations

- Fitzgerald, SP. *Collaborative Research and Data-Limited Assessment of Small-Scale Trap Fisheries in the Santa Barbara Channel*. (2019). UC Santa Barbara. Acknowledgement of Federal Support = No

### Websites or Other Internet Sites

- *SBC LTER website*
  [https://sbclter.msi.ucsb.edu/](https://sbclter.msi.ucsb.edu/)
This year we redesigned and updated our project website, with new content and images.

Participants/Organizations

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 3

Contribution to the Project: Serves as project leader

Funding Support: NSF, Federal, State

Change in active other support: Yes [cp-381972 (1).pdf]

International Collaboration: Yes, france
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Led the ecophysiology, ocean acidification, and epigenetics components of the project

Funding Support: State, Federal

Change in active other support: Yes [Hofmann_CPS_Dev 2021.pdf]

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Lead on kelp forest ecosystem studies

Funding Support: NSF State

Change in active other support: No

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Led oceanographic and remote sensing themes of project
Funding Support: State, Federal

Change in active other support: No

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Co-led kelp forest food web and ecology research

Funding Support: State, Federal

Change in active other support: No

International Collaboration: Yes, french polynesia
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Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No
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Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Recycled nitrogen in kelp forests  
Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Leads research on organic matter dynamics in kelp forests  
Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Community and disturbance ecology of kelp forests, metapopulation dynamics  
Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: Yes, mexico  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Population dynamics of giant kelp and trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches  
Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No
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**Funding Support:** NSF, Federal state  

**International Collaboration:** Yes, Australia, Chile  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Ecological physiology and fishing  

**Funding Support:** State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Environmental and landscape history  

**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Coastal ocean and kelp forest connectivity  

**Funding Support:** State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2  
Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest ecology and biology  
Funding Support: Federal  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Contribution to the Project: Fisheries biology, ecology and management  
Funding Support: State  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Contribution to the Project: Physical -biological coupling in kelp forests  
Funding Support: State  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Contribution to the Project: Recycled nitrogen in kelp forests and trophic connectivity  
Funding Support: State  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No
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**Contribution to the Project:** Recycled nitrogen in kelp forests and dissolved organic matter dynamics  

**Funding Support:** State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Leads research on effects of kelp on physical and chemical fluxes  

**Funding Support:** State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches  

**Funding Support:** Federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Urchin settlement studies  

**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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Contribution to the Project: Trophic connectivity between kelp forests and beaches and the coastal ocean

Funding Support: Private, Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Ecological consequences of fishing in kelp forests and kelp forest community and disturbance ecology

Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Recycled nitrogen in kelp forests and dissolved organic matter dynamics

Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Urchin settlement studies

Funding Support: State
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Funding Support: State

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Contribution to the Project: Microbial metabolism and biogeochemistry

Funding Support: State

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Contribution to the Project: Dr. Benitez-Nelson maintains a deep sediment trap in the Santa Barbara Channel and collaborates with SBC LTER investigators regularly on topics relevant to phytoplankton and carbon cycling.

Funding Support: SBC LTER does not currently receive support from the project, although we have supported maintaining her trap in past years.

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Contribution to the Project: Ocean circulation and modeling

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Lead data analyses and papers

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Dissolved organic matter dynamics in kelp forests

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Plant community and ecosystem ecology

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Coastal biogeochemistry, nutrient cycling, transport and processing of organic matter.

Funding Support: NSF, state

International Collaboration: Yes, canada
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Physical Oceanography

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Population ecology and fisheries

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Recycled nitrogen in kelp forests

Funding Support: Private

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Urchin epigenetics

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest ecology and biology

Funding Support: private

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Processed data from moorings and monthly water sampling. Maintained databases. Assisted investigators with data analysis issues and programming questions. Advised and consulted with information technology staff.

Funding Support: NSF, Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: assisted with sandy beach core monitoring

Funding Support: Federal, state

International Collaboration: Yes, australia, chile
International Travel: No
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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 4  

**Contribution to the Project:** data and information management for project  

**Funding Support:** Federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 6  

**Contribution to the Project:** Coordinate SBC education and outreach activities, develop and maintain relevant partnerships, train undergraduate outreach support  

**Funding Support:** State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 1  

**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with field research and sample processing for sandy beaches  

**Funding Support:** Federal, state  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 0  

**Contribution to the Project:** Assist with field research and diving surveys for kelp forests and reefs  

**Funding Support:** Federal
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: data analysis

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: data collection and analysis

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Manage DOM samples and lab processing

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: assist with oceanographic instruments and moorings

Funding Support: Federal
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assist with data analyses

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest ecology and biology

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Data Collection/Analysis of seawater samples

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Phytoplankton ecology

Funding Support: federal
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: data collection; equipment/instrument maintenance; data analysis

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Marine instrumentation and sensors

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 12

Contribution to the Project: Lead SBC Field research activities for kelp forests and nearshore ocean

Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Scientific Scuba diver, Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Phytoplankton and Carbon Cycling Sampling and Analysis, Optimized TCO2 system

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Designed and fabricated parts used on components of moorings. Assisted Salazar and Washburn in coordinating field sampling. Assisted with preparation of
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**Funding Support:** Federal

**International Collaboration:** No

**International Travel:** No

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 3

**Contribution to the Project:** Coordinated field sampling. Oversaw preparation of instruments for field deployments and oversaw instrument downloading from instruments and uploading to database. Operated research launch for mooring deployments and other field sampling. Kept project records, and oversaw instrument calibrations, and arranged instrument servicing. Participated in monthly water sampling.

**Funding Support:** Federal

**International Collaboration:** No

**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with LTER kelp forest fieldwork, and trained LTER students in research activities and data entry.

**Funding Support:** NSF

**International Collaboration:** No

**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** data analysis for seawater nutrients.

**Funding Support:** NSF

**International Collaboration:** No

**International Travel:** No
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Funding Support: NSF, Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: disturbance ecology, kelp forests

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: processing seawater samples from field study

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Ocean transport of materials to kelp forests

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Trait-based surveys and modeling of macroalgae

Funding Support: Federal, NSF, state

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Physical oceanography and phytoplankton

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 9

Contribution to the Project: coastal phytoplankton ecology

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Remote sensing of kelp forests

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: nutrient utilization by giant kelp

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Physiological response to ocean climate

Funding Support: State

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Physiological responses to ocean climate

Funding Support: federal, NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: marine invertebrate ecology Theme 2C

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Mathematical modeling of macroalgal dynamics and storm effects

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Kelp forest ecology and biology

Funding Support: state

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with oceanographic modeling

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Beach ecosystem responses to kelp subsidies

Funding Support: NSF, state

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2

Contribution to the Project: kelp forest DOM and microbial ecology

Funding Support: Federal, state

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: kelp microbiome and ecosystem drivers

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Trap fishery biology and management

Funding Support: state

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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**Contribution to the Project:** Ecological connectivity  

**Funding Support:** federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** the creation of a nitrogen budget for the Santa Barbara Area  

**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** kelp forest DOM and microbial ecology  

**Funding Support:** state, federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Beach ecosystems and restoration, climate adaptation  

**Funding Support:** federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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**Contribution to the Project:** Physiological responses to ocean climate  

**Funding Support:** federal, NSF, State  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Physiological responses to ocean climate, body size effects on metabolism and thermal tolerance in fish  

**Funding Support:** NSF  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Physiological responses to ocean climate  

**Funding Support:** state, federal  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Funding Support:** NSF, Federal, State
InternationaL CollaBoration: No
InternationaL Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Effects of marine management on sea urchins

Funding Support: NSF

InternationaL CollaBoration: No
InternationaL Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: processing seawater samples from field study

Funding Support: NSF

InternationaL CollaBoration: No
InternationaL Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Invasive species in kelp forests

Funding Support: NSF

InternationaL CollaBoration: No
InternationaL Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: consumer mediated nutrient cycling in kelp forests

Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Community and population ecology

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Marine aquaculture

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: microbiology and genomics

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Remote sensing of kelp forests

Funding Support: Federal
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Physiological responses to ocean climate

Funding Support: Federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Coastal physical oceanography

Funding Support: federal

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Sandy beach and surf zone ecology

Funding Support: State UCSB

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: marine plankton physiology and biogeochemistry

Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: impacts of ocean acidification and ocean warming on the early developmental stages of marine invertebrates

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Fishery biology and aquaculture

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: None

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Funding Support: none

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International Collaboration: No
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International Collaboration: No
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Funding Support: none

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Funding Support: none

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Funding Support: none

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Funding Support: none

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Funding Support: NSF

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International Collaboration: No  
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Funding Support: None

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Funding Support: None

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 0  

**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities  

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Nearest Person Month Worked:** 0  

**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.  

**Funding Support:** None  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities  

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  
Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities  
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1  
Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities  
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory  
Funding Support: none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, and data activities.

Funding Support: None

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: None

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory
Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.
Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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**Contribution to the Project:** Processed samples in the laboratory  
**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Processed samples in the laboratory  
**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Participated in field tests of drone research vehicles.  
**Funding Support:** none  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No  

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities  
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1  

**Contribution to the Project:** Scientific scuba diver, Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

**Funding Support:** NSF  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities  
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  

**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities  
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  

**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples  
**Funding Support:** none  
International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest data activities

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Processed biotic samples in the laboratory

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 1

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: None

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples  

Funding Support: none  

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0  

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.  

Funding Support: None  

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory  

Funding Support: none  

International Collaboration: No  
International Travel: No  

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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Worked on design, fabrication, and assembly tasks for various lab development projects. Participated in field tests of drone research vehicles.  

Funding Support: none
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

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Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

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Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Scientific scuba diver, Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Worked on design, fabrication, and assembly tasks for various lab development projects. Participated in field tests of drone research vehicles.

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Processed samples in the laboratory

**Funding Support:** none

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No  
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with field sampling and processed biotic samples
Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Invert Settlement Project, Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.
Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: implanted heart rate loggers into lobsters and outplanted them inside and outside the kelp forest, outreach activities

Funding Support: NSF

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Outreach activities

**Funding Support:** Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

**International Collaboration:** No
**International Travel:** No

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**Contribution to the Project:** Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Participated in field tests of drone research vehicles.
Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 2

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with instrument mainentance. Conducted study of currents and distribution of invasive marine plant, watersipora

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory, outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities
Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Nearest Person Month Worked: 0

Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Processed samples in the laboratory
Funding Support: none

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Outreach activities

Funding Support: Coastal Fund, NOAA BWET

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with kelp forest laboratory, field and data activities.

Funding Support: None

International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
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Contribution to the Project: Assisted with field sampling and processed samples in the laboratory
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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 2

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with design and modifications of robotic surface vehicle. Assisted with mooring maintenance.

Funding Support: NSF

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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 2

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Implemented drone-based video algorithm for measuring ocean currents

Funding Support: NSF

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Most Senior Project Role: Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Participant
Nearest Person Month Worked: 2

Contribution to the Project: Assisted with oceanographic field data collection. Developed small drifter for drone deployment.

Funding Support: NSF
International Collaboration: No
International Travel: No
Year of schooling completed: Junior
Home Institution: UCSB
Government fiscal year(s) was this REU participant supported: 2020, 2021

What other organizations have been involved as partners?

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Full details of organizations that have been involved as partners:
American Assoc. University Women Tech Trek

**Organization Type:** Other Nonprofits  
**Organization Location:** Santa Barbara, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Financial support  
Facilities

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Tech Trek is a math/science camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who will enter eighth grade in the fall. It features hands-on activities in math, science and related fields. All sleeping, eating, instructional and recreational facilities are located on a university campus where camps are held. Tech Trek is an ongoing SBC Schoolyard partner.

California Dept of Fish and Wildlife

**Organization Type:** State or Local Government  
**Organization Location:** Sacramento, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Collaborate on fishery and oil spill studies

California Sea Grant Extension

**Organization Type:** Academic Institution  
**Organization Location:** La Jolla, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Collaborate on climate change and fisheries research

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

**Organization Type:** Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)  
**Organization Location:** Santa Barbara, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Collaborate with SBC on oceanographic data collection and education activities

Channel Islands National Park
**Organization Type:** Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)  
**Organization Location:** Ventura, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:** Share and collaborate on long term data on kelp forest communities in the Santa Barbara Channel

**City of Santa Barbara**

**Organization Type:** State or Local Government  
**Organization Location:** Santa Barbara, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:**

**County of Santa Barbara**

**Organization Type:** State or Local Government  
**Organization Location:** Santa Barbara, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:**

**Moss Landing Marine Laboratory**

**Organization Type:** Academic Institution  
**Organization Location:** Moss Landing, CA

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Collaborative Research

**More Detail on Partner and Contribution:**

**Ocean Education Trust**

**Organization Type:** Other Nonprofits  
**Organization Location:** Kingston, RI

**Partner's Contribution to the Project:**  
Facilities  
Personnel Exchanges
More Detail on Partner and Contribution: NautilusLive! program, in-kind support, supply facilities and equipment, exchange personnel.

Santa Barbara Unified School District

Organization Type: School or School Systems
Organization Location: Santa Barbara, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Financial support
Facilities

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborates to conduct Explore the Sea Summer Program and educational outreach for K-12 students

Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: La Jolla, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on climate assessment study and manuscripts

Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS)

Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: La Jolla, California

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: SCCOOS: SBC partners with Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the University of Southern California, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as part of the Southern California Coastal Ocean Observing System (SCCOOS). SCCOOS has provided data and instrumentation to the SBC-LTER

The Bay Foundation

Organization Type: Other Nonprofits
Organization Location: Santa Monica, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on beach ecosystem research
US Geological Survey

Organization Type: Other Organizations (foreign or domestic)
Organization Location: Santa Cruz, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
In-Kind Support
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: collaborative research on kelp forest communities and coastal sediment inputs and dynamics

University of Auckland

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Auckland, New Zealand

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

University of California, Davis

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Bodega Bay, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution:

University of California, Los Angeles

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Los Angeles, CA

Partner's Contribution to the Project:
Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on modeling studies of nearshore oceanography and on kelp forest dynamics

University of California, Santa Cruz

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Santa Cruz, CA
Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: Collaborate on kelp forest population research
University of Quebec a Montreal

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Montral, Quebeck Canada

Partner's Contribution to the Project: Other: Performed analyses

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: benthic sediment analyses for lignin content
University of Wisconsin

Organization Type: Academic Institution
Organization Location: Milwalkee, WI

Partner's Contribution to the Project: Collaborative Research

More Detail on Partner and Contribution: collaborates on population genetics of kelp

Were other collaborators or contacts involved? If so, please provide details.

Nothing to report

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Impacts

What is the impact on the development of the principal discipline(s) of the project?

Project data and personnel contributed to a greater understanding of the general relationships between metacommunity parameters and stability across a diverse range of ecosystems, a key problem in contemporary ecology. Work in the past year found that spatial asynchrony reduced variability in metacommunity biomass of SBC macroalgae (Lamy et al. 2021). Record et al. (2021) described how LTER data could inform metacommunity theory and applications. Another LTER cross-site working group used LTER data from several sites including SBC to integrate population and community approaches to synchrony to understand drivers of ecosystem stability. A paper is in press (Walter et al. 2021) concluding that stability is more strongly related to richness synchrony than to species richness itself.
Trophic cascades are often hypothesized to be major drivers of community structure. To test this idea we examined the effect of older MPAs established in 2002 on the two abundant species of urchins in our region: the heavily fished red urchin *Mesocentrotus franciscanus*, and the virtually unfished purple urchin *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*, using data collected since 1984 by the National Park Service in the Channel Islands. We hypothesized that urchin populations inside MPAs would be depressed by higher predation, benefiting kelp. Instead, our analyses revealed that after 15 years of protection from fishing, purple urchin populations and kelp abundance were unaffected by reserves, while red urchin biomass significantly increased (Malakhoff and Miller 2021). These results revealed the overwhelming direct effect of protecting fished species in marine reserves over indirect effects that are often predicted, but seldom clearly documented. Indirect effects due to marine reserves may eventually occur in kelp forests, but very effective predators, large reserves or extended time periods may be needed to induce them. These results are an important advance in an area of ecology that has significant implications for management and policy.

**What is the impact on other disciplines?**

SBC Investigators Dugan, Page, and Melack participated in a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment of the Santa Barbara area that relied on SBC LTER data to synthesize projected changes in climate, coastal erosion and flooding, watershed runoff and impacts to sandy beaches and coastal salt marshes (Meyer et al. 2019). The group identified potential climate change-related tipping points for coastal systems and found that tipping points for beaches and wetlands could be reached with just 0.25 m or less of SLR (~2050), with >50% subsequent habitat loss that would degrade overall biodiversity and ecosystem function (Barnard et al. 2021).

**What is the impact on the development of human resources?**

Efforts to increase the participation of under-represented groups are achieved through our ongoing Schoolyard program, which targets middle school students in traditionally underserved, low-achieving schools (see Section VII. Outreach, education, training and benefits to society). We also link with campus programs devoted to increasing educational opportunities for low-income students and groups underrepresented in higher education. Since 2001, the number of domestic Underrepresented Minority (URM) undergraduate students at UCSB has increased by 89%, and in fall 2014 UCSB was recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) for achieving 25% Latino undergraduate enrollment. It is the first HIS in the prestigious Association of American Universities, which is an association of 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada. Women and URM students, post docs and faculty participating in SBC have access to professional development training and mentoring in team science leadership, management, and proposal writing. This year, the Marine Science Institute and The Ocean Fund are starting an annual scholarship program for underrepresented students interested in scientific diving, with the goal of supporting them through the prerequisites of open water certification and practice dives; as the most active local scientific diving program at UCSB, SBC LTER has committed to incorporating these students into our field program to build their experience level.

**What was the impact on teaching and educational experiences?**
SBC partners with UCSB’s Research Experience & Education Facility (REEF), a teaching aquarium and marine ecology educational facility for UCSB and K-12 schools and colleges in Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. SBC’s Schoolyard LTER (sLTER) program is organized around a theme of kelp forest ecology and is developed around and delivered through the REEF’s Oceans-to-Classrooms curricula. We focus on long-term connections with underserved, low-achieving schools that include year-round on- and off-campus programs. SBC sLTER curriculum is rich in STEM content, meets California State Science Standards, Common Core Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards as well as NOAA’s Climate and Ocean Literacy Principles. Our programs reached >5800 students in grades K-12 in the past year, including visits by schools from numerous southern and central California counties as well as a group of students from Taiwan. During the pandemic we rapidly developed new remote content and utilized live distance learning strategies to deliver SBC-sLTER content beginning in Spring 2020. This included the creation of the VirtualREEF YouTube channel, and development of infrastructure needed to deliver live content from the REEF Aquarium. As of fall 2021, VirtualREEF had >3000 views, and we shared the science and marine life of the SBC with 48 different schools and groups including students in Chicago, Costa Rica and Colombia. We continue to develop and adapt marine science lesson plans that engage students with learning about the local environment by incorporating ongoing SBC research and working with project data with the goal of building skills in science through activities that move from structured or guided investigation to open-ended inquiry and experimentation.

While delivering SBC LTER content to the general public was challenging given the pandemic, we were able to provide SBC LTER content through our social media (YouTube, Facebook, Instagram) efforts. Between work at the REEF and school visits, the number of undergraduates working on the sLTER content and programs totaled 30. With the campus opening back up for Fall, we are currently recruiting an additional 20 undergrads to assist in our continued evolution as we move forward.

In the past year SBC collaborated with three partnership programs to deliver its sLTER content: 1) the American Association of University Women’s Tech Trek Program, an on-campus summer residential science and math program designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women entering the 8th grade 2) Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO), and 3) UCSB’s Gevirtz Graduate School of Education and the Harding University Partnership School (HUPS) with whom we collaborated on a Fourth/Fifth Grade published anthology, “Dive Deep into Writing,” which included poetry, fiction, and non-fiction writings.

We remain committed to equipping educators with the tools they need to teach ocean and environmental science, foster science literacy, and cultivate the next generation of ocean stewards. We have continued developing a significant relationship with the UCSB Learning Centers. We continue to use our SBC LTER Schoolyard Series book, The Golden Forest, to broaden our K-12 outreach efforts. Our book highlights connections between giant kelp forest and sandy beach ecosystems and has been provided to hundreds of K-8 teachers as part of our partnership with the SBCEO to enhance science content knowledge. Other programmatic outreach efforts include: (1) developing SBC’s Subtidal Field Guide and (2) annually hosting a booth at the Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival, to raise public awareness about LTER research. Our popular booth features a model of a kelp forest in which SBC students and staff act as ‘dive
buddies’ for children who tour the forest and collect data on kelp forest species using underwater dive slates, and a kelp holdfast dissection activity. In 2021, SBC participated in the Earth Day virtual festival.

**What is the impact on physical resources that form infrastructure?**

Research facilities on campus extensively used by SBC researchers also include a flow-through seawater system, small boat and diving operations, analytical chemistry instrumentation, and computational resources provided by MSI and the Earth Research Institute. Our research activities contribute significantly to justifying the continued support of this infrastructure by the University, which benefits students and other research and education endeavors.

**What is the impact on institutional resources that form infrastructure?**

SBC’s research and education programs greatly benefit from and support infrastructure provided by UCSB’s Marine Science Institute (MSI), which offers SBC participants efficient and friendly service in contracts and grants, personnel, budgets, purchasing, and travel, and expert analytical chemistry services via MSI’s Analytical Laboratory. Our research activities contribute significantly to justifying the continued support of this infrastructure by the University, which benefits students and other research and education endeavors.

**What is the impact on information resources that form infrastructure?**

The data managed by the SBC Information Management System (IMS) are diverse, and include contributions from many scientific disciplines in the major ecosystems of our coastal area: watersheds, beaches, subtidal reefs, and oceans. The system supports products from all SBC’s research approaches (e.g., long-term time-series, experiments and measurement-intensive process studies, synthesis/modeling), plus legacy studies and exogenous reference data. As the project matured during SBC IV the IMS adapted to new research themes. Several existing data packages were modified to accommodate higher frequency data (e.g. light, temperature, pH, oxygen), and new ongoing data packages were designed. Additionally, several scientific collaborators take advantage of SBC’s well-established data management policies and practices, publishing their related data through our system, and SBC provides expertise and consultation for collaborators as they develop data management plans. With increasing frequency, the IMS is asked to post data specifically to accompany a paper or to meet other publication requirements.

**Recent IM accomplishments and progress**

- **2018-2021:** Excel-to-EML: IM Li Kui created a simple metadata management system called “Excel-to-EML” that has been adapted by several research groups.
- **2019-2021:** Data processing for the ongoing time-series datasets was transitioned to the IM team. The primary accomplishments included: a) logbooks documenting instrument deployment/retrieval and survey records; b) automated initial data QC by cross-checking logbook with sensor outputs; c) R or Matlab scripts for QA/QC and formatting for each ongoing dataset, and d) created scripts to push data into the publication pipeline.
What is the impact on technology transfer?

SBC LTER expertise and data on patterns and drivers of kelp productivity is informing the possibility of kelp farming for biofuels off the coast of CA. DOE is funding several projects on this topic; one is using SBC LTER data to develop a model for kelp farm siting.

What is the impact on society beyond science and technology?

- SBC LTER data and studies are showing the effects of marine reserves on ecosystems and fishing. New work showing spillover bolsters the case for marine reserves as management tools and may help improve the design of future reserves and networks.
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- SBC investigators and students responded to the Refugio State Beach oil spill in May 2015 and worked with agencies to determine the impacts and advise on restoration. SBC LTER data was critical in documenting natural communities at impacted sites to calculate the Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) settlement finalized in 2020.
- SBC investigators Dugan, Melack, Page and Reed worked with USGS and Scripps Institution of Oceanography researchers to provide local city and county officials with a vulnerability assessment of coastal ecosystems to climate change.
- SBC investigators and students are collaborating with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, to assess factors affecting the spread and ecological impact of the invasive bryozoan *Watersipora subtorquata*, which is rapidly increasing at SBC study sites.
- SBC investigators serve as science advisers for public and non-governmental agencies tasked with managing coastal resources.

What percentage of the award's budget was spent in a foreign country?

Nothing to report.

Changes/Problems

Changes in approach and reason for change

Nothing to report.

Actual or Anticipated problems or delays and actions or plans to resolve them

The original schedule we planned for SBC’s research campaigns was significantly affected by Covid. For the most part, covid shifted these campaigns over by 1.5-2 years. For the benthic competition experiments and the drone surveys in theme 3A, this is not too concerning from our
viewpoint because these were intended to be longer-term activities that would extend into the next cycle of SBC if not beyond. However it does push the other campaigns, 1B, 2B, 2C, 3B and 3C to the end of the project. This is not ideal, since it does not give us much time to plan for the renewal with all the results in hand that we’d like. As these campaigns proceed, we plan to adaptively manage them, doing analyses and reconsidering the timelines as results come in, to compensate for some of this effect. However, it may be that some of the same or similar topics continue into our renewal proposal for SBC V.

**Changes that have a significant impact on expenditures**

Nothing to report.

**Significant changes in use or care of human subjects**

Nothing to report.

**Significant changes in use or care of vertebrate animals**

Nothing to report.

**Significant changes in use or care of biohazards**

Nothing to report.

**Change in primary performance site location**

Nothing to report.