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## 64 **Running Head: Macroalgae responses to local human disturbance**

65

### 66 **Abstract**

67 Scientists and managers rely on indicator taxa such as coral and macroalgal cover to evaluate the  
68 effects of human disturbance on coral reefs, often assuming a universally positive relationship  
69 between local human disturbance and macroalgae. Despite evidence that macroalgae respond to  
70 local stressors in diverse ways, there have been few efforts to evaluate relationships between  
71 specific macroalgae taxa and local human-driven disturbance. Using genus-level monitoring data  
72 from 1,205 sites in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, we assess whether macroalgae percent cover  
73 correlates with local human disturbance while accounting for factors that could obscure or  
74 confound relationships. Assessing macroalgae at genus level revealed that no genera were  
75 positively correlated with all human disturbance metrics. Instead, we found relationships  
76 between the division or genera of algae and specific human disturbances that were not detectable  
77 when pooling taxa into a single functional category, which is common to many analyses. The  
78 convention to use percent cover of macroalgae as an indication of local human disturbance  
79 therefore likely obscures signatures of local anthropogenic threats to reefs. Our limited  
80 understanding of relationships between human disturbance, macroalgae taxa, and their responses  
81 to human disturbances impedes the ability to diagnose and respond appropriately to these threats.  
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83 **Keywords: Macroalgae, Coral Reefs, Multiple Stressors, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean,**  
84 **Local Human Disturbance, Coral Reef Health**

85 **Introduction**

86 Coral reefs are a highly diverse habitats within the tropical and sub-tropical seascape and provide  
87 essential services to millions of people, even as anthropogenic stressors intensify (Williams et  
88 al., 2019). Changes in the relative abundance of indicator taxa are often used to evaluate the  
89 effects of disturbances and human stressors on coral reefs, two common indicators being  
90 macroalgae and coral cover. In general, high cover of macroalgae is considered indicative of  
91 degraded reefs while high cover of hard corals indicates healthy reefs (Bruno et al., 2009;  
92 McCook, 1999; Vroom, 2011; Vroom et al., 2006). The perception that macroalgae cover is  
93 indicative of reef health is driven by the theory that local anthropogenic stressors can promote  
94 macroalgae proliferation through top-down or bottom-up processes (e.g. the Relative Dominance  
95 Model; Littler and Littler, 1984, 2007). However, macroalgae-dominated reefs are not  
96 necessarily unhealthy (Vroom, 2011; Vroom et al., 2006). Macroalgae support ecosystem  
97 functioning and services (Fulton et al., 2019), contributing to carbonate production and providing  
98 nursery habitat that supports adult fish populations (Sievers et al., 2020), including target species  
99 for tropical reef fisheries (Wilson et al., 2022). Moreover, while macroalgae and corals compete  
100 for space and macroalgae may impede coral recovery through shading, abrasion, or chemical  
101 defenses (Littler et al., 2006; Littler & Littler, 2007; Mumby et al., 2006), there are also positive  
102 interactions between corals and macroalgae. For example, macroalgae can provide refuge for  
103 corals from predation by the Crown-of-Thorns seastar, *Acanthaster planci* (Clements and Hay,  
104 2017). Macroalgal canopies can also protect corals from bleaching by limiting exposure to high  
105 irradiance (Jompa and McCook, 1998; Smith et al., 2022).

106  
107 Macroalgae is a broad term that can encompass multiple taxa with different morphology,  
108 ecology, and biology. Consequently, comparisons of studies using the percent cover of  
109 macroalgae as a proxy for local human-driven degradation often find conflicting results. For  
110 example, Smith et al (2016) reported a significant positive relationship between populated  
111 islands and macroalgae cover, concluding that human populations negatively affect reef health.  
112 Conversely, Bruno and Valdivia (2016) failed to find a relationship between human populations  
113 and macroalgae cover on reefs, concluding local signatures of degradation are being obscured by  
114 climate-driven stressors.

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116 Differences in how macroalgae are defined may have confounded comparisons between studies.  
117 Smith et al (2016), for example, included turf algae and excluded erect, calcifying algae such as  
118 *Halimeda*, while Bruno and Valdivia (2016) excluded turf algae but included *Halimeda* and  
119 other erect, calcifying taxa. Clearly, scientists define macroalgae inconsistently, and the nature of  
120 these definitions may obscure drivers of macroalgal cover.

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122 Furthermore, environmental factors can influence macroalgal cover on reefs, such as exposure to  
123 wind and waves (Gove et al., 2015; Page-Albins et al., 2012; Fabricius et al., 2023), seasonality  
124 (Brown et al., 2018; Fulton et al., 2014), and sea surface temperature (SST) (Graba-Landry et al.,  
125 2020; Tanaka et al., 2012). Studies endeavoring to assess links between local human disturbance  
126 and macroalgae cover should therefore consider these environmental factors in analyses.

127 Macroalgae taxa also exhibit variability in their responses to local human and environmental  
128 stressors, including temperature (Anton et al., 2020; Fabricius et al., 2023), fishing pressure  
129 (Gilby et al., 2015), water pollution (Fabricius, 2005; McClanahan et al., 2004; McCook, 1999),  
130 and sedimentation (Fabricius, 2005; Harris et al., 2021). Research investigating these taxon-  
131 specific responses to local stressors are lacking for all but the most common macroalgae.

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133 We re-examine the relationship between macroalgae cover and local human disturbance using  
134 data from 1,205 sites in the Indian and Pacific Oceans collected between 2004 and 2020 (Figure  
135 1). We define macroalgae as including erect calcifying genera but excluding turf or crustose  
136 algae (Bruno et al., 2009; Steneck, 1988; Tebbet and Bellwood, 2019). We use this definition to  
137 remain consistent with past studies (e.g. Bruno et al., 2009; Bruno and Valdivia, 2016; Steneck,  
138 1988; Tebbett and Bellwood, 2019; Tebbett et al., 2023), and to make use of pre-existing survey  
139 data in which turf algae was not identified consistently across surveys. The analyses test the  
140 hypothesis that macroalgae percent cover is correlated with local human disturbance when  
141 accounting for environmental factors that might have confounded the findings in previous studies  
142 (Bruno and Valdivia, 2016; Smith et al., 2016). For all sites and within six biogeographic realms  
143 (Costello et al., 2017; see Methods), we determined the suite of human disturbance and  
144 environmental variables (Supplementary Table 1) that best explain the genus-level macroalgae  
145 communities via canonical correspondence analysis (CCA) and stepwise ordination. Next, we fit  
146 permutational analysis of variance (PERMANOVA) models to estimate the effects of each

147 variable on macroalgal communities. We then used Similarity Percentage Analysis (SIMPER) to  
148 determine the taxa driving differences across biogeographic realms. Finally, we fit zero-inflated  
149 generalized linear mixed models (GLMMs) to quantify the relationships between local human  
150 disturbance and the common macroalgae genera and their divisions (red, green, brown).

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## 152 **Materials and Methods**

153 We collated data from genus-level macroalgae benthic surveys conducted by the authors  
154 (Supplementary Materials: Data Sources) from 1,205 individual tropical and subtropical coral  
155 reef study sites across the Indian and Pacific Oceans between 2004 and 2020, covering a period  
156 of 16 years. This dataset provides a snapshot of each site at a single time point and we did not  
157 investigate temporal changes in macroalgal communities. As discussed below, we considered  
158 temporal and methodological variables to account for differences across sites and surveys  
159 (Supplementary Table 1). Of the 1,205 sites, 1,145 identified all macroalgae to the genus level,  
160 while 60 surveys only identified macroalgae of the genus *Halimeda*. We did not include these  
161 *Halimeda*-only surveys in the investigation of community drivers of macroalgae, but we  
162 included them in the genus-specific analyses described below. All statistical modeling, figures,  
163 and plots were done using R Statistical Software version 4.4.1 (R Core Team, 2021), R Studio  
164 version 2021.09.0 Build 351 (RStudio Team, 2020), the R package ggplot2 (Wickham, 2016),  
165 and InkScape (Inkscape Project, 2020). The R code is available on GitHub  
166 ([https://github.com/secanno/Cannonetal2023\\_Macroalgae](https://github.com/secanno/Cannonetal2023_Macroalgae)). We created the map in QGIS version  
167 3.24 (QGIS Development Team, 2022) using a base map from OpenStreetMap (OpenStreetMap  
168 Foundation, 2021).

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170 To limit the ability of confounding factors to obscure potential relationships between macroalgae  
171 and local human disturbance, we identified and calculated 45 site-specific variables (in addition  
172 to 15 variables representing human disturbance), representing drivers known to influence  
173 macroalgae growth and distribution at multiple resolutions. These variables encompassed eight  
174 categories: connectivity with other reefs, heat stress, human disturbance, methodological and site  
175 descriptive variables, net primary productivity, seasonality, storms, and wind and wave exposure.  
176 Because the estimates of these variables cover a wide geographic area, we conducted the analysis  
177 for the entire dataset, and also separated the sites into marine biogeographic realms (Costello et

178 al., 2017) to test whether the macroalgae communities within realms were explained by different  
179 variables. One of the realms, the offshore Indian Ocean, included just twelve sites, which we  
180 added to the Indo-Pacific Seas and Indian Ocean realm. We also considered data contributors  
181 and the survey methodologies as explanatory variables to account for differences in site selection  
182 and sampling methodologies. Due to spatial constraints, we are unable to detail the methods and  
183 justifications for each of the 60 explanatory variables that we considered in the main text of the  
184 manuscript. Instead, Supplementary Table 1 contains a table describing each variable, including  
185 its definition, source, spatial resolution, and justification for inclusion in the analysis.

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187 We assessed multicollinearity during variable selection at two steps in the analysis. First, we  
188 used the R package Hmisc (Harrell, Jr., 2021) to calculate the Pearson's r correlation coefficients  
189 for all possible pairs of variables and eliminated any with r correlation values of greater than 0.7  
190 within each of the eight covariate categories. When multiple variables were correlated within a  
191 given category, we chose those with the lowest summed Pearson's r coefficient, eliminating 33  
192 variables (Supplementary Table 2). Then, following Borcard et al. (2011), to select variables that  
193 best explained the macroalgae community compositions, we conducted CCA and stepwise  
194 variable selection using the R package vegan (Oksanen et al., 2020) for all sites combined and  
195 independently for each of the six realms. We addressed multicollinearity in this second step by  
196 eliminating any variables with a variable inflation factor (VIF) > 10 (Table 1) (Borcard et al.,  
197 2011). We detail the variables selected by the CCAs and their VIF in Supplementary Table 3.

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199 Using the R package vegan (Oksanen et al, 2020), we ran SIMPER (999 permutations) to  
200 identify the macroalgae taxa driving differences across biogeographic realms. We also identified  
201 variables with strong correlations to macroalgal community composition with principal  
202 component analysis and by fitting seven PERMANOVAs: one for all the data combined and for  
203 each of the six realms independently. Each PERMANOVA included the variables selected by the  
204 CCA, excluding those with VIFs > 10 (Supplementary Table 3).

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206 Last, we evaluated how local human disturbance, represented by variables detailed in  
207 Supplementary Table 1, influenced the distribution of the most common genera of macroalgae.  
208 To estimate the effects of five categories of local human disturbance on the most common

209 macroalgae taxa, their divisions, and for all macroalgae combined, we fit generalized linear  
210 mixed models using the R package glmmTMB (Bolker et al., 2009) for the following equation:

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212 *Percent of Macroalgae* ~ *cumulative human impact score* + *log(population density)* + *NDVI* +  
213 *nutrients* + *market gravity* + *(1|Latitude:Longitude)*

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215 We considered each of the five human disturbance variables fixed effects, the interaction  
216 between latitude and longitude a random effect to account for spatial autocorrelation across sites.

217 The most common genera were defined as those comprising more than 1% of the total  
218 macroalgae cover, either across the entire dataset or within one of the realms. The cumulative  
219 human impact score is a metric for local human disturbance that includes small scale fishing  
220 pressure, coastal population, industrial development, tourism, and two types of water pollution  
221 (sedimentation and nitrogen from agriculture), while the normalized difference vegetation index  
222 (NDVI) is a proxy for nearby development. For more details, including methods and  
223 justifications for each of the model variables, please see Supplementary Table 1.

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225 We compared zero and non-zero-inflated GLMM with gaussian and beta distributions. We  
226 selected zero-inflated beta regression models because they best met the assumptions that the  
227 residuals would exhibit homoscedasticity and be normally distributed, and that the data are not  
228 autocorrelated. The human population variable was log-transformed to meet the assumptions.  
229 We used diagnostic plots to test for normal distribution and equal variance of residuals with the  
230 R package DHARMA (Hartig, 2022), and Moran's tests to test for spatial autocorrelation with  
231 the package spdep (Bolker et al., 2009, Supplementary Materials 4). We also calculated the R<sup>2</sup>  
232 values (marginal R<sup>2</sup>, which represents only the fixed effects, and conditional R<sup>2</sup>, which measures  
233 the fit of the entire model) using the Nakagawa method (Nakagawa et al., 2017). Finally, to  
234 enable comparing the model results across taxa, we used the R package ggeffects to calculate the  
235 adjusted marginal effects for each of the explanatory variables (Lüdecke, 2018).

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238 **Results**

239 Across these 1,205 sites, we identified 96 genera of macroalgae and total macroalgae cover  
240 varied from zero to 88.2% per site, with a mean of 12.8% and a median of 6.8%. The calcified  
241 green algae *Halimeda* occurred at the most sites (68.2%).  
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243 Macroalgal community compositions differed across realms (Figure 2). The genus *Halimeda* was  
244 most common in all realms except for the offshore West Pacific and northwest Pacific, where  
245 *Lobophora*, a brown fleshy alga, was the most common taxa. We describe the most common taxa  
246 within each realm in detail in Supplementary Table 5, and the full SIMPER results comparing all  
247 realms to each other in Supplementary Table 6.  
248

249 The drivers of spatial differences in macroalgal community compositions differed when  
250 considering the full model (containing all sites) or within each of the realms (Table 1,  
251 Supplementary Table 7). A principal component analysis considering the potential drivers of  
252 macroalgae distribution (Supplementary Table 1) found that the first three principal components  
253 accounted for 46.32% of the variation in macroalgal communities (Supplementary Materials 8).  
254 The full equations for all the PERMANOVAs were statistically significant with p-values < 0.01  
255 for the model containing all sites, and models for each of the realms except the mid-tropical  
256 North Pacific, which was not significant (p = 0.08). The explanatory power of each model  
257 varied, and each of the independent variables had R<sup>2</sup> values less than 0.10. For all macroalgae  
258 combined, the PERMANOVA accounted for 10% of the variation in macroalgae percent cover  
259 across sites. The model for the Mid-Tropical North Pacific had the least explanatory power for  
260 variation in macroalgal community composition (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.05), while the model for sites in the  
261 Mid-South Tropical Pacific had the greatest (R<sup>2</sup> = 0.21).  
262

263 The human disturbance metrics had the largest effects of all drivers contributing to the variation  
264 in macroalgal communities in all realms. Of these human disturbance indicators, the normalized  
265 difference vegetation index (NDVI, an indicator of development on land; see Methods) and  
266 nutrients from agriculture had the greatest presence in the models, although nutrients were only  
267 significant in two of six models, while NDVI was significant in three of the six. Three of the  
268 models also included a categorical variable representing fisheries management (open-access,

269 restricted, or closed / no access), which had greater explanatory power than the other human  
270 disturbance metrics (all of which had  $R^2$  values less than 0.05). Of the biophysical indicators,  
271 mean wave energy was another common driver of macroalgae community composition and was  
272 significant in four out of six models. Except for fisheries management, all the variables had  $R^2$   
273 values that were less than or equal to 0.05.

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275 The relationships between the percent cover and each of the human disturbance metrics varied  
276 for different macroalgae genera (Figure 3) and divisions (Figure 4, Supplementary Materials 9).  
277 The adjusted estimates indicated weak relationships between the percent cover of total  
278 macroalgae and the human disturbance metrics (Supplementary Materials 10), with effect sizes  
279 that were all less than one. When investigating potential relationships by genera or division,  
280 however, some relationships between specific taxa and human disturbance became apparent that  
281 were not evident for all macroalgae combined. Similarly, when considering the division of  
282 macroalgae (red, green, or brown), relationships with human disturbance were less apparent than  
283 they were for specific macroalgae taxa. Percent cover of all algae had a negative relationship  
284 with three out of five human disturbance variables. Within the brown macroalgae division, most  
285 taxa exhibited positive relationships with the log of the population density, and negative  
286 relationships with NDVI and nutrients from agriculture. Only two of the brown macroalgae  
287 genera exhibited strong relationships with the disturbance. The genus *Spatoglossum* was  
288 positively correlated with the cumulative human impact score (which includes sedimentation,  
289 nutrients from agriculture, tourism, industrial development, and small-scales fisheries pressure;  
290 Andrello et al., 2021), log of population density, and market gravity, but was negatively  
291 correlated with NDVI and nutrients from agriculture. By contrast, *Dictyopteris* was positively  
292 correlated with the cumulative human impact score and NDVI, but negatively correlated with  
293 market gravity and nutrients from agriculture.

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295 Similarly, both the green and red macroalgae taxa also demonstrated weak relationships with  
296 human disturbance when considered by division, with specific taxa showing stronger positive or  
297 negative relationships. Most of the green macroalgae genera were negatively related to the log of  
298 the population density (*Microdictyon* and *Udotea* were strongly and negatively correlated) but  
299 were weakly related with the remaining human disturbance metrics. The red macroalgae taxa

300 were also negatively related to the log of the population density and NDVI. By contrast, the red  
301 macroalgae genera *Ceratodictyon* and *Hypnea* were positively correlated with the population  
302 density, although these relationships were weak.

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### 304 **Discussion and Conclusions**

305 The percent cover of total macroalgae is not a robust indicator for local anthropogenic  
306 disturbance in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, for two main reasons: (1) the drivers of macroalgae  
307 communities are unclear, challenging to estimate, and differ across realms, and (2) different  
308 macroalgae genera and divisions have distinct and often opposite responses to diverse types of  
309 local human disturbance.

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311 We find that multiple environmental factors, unrelated to local anthropogenic disturbance,  
312 influenced macroalgae community compositions (connectivity, wind and wave exposure, storms,  
313 net primary production and seasonality). Accounting for these environmental factors is  
314 imperative if researchers and managers are to use macroalgae as an indicator of anthropogenic  
315 impact on reefs. Otherwise, researchers risk attributing observed patterns in macroalgal  
316 community composition to the wrong drivers. Furthermore, despite assessing 60 variables that  
317 could influence macroalgae communities, the most parsimonious models included few variables,  
318 and the PERMANOVAs all had  $R^2$  values of less than 0.25. This indicates that the models were  
319 still unable to account for most of the variation in macroalgal communities and highlights the  
320 difficulty in identifying the drivers of ecological patterns (discussed further below).

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322 In addition, the relative importance of the factors influencing macroalgal communities differed  
323 across the biogeographical realms. The CCA identified 17 variables influencing macroalgae  
324 distribution when considering all sites. However, each variable explained less than 3% of the  
325 variation and collectively, the full equation only accounted for 10% of the variation. Many of  
326 these variables were selected only when considering all sites collectively, but not when  
327 examining the drivers of macroalgal communities by biogeographical realm. In the Coral Sea,  
328 the CCA identified six variables as best describing the variation in macroalgal communities, half  
329 of which (nutrients from agriculture, the kurtosis of chl-a, and the standard deviation of net  
330 primary productivity) are related to nutrients, and the other half were related to storms and

331 exposure to wind and waves (number of storms greater than type 3, cyclone score, and mean  
332 wave energy). These variables collectively accounted for 21% of the variation across sites in the  
333 Coral Sea. In the mid-South Tropical Pacific, the PERMANOVA accounted for 18% of the  
334 variation, and fisheries management and development (represented by NDVI) were important for  
335 explaining variation in macroalgal communities, along with the depth of the surveys,  
336 photosynthetic radiation, and the aspect of the site. By contrast, the heat stress metrics were not  
337 important drivers of macroalgal communities, whether considering all sites collectively or within  
338 the biogeographic realms. Collectively, the CCAs and PERMANOVA results show that  
339 macroalgal communities are influenced by different factors depending on their location. Without  
340 accounting for these factors, studies that compare the percent cover of macroalgae across broad  
341 regions may obscure differences in community compositions, rather than revealing them.

342  
343 The macroalgae genera we assessed also exhibited diverse and oftentimes opposing relationships  
344 with different metrics of human disturbance. Combining all macroalgae into a single category, or  
345 into divisions, obscured ecologically important relationships. In addition, the total macroalgae  
346 cover metric was uniformly weakly explained by each of the human disturbance variables. The  
347 cumulative human impact score did not have the strongest correlation with macroalgae cover.  
348 This is most likely because this metric is a conglomeration of multiple stressors, and our analysis  
349 clearly shows that many taxa respond more strongly to a specific anthropogenic stressor.  
350 Moreover, the percent cover of many taxa will increase in response to one stressor but decline  
351 when subjected to another, somewhat nullifying any response when responses from multiple  
352 stressors are combined. This indicates that taxon-specific responses to individual human  
353 pressures should be considered when evaluating local anthropogenic impacts on coral reefs.

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355 The individual traits of the macroalgae genera may explain their relationships with the various  
356 disturbance metrics, each of which represents a different form of localized disturbance. The  
357 genus *Halimeda* was present at almost 70% of the sites and was the most common macroalga in  
358 our dataset. As the most common calcifying alga on tropical reefs globally, *Halimeda*, produce  
359 sediment on coral reefs and play an important role in reef accretion (Hillis-Colinvaux, 1980).  
360 Our results suggest that *Halimeda* cover will increase with increasing cumulative human impacts  
361 but will decline with increasing market gravity and nutrients from agriculture. While market

362 gravity was designed as a metric for fishing pressure (Cinner et al., 2018), it incorporates human  
363 population size, and may therefore also reflect nutrient loading present in realms with high  
364 human populations. The weak but negative correlation with nutrients from agriculture, is in  
365 contrast with past findings showing that *Halimeda* growth is stimulated by nutrients (Delgado,  
366 1994; Teichberg et al., 2013). Increasing market gravity might increase competition with other  
367 macroalgae taxa that would otherwise be kept in check by herbivory, which could explain the  
368 negative correlation. However, coral reef herbivores show low preferences for *Halimeda* and  
369 some species are chemically defended (Hay et al., 1988; Paul and Van Alstyne, 1988).  
370 Collectively, these results reveal a complex relationship between *Halimeda* and human  
371 disturbance; it is more likely to grow where nutrients are high, but not necessarily where there is  
372 high fishing pressure.

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374 Complex relationships may also exist for other macroalgae taxa examined here, although  
375 confirming these relationships is not possible with the current data and will require further  
376 research as well as experiments that manipulate the extent of different stressors imposed on  
377 macroalgae taxa. For example, we found that canopy-forming brown algae, which provide  
378 important habitat for fish and support small-scale fisheries (Sievers et al., 2020; Wilson et al.,  
379 2022), exhibit diverse responses to disturbance. For example, blooms of *Turbinaria* have been  
380 linked to high nutrient concentrations on the Great Barrier Reef (McCook, 1999), which is  
381 consistent with our results from across the Indian and Pacific Oceans. *Sargassum* was one of the  
382 few taxa exhibiting a negative relationship with nutrients from agriculture, which aligns with  
383 past research (e.g. McClanahan et al., 2004). However, it is in direct opposition of the Relative  
384 Dominance Model (RDM), which posits that macroalgae cover on coral reefs is dictated by  
385 human disturbance acting through top-down (e.g., fishing pressure) or bottom-up (e.g., nutrients)  
386 processes (Littler and Littler, 1984, 2007).

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388 While past research helps explain many of the relationships between specific macroalgae taxa  
389 and our human disturbance variables, we also found unexpected relationships. The morphology  
390 of *Turbinaria*, along with its chemical defenses, make it unpalatable to many herbivores (Bittick  
391 et al., 2010) and we would not anticipate an increase in percent cover with increasing fishing  
392 pressure (Davis, 2018). However, we found a positive correlation with market gravity. Other

393 studies have also reported that macroalgae taxa often do not respond as predicted to stressors  
394 (McClanahan et al., 2004; McCook, 1999), again, underscoring how little these interactions are  
395 understood. Unfortunately, studies investigating taxa-specific interactions with human  
396 disturbance for tropical macroalgae are lacking for all but the most common taxa and often  
397 report conflicting results (Ramseyer et al., 2021). Existing studies are primarily motivated by  
398 negative interactions between corals and macroalgae (Fulton et al., 2019; Vroom, 2011).  
399 Furthermore, because of the Relative Dominance Model's predictions, studies are usually limited  
400 to investigating the effects of fishing pressure or nutrients (e.g. Adam et al., 2021; Holbrook et  
401 al., 2022).

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403 Our results show that the lack of correlation between total macroalgae cover and local human  
404 disturbance may be in part because of the varied interactions between disturbance and individual  
405 macroalgae taxa. Signatures of human disturbance that were undetectable using total macroalgae  
406 cover may still be evident when identifying macroalgae at the genus level. In these cases, relying  
407 on the assumption that macroalgae percent cover correlates with local disturbance may lead to  
408 maladaptive interventions; for example, if managers assume that all macroalgae will respond  
409 similarly to enhanced herbivory despite evidence to the contrary (Kelly et al., 2016), or  
410 misidentify undisturbed reefs as degraded, this approach could lead to costly and ineffective  
411 management interventions.

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413 For reef-building corals, research has greatly improved our understanding of diverse and  
414 complex responses to disturbance. Literature has documented differences in how corals respond  
415 to bleaching, for example, because of their morphology, heterotrophic feeding ability,  
416 physiology, and several other factors (Darling et al., 2012; Loya et al., 2001; Van Woesik et al.,  
417 2011). Yet, the focus on coral in the literature demonstrates that scientists have failed to consider  
418 how genera within diverse macroalgae assemblages may also respond to disturbance differently  
419 and what this means for ecosystem function (Fulton et al., 2019). Like reef-building coral  
420 communities, some taxa of macroalgae are susceptible to climate-driven stressors (Anton et al.,  
421 2020; Graba-Landry et al., 2020). Our limited understanding of the relationships between both  
422 human and climate disturbance and macroalgae taxa, and their importance in reef ecosystem

423 functioning, impedes our ability to respond to the many threats facing coral reef ecosystems as a  
424 whole (Vroom, 2011).

425

426 This study builds on previous research that has called the RDM and the subsequent assertions  
427 that macroalgae is correlated with local human disturbance an oversimplification (Fulton et al.,  
428 2019; McCook, 1999; Vroom, 2011) with potentially negative implications for management  
429 (McCook, 1999; Vroom, 2011), and that has criticized the widespread reliance on macroalgae as  
430 an indicator of reef health or degradation (Bruno et al., 2009; Vroom, 2011). Despite these  
431 critiques, researchers and managers continue to use total macroalgae cover to provide proxy  
432 estimates on the health of coral reefs and how they are affected by people (Bruno and Valdivia,  
433 2016; Smith et al., 2016). A key limitation to this and other research on macroalgae distribution  
434 (Keith et al., 2014; Tebbett et al., 2023) is the lack of available survey data identifying  
435 macroalgae at the genus level. Most of the survey data we analyzed were collected to investigate  
436 the status and/or health of coral reefs, and site selection may have excluded parts of the reef with  
437 higher macroalgae cover. In addition, the sampling was uneven across realms, and the reliance  
438 on large-scale, low-resolution global databases to calculate site-specific independent variables  
439 may have affected our ability to account for local drivers of macroalgal communities because of  
440 differences in scale. Despite these limitations, this study demonstrates that the links between  
441 macroalgae cover and human disturbance are uncertain, which undermines the usefulness of total  
442 macroalgae cover as a way of estimating local, human-driven degradation.

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444 Strategic management of coral reefs is increasingly vital as the climate continues to warm  
445 (Darling et al., 2019). Evaluating how coral reefs are being affected by disturbance is an  
446 indispensable part of research and management, but the most common metrics used in that work  
447 are based on an oversimplified and poorly tested paradigm. We have shown here that total  
448 macroalgae cover does not correlate well with local human disturbance but that evaluating  
449 macroalgae cover at the genus-level shows more promise as a management and assessment tool.  
450 Genus-level data might also provide greater understanding of the drivers of macroalgae and how  
451 they influence overall ecosystem functioning. Investments in further research on macroalgae at  
452 finer taxonomic resolutions, including genus-specific interactions with human-driven stressors,  
453 may be important for future coral reef conservation. In addition, as others have argued, testing

454 long-standing paradigms in marine ecology will be increasingly necessary to make good  
455 predictions as climate change intensifies (Williams et al., 2019), demonstrating the need for  
456 enhanced monitoring to improve our ability to assess climate-driven changes in benthic  
457 communities. We hope that by demonstrating that total macroalgae cover is only weakly  
458 correlated with human disturbance and is not an effective way to estimate coral reef health in the  
459 Indian and Pacific Oceans, this work catalyzes much-needed consideration of how we define reef  
460 health and the effects of local human disturbance, especially under rapidly changing  
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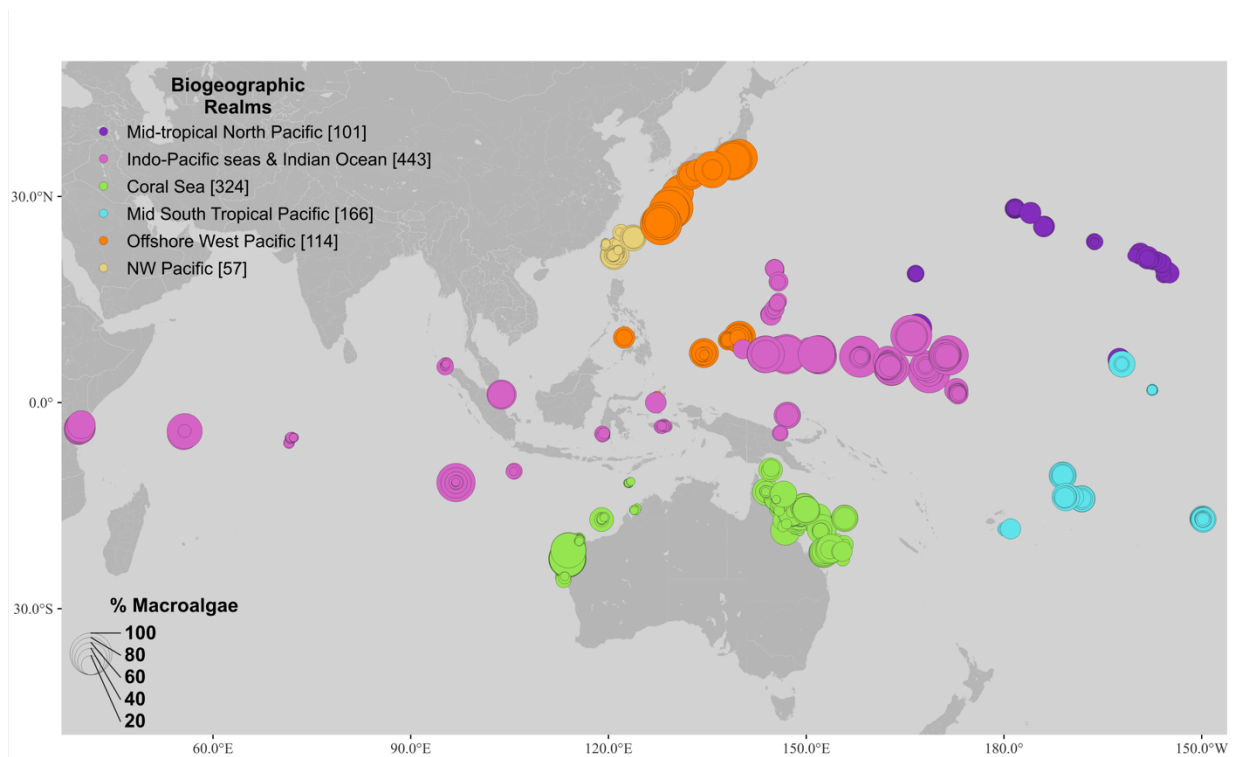
665 **Tables**

666 **Table 1. Variables that best explained macroalgal communities (CCA results) and had variable inflation**  
 667 **factors of less than 10, shown with their pseudo-R<sup>2</sup> values (PERMANOVA results). Values in bold are**  
 668 **statistically significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$ , while those in italics are significant at  $\alpha = 0.10$ . Empty cells indicate that**  
 669 **variables were not selected as best explaining the macroalgal communities by the CCA and were not included**  
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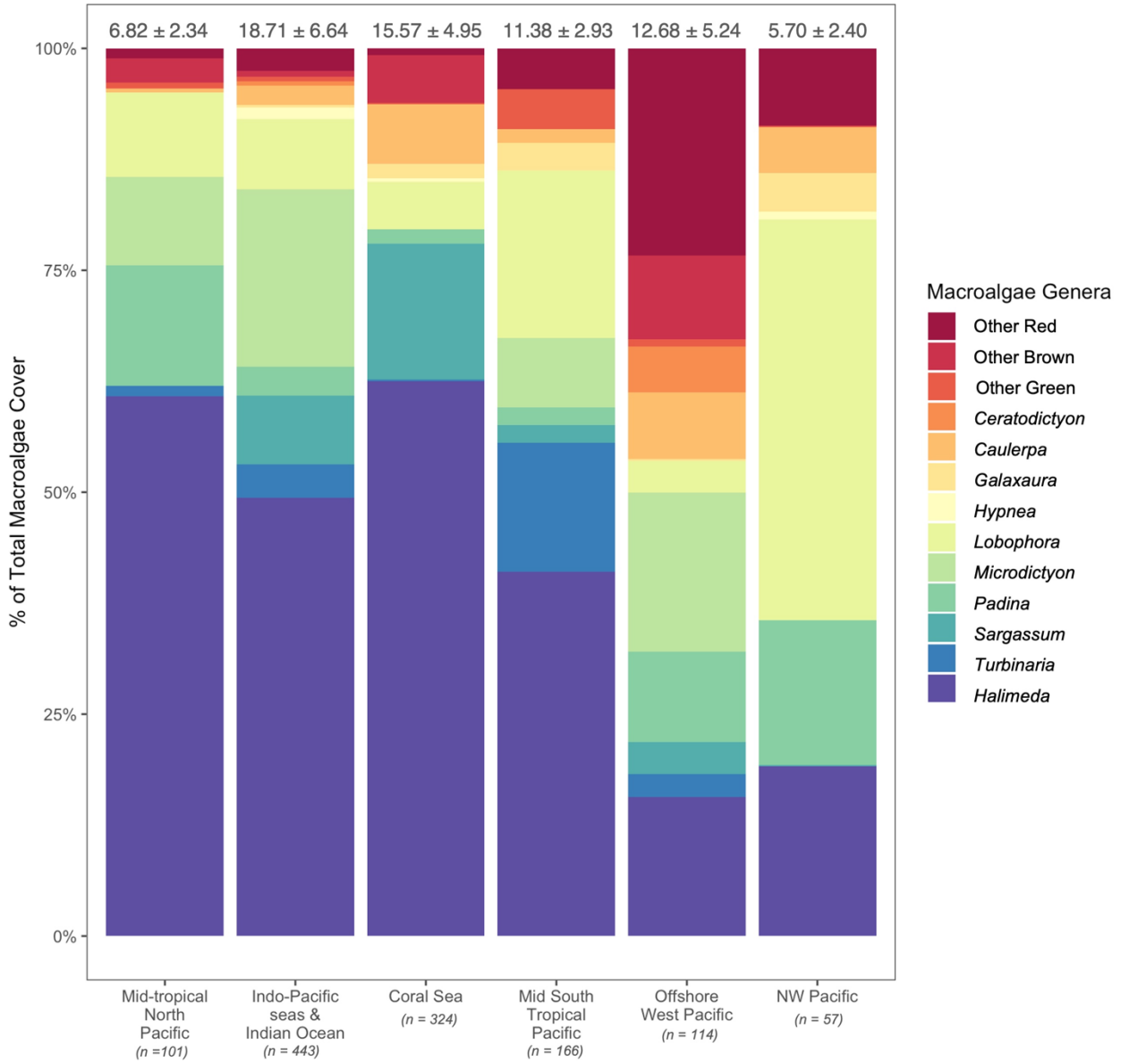
| Variable Type                               | Variable                 | All Data    | Mid-tropical N. Pacific | Indo-Pacific seas & Indian Ocean | Coral Sea   | Mid South Tropical Pacific | Offshore West Pacific | NW Pacific  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| <b><i>R<sup>2</sup> (full equation)</i></b> |                          | <b>0.10</b> | <b>0.05</b>             | <b>0.12</b>                      | <b>0.21</b> | <b>0.18</b>                | <b>0.07</b>           | <b>0.16</b> |
| Connectivity                                | Reef Area (15km)         |             |                         | <b>0.05</b>                      |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | Reef Area (200km)        | <b>0.00</b> |                         | <b>0.01</b>                      |             |                            |                       |             |
| Human Disturbance                           | Cum. Human Impact        | <b>0.01</b> |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | Fisheries Management     | <b>0.01</b> |                         |                                  |             | <b>0.08</b>                |                       | <b>0.09</b> |
|   | NDVI                     | <b>0.00</b> |                         | <b>0.02</b>                      |             | <b>0.02</b>                | <b>0.03</b>           |             |
|   | Nutrients (Agriculture)  | 0.00        | 0.03                    |                                  | <b>0.04</b> |                            |                       | <b>0.04</b> |
| Methodology & Sampling                      | Market Gravity           |             |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | Depth                    | <b>0.00</b> |                         | <b>0.02</b>                      |             | <b>0.04</b>                |                       |             |
|   | Habitat                  | <b>0.02</b> |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
| Net Primary Productivity                    | Latitude                 |             |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | Chl-a (kurtosis)         | <i>0.00</i> |                         | <b>0.01</b>                      | <b>0.02</b> |                            |                       | 0.02        |
| Seasonality                                 | NPP (sd)                 | 0.00        |                         |                                  | <b>0.05</b> |                            |                       |             |
|   | Month of survey (by SST) | <b>0.03</b> |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | PAR average (survey mo.) | 0.00        |                         |                                  |             | <b>0.04</b>                |                       |             |
| Storms                                      | SST mean (survey mo.)    |             |                         | <b>0.01</b>                      |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | # Storms $\geq$ Type 3   | <b>0.00</b> | 0.02                    |                                  | <b>0.01</b> |                            |                       |             |
| Heat stress                                 | Cyclone Score            |             |                         |                                  | <b>0.02</b> |                            |                       |             |
|   | MaxDHW                   | <b>0.00</b> |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | MMM                      | 0.00        |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
| Wind and Wave Exposure                      | SST <sub>SD</sub>        | <b>0.00</b> |                         |                                  |             |                            |                       |             |
|   | Aspect                   | 0.00        |                         |                                  |             | 0.00                       | 0.01                  |             |
|   | Wave energy (mean)       | <b>0.00</b> |                         | <b>0.00</b>                      | <b>0.04</b> |                            | <b>0.02</b>           |             |
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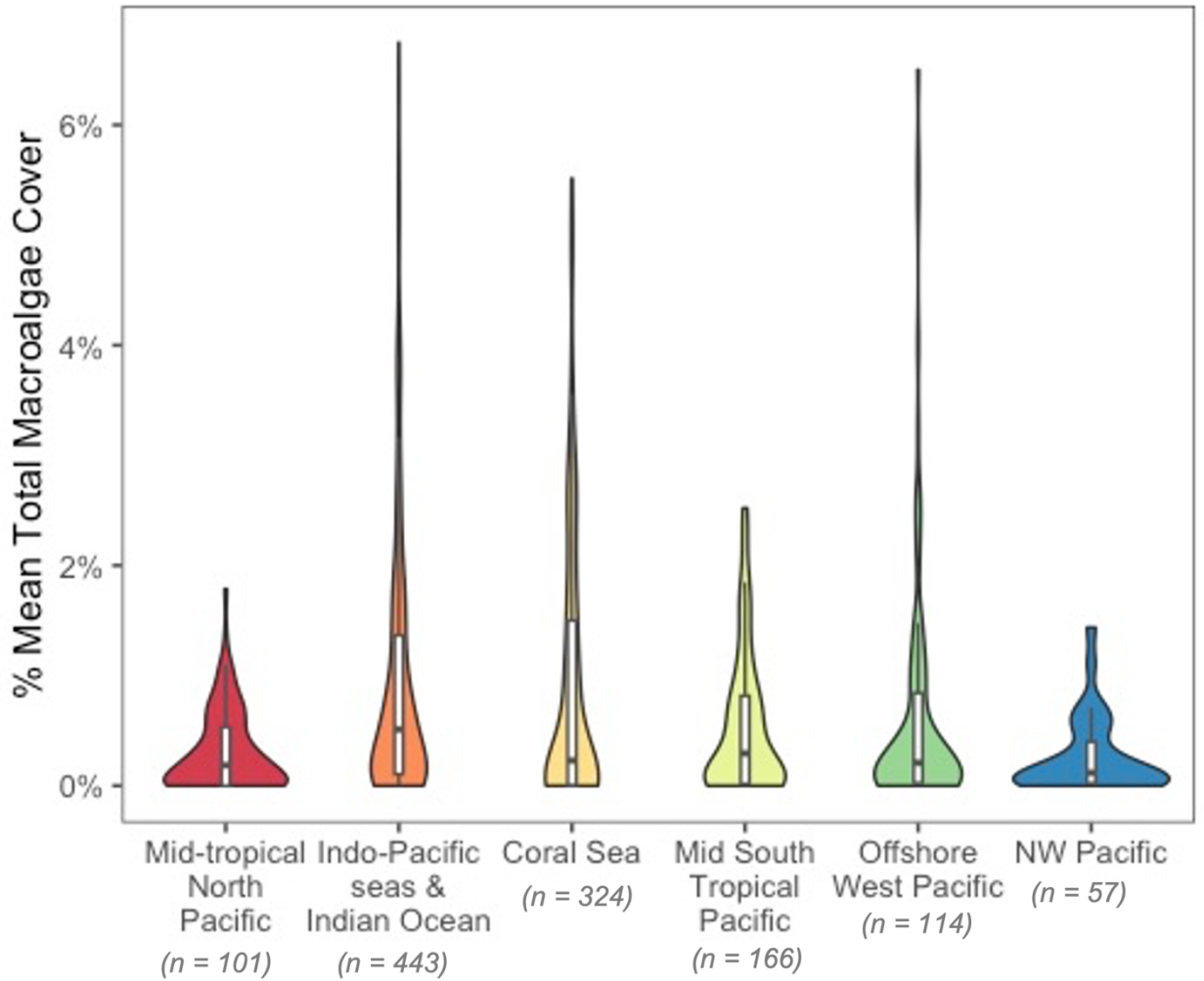
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675 **Figure 1. Map of 1,205 study sites across the Indian and Pacific Oceans, by biogeographic**  
676 **realm (as described in Costello et al., 2017). The size of the points represents the total**  
677 **percent cover of macroalgae at each site. Map lines do not necessarily depict accepted**  
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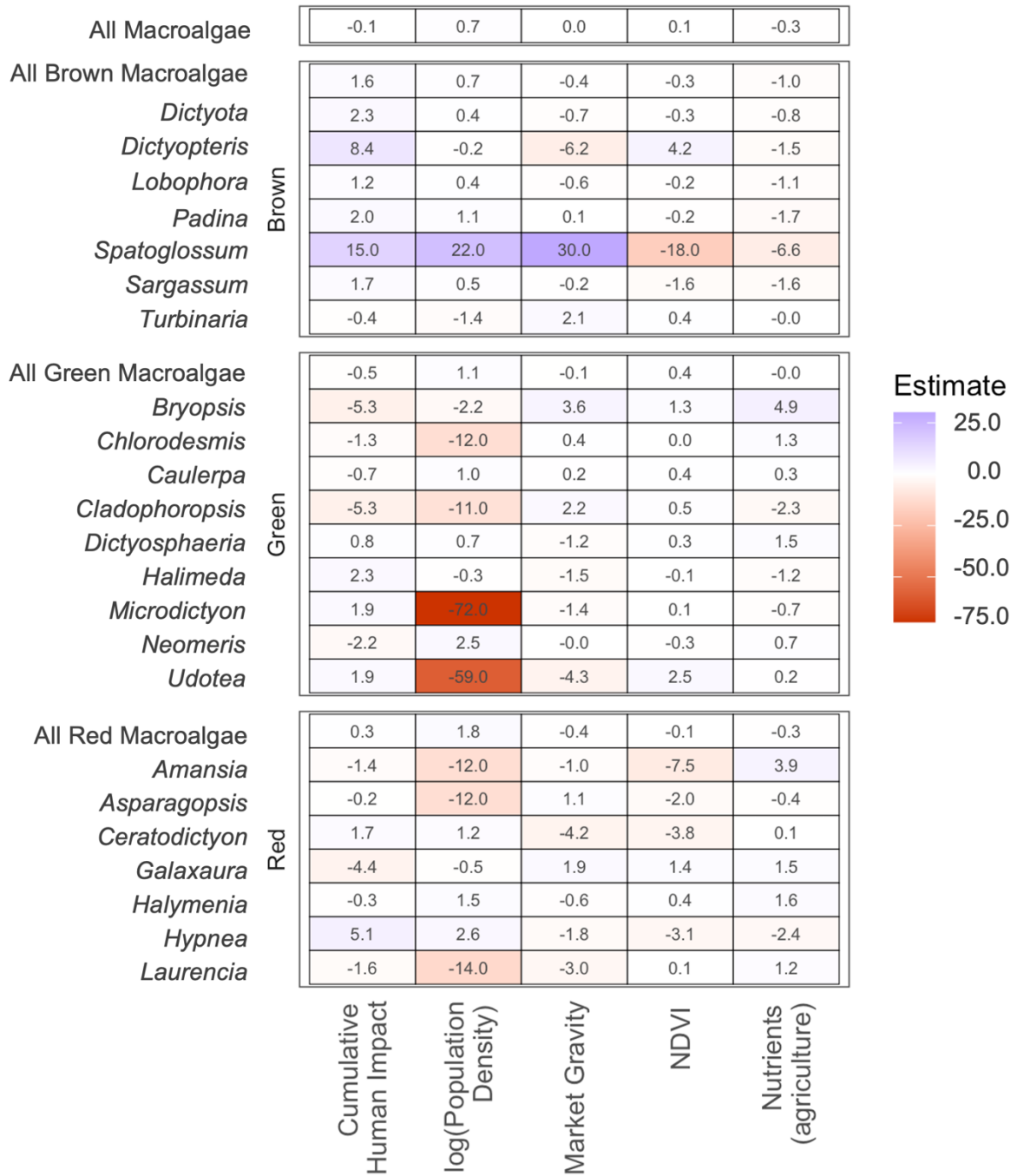




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 682 **Figure 2. (a) Top ten most common macroalgae taxa by biogeographic realm, with mean**  
 683 **and standard deviation at the top of each bar. (b) Mean total macroalgae cover by site,**

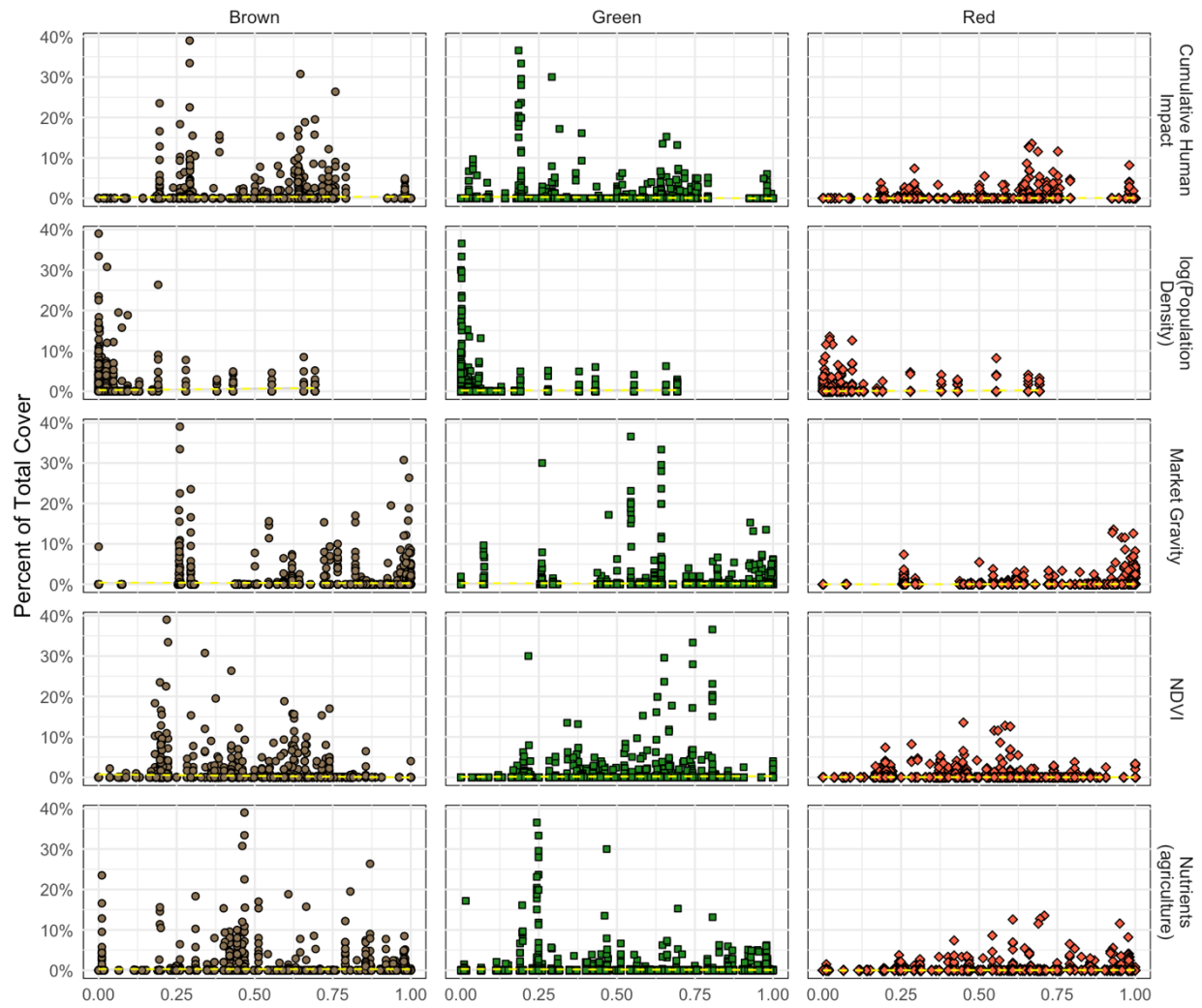


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**Figure 3. Estimated parameters for fixed effects from the GLMMs.** \*Estimates for NDVI have been multiplied by -1 to account for this variable's inverse relationship with disturbance.



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**Figure 4. The percent cover of macroalgae genera grouped into three divisions (brown, green, and red), as they relate to five human disturbance variables. The dashed yellow line is the trendline. The disturbance variables have been normalized and range between zero and one (see *Methods*).**

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819 **Supplementary Table 1. Description of variables thought to influence total macroalgae percent cover on coral reefs.**

|                     | Name  | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning  | Source                                    |
|---------------------|---|--|--|---|
| <b>Connectivity</b> | <i>Connections between coral reefs can influence local ecological communities through larval dispersal with impacts for resilience and management (Magris et al., 2016). Some macroalgae may travel long distances during various parts of their life cycles. Additionally, the ability of hard coral taxa to compete with macroalgae after disturbances may be influenced by coral larval supply (Beyer et al., 2018).</i> |  |  |   |
| 1                   | Connectivity Score  | 5 km resolution, no units  | A metric estimating the level of connectivity of sites to other reefs, including outgoing larval settlement (including self-recruitment) and larval export estimated via a larval connectivity model (Beyer et al., 2018). | Andrello et al., 2021, Beyer et al., 2018 |
| 2                   | Reef Area (15 km)   | Number of reefs cells falling within a 15-km buffer multiplied by the area of a cell (0.25 km <sup>2</sup> ).  | 15-km is the upper range of larval dispersion distances for most reef fishes, which can influence macroalgae percent cover through herbivory (Green et al., 2015).   | Yeager et al., 2017                       |
| 3                   | Reef Area (200 km)  | Number of reefs cells falling within a 200-km buffer multiplied by the area of a cell (0.25 km <sup>2</sup> ). | 200-km is the upper range of larval dispersal distances for large-bodied fish species (Green et al., 2015). Some macroalgae can also disperse across large distances.  | Yeager et al., 2017                       |
| <b>Geography</b>    | <i>Geography influences the oceanography and climate of a given reef. These variables will also account for geographical bias in the dataset and spatial autocorrelation across sites.</i>  |  |  |   |
| 4                   | Latitude  | Decimal degrees  | We used the latitude and longitude to account for spatial autocorrelation in the dataset.  | Data contributors                         |
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|    | Name                | Resolution and/or Units   | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|----|---------------------|---|--|---|
| 6  | Land area-15        | 0.25 km <sup>2</sup> grid cell resolution, 15km radius, expressed in km <sup>2</sup>  | Land area within a 15-km radius of each site. Nutrient inputs from land-derived sources are commonly detectable within primary producers up to 15 km from shore (Lapointe and Clark 1992).   | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017   |
| 7  | Land area-50        | 0.25 km <sup>2</sup> grid cell resolution, 50 km radius, expressed in km <sup>2</sup> | Land area within a 50 km radius of each site. Rivers can transport nutrients from land-use activities 50 km or more from the coast.  | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017   |
| 8  | SST <sub>CV</sub>   | 5 km resolution, no units   | The coefficient of variation for sea surface temperature represents the range of temperature values at a given site.   | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 9  | Number of DHW > 4   | 5 km resolution, no units   | Degree heating weeks greater than 4 represent a bleaching warning as defined by Coral Reef Watch, indicating that coral bleaching is possible.   | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 10 | Number of DHW > 8   | 5 km resolution, no units   | When degree heating weeks exceed 8, Coral Reef Watch issues a bleaching warning, indicating that coral bleaching is likely.  | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 11 | SST <sub>kurt</sub> | 5 km resolution, no units   | The kurtosis of SST is the distribution by frequency, with positive values indicating a steeper distribution than normal, and negative values indicating a broader distribution than normal. | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 12 | MaxDHW (all)        | 5 km resolution, no units   | The maximum Degree Heating Weeks, a metric for cumulative heat stress, in the entire time period (between 1995 and 2020).  | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |

|                          | Name   | Resolution and/or Units          | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| 13                       | Mean of annual maxDHW  | 5 km resolution, no units        | The mean of the highest DHW from each year between 1995 and 2020.  | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 14                       | MMM  | 5 km resolution, expressed in °C | The Maximum Monthly Mean is the highest value among the 12 monthly mean SST climatologies at a given site. Prolonged SSTs that are 1°C greater than the MMM may induce coral bleaching (Liu et al., 2018). | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 15                       | Overall Climate Score  | 5 km resolution, No units        | A metric for the heat stress experienced at each site, incorporating historic, recent, and estimated future heat stress and trends (Beyer et al., 2018)  | Andrello et al., 2021; Beyer et al., 2018   |
| 16                       | Historic Climate Stress Score  | 5 km resolution, No units        | A metric for the historic heat stress experienced at each site, from 1985 - 2017 (Beyer et al., 2018)  | Andrello et al., 2021; Beyer et al., 2018   |
| 17                       | SST <sub>sd</sub>  | 5 km resolution, expressed in °C | The standard deviation of SST represents the amount that sea surface temperatures.   | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| 18                       | SST <sub>skew</sub>  | 5 km resolution, expressed in °C | The skewness of SST indicates whether the frequency of daily temperatures are normally distributed or skewed towards lower or higher temperature values.   | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2020) |
| <b>Human Disturbance</b> | <i>Scientists use macroalgae as a metric for estimating reef health and may assume that coral reefs with high macroalgae percent cover are degraded (Littler and Littler, 2007). We collected a wide range of variables representing several aspects of human disturbance on coral reefs to test this assumption and whether macroalgae percent cover is useful as an indication of coral reef ecosystem health.</i> |                                  |  |   |

|    | Name                          | Resolution and/or Units   | Description and Reasoning  | Source   |
|----|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 19 | Cumulative Human Impact Score | 5 km resolution, No units   | An estimate of cumulative human impacts on coral reefs, including small scale fishing pressure, coastal population, industrial development, tourism, and two types of water pollution (sedimentation and nitrogen from agriculture).   | Andrello <i>et al.</i> , 2021  |
| 20 | Market Gravity                | 10 km grid cells; expressed as the number of people / (travel time to nearest market in hours) <sup>2</sup> | The population of a major market divided by the squared travel time between a reef site and market, representing fishing pressure (Cinner <i>et al.</i> , 2018). Fishing pressure can increase herbivory on coral reefs, which may increase macroalgae percent cover.  | Andrello <i>et al.</i> , 2021; Cinner <i>et al.</i> , 2018   |
| 21 | HII-100                       | 1 km <sup>2</sup> cells aggregated from 1995 – 2004   | The aggregated global Human Influence Index within a 100-km radius around each site. HII incorporates population density, land use and infrastructure, and human aspects (including coastlines, roads, railroads, and rivers), which are known to predict local human impacts on coral reefs (Baumann <i>et al.</i> , 2022). | Global Human Influence Index v2 (1995-2004) from the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, downloaded from Baumann <i>et al.</i> (2022) |
| 22 | HII-10                        | 1 km <sup>2</sup> cells aggregated from 1995 – 2004   | The aggregated global Human Influence Index within a 10-km radius around each site.  | Global Human Influence Index v2 (1995-2004) from the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, downloaded from Baumann <i>et al.</i> (2022) |

|    | Name               | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|----|--------------------|--|--|---|
| 23 | HII-25             | 1 km <sup>2</sup> cells aggregated from 1995 – 2004  | The aggregated global Human Influence Index within a 25-km radius around each site.  | Global Human Influence Index v2 (1995-2004) from the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, downloaded from Baumann et al. (2022) |
| 24 | HII-50             | 1 km <sup>2</sup> cells aggregated from 1995 – 2004  | The aggregated global Human Influence Index within a 50-km radius around each site.  | Global Human Influence Index v2 (1995-2004) from the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, downloaded from Baumann et al. (2022) |
| 25 | HII-70             | 1 km <sup>2</sup> cells aggregated from 1995 – 2004  | The aggregated global Human Influence Index within a 70-km radius around each site.  | Global Human Influence Index v2 (1995-2004) from the NASA Socioeconomic Data and Applications Center, downloaded from Baumann et al. (2022) |
| 26 | Population density | 0.25 km <sup>2</sup> grid cell resolution, Number of people within a 20-km radius of each site per 1,256 km <sup>2</sup> | As human population densities increase, associated threats, including coastal development, nutrient pollution, and fishing pressure, may also increase. A 20-km radius represents the distance travelled by most subsistence fishers (Clark et al., 2002, Chuenpagdee et al., 2006) and the scale at which land-use change has the largest impact on nutrient loading (Yeager et al., 2017). | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017   |

|    | Name                       | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|----|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 27 | Population density         | 0.25 km <sup>2</sup> grid cell resolution, Number of people within a 50-km radius of each site per 7,850 km <sup>2</sup> | A 50-km radius represents the upper limit of small-scale or semi-commercial coastal fisheries (Chuenpagdee et al., 2006), and watershed-scale impacts of nutrient loading and sedimentation (Delvin and Brodie, 2005).   | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017   |
| 28 | Scaled mean NDVI           | 1 km radius (3.14 km <sup>2</sup> area) resolution, no units   | The mean Normalized Difference Vegetation Index of land within a 1-km radius circle around each site, and an indication of nearby development. We calculated the NDVI values using LandSat8 data from the United States Geological Survey. We scaled mean NDVI values for each site to between 0 and 1 within each of the contributed datasets to account for climate-driven variation in vegetation across sites and regions. Coastal development can influence water quality by increasing the amount of sediment and nutrients from land. | Please see Cannon et. al. (2019, 2021) for detailed methods                   |
| 29 | Number of Ports            | 5 km resolution, no units  | A proxy for pressures from industrial development, including dredging. Includes all ports within 5km <sup>2</sup> as this is the maximum likely distance of dredging impacts (Wenger <i>et al.</i> , 2020).  | Andrello et al., 2021   |
| 30 | Nutrients from agriculture | 5 km resolution, no units  | An estimate of nitrogen pollution produced via a settlement plume model. This metric will underestimate nitrogen pollution because it does not include eutrophication caused by wastewater discharge (Andrello et al., 2021).  | Nitrogen delivery to coral reefs from agriculture, from Andrello et al (2021) |

|   | Name  | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning   | Source                |
|---|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| 31  | Population (coastal)  | 5 km resolution, no units  | An estimate of the number of people living within a 5 km buffer of each coral reef cell using a global data layer of 2020 human populations.  | Andrello et al., 2021 |
| 32  | Tourism   | 5 km resolution, no units  | The estimated number of tourist trip equivalents for global coral reefs using tourism activity from 2005 – 2012. Intensive tourist use can cause physical injury to corals, sediment-associated tissue necrosis, and disease (Lamb <i>et al.</i> , 2014), all of which may increase macroalgae percent cover. | Andrello et al., 2021 |
| 33  | Sedimentation   | 5 km resolution, expressed as tons of sediment per km <sup>2</sup> | Estimated sediment exposure as predicted by a sediment plume model described in Andrello et al. (2021).   | Andrello et al., 2021 |
| <b>Methodology &amp; Site Characteristics</b> | <i>We included methodology and site characteristics here because they may account for any sampling noise associated with the data, for example from methodological differences or geographic bias. Site features such as the type of habitat and depth may also influence the benthic communities present at each site (Magris et al., 2016).</i> |  |   |                       |
| 34  | Contributor   | Categorical  | The person(s) contributing a dataset to the analysis. We included this to account for any methodological differences driving sampling noise associated with the data.   | Contributors          |
| 35  | Depth   | Meters   | Depth of the ecological survey in meters. Depth influences the amount of light available for photosynthesis, local temperature, and exposure to wind and waves.   | Contributors          |



|                                 | Name  | Resolution and/or Units                        | Description and Reasoning  | Source                                  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 36                              | Habitat   | Categorical                                    | Whether the survey site was located on a backreef, reef crest, reef flat, reef slope, or another habitat (such as terrace reefs and those in a channel). Each habitat type has different physical features that influence exposure to drivers of benthic community compositions. For example, sites on a reef crest experience higher wind and wave exposure than those on a backreef. | Contributors                            |
| 37                              | Management  | Categorical                                    | Whether sites were open to fishing with no restrictions (open access), fishing was allowed but with restrictions (restricted access) or fishing was banned (no access) (Darling <i>et al.</i> , 2019). Fishing pressure can decrease herbivory on coral reefs and might trigger increases in some taxa of macroalgae.  | Contributors                            |
| 38                              | Methods   | Categorical                                    | Whether the survey used a point intercept transect, line intercept transect, or photo quadrat method. Methodological differences may account for potential noise in the dataset (Darling <i>et al.</i> , 2019).  | Contributors                            |
| <b>Net Primary Productivity</b> | <i>Net primary productivity (NPP) on coral reefs is determined by light, water temperature, and nutrient availability (Yeager et al., 2017). Many taxa of macroalgae may be nutrient-limited (Littler and Littler, 2007) and increasing nutrient availability (represented by NPP or chl<sub>a</sub>) may drive increasing percent cover of macroalgae.</i> |  |  |   |
| 39                              | Chl <sub>a</sub> CV   | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, no units | Chlorophyll-a concentration (chl <sub>a</sub> ) is widely used to indicate net primary productivity (Siegel <i>et al.</i> , 2005). The coefficient of variation (CV) represents the variation in NPP.  | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |

|    | Name   | Resolution and/or Units                                  | Description and Reasoning  | Source                                  |
|----|--|--|--|---|
| 40 | Kurtosis of chl <sub>a</sub>                 | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, no units           | The distribution of chl <sub>a</sub> concentration by frequency at each site, with positive values indicating a steeper distribution than normal, and negative values indicating a broader distribution than normal. | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |
| 41 | Mean chl <sub>a</sub>                        | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, Mg m <sup>-3</sup> | The average monthly chl <sub>a</sub> value at each site.   | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |
| 42 | Chl <sub>a</sub> SD                          | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, no units           | The standard deviation of chl <sub>a</sub> representing the amount of variation in chl <sub>a</sub> concentration experienced at each site.  | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |
| 43 | Skewness of Chl <sub>a</sub>                 | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, no units           | The skewness of chl <sub>a</sub> indicates whether the frequency of daily temperatures are normally distributed or skewed towards lower or higher temperature values.  | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |
| 44 | Mean Chl <sub>a</sub> for the year of survey | 4 km <sup>2</sup> monthly resolution, Mg m <sup>-3</sup> | The average chl <sub>a</sub> for the year of the survey.   | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014) |
| 45 | NPP <sub>max</sub>                           | mg C m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup>                   | Mean annual maximum net primary productivity of carbon   | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017             |
| 46 | NPP <sub>mean</sub>                          | mg C m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup>                   | Overall mean net primary productivity of carbon  | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017             |
| 47 | NPP <sub>min</sub>                           | mg C m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup>                   | Mean annual minimum net primary productivity of carbon   | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017             |
| 48 | NPP <sub>SD</sub>                            | mg C m <sup>-2</sup> day <sup>-1</sup>                   | Intra-annual standard deviation of the net primary productivity of carbon  | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017             |

|                            | Name   | Resolution and/or Units | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Seasonality</b>         | <i>Several studies have found that macroalgae communities can be seasonal in nature, with blooms occurring at regular annual intervals, and that light and/or ocean temperatures may drive seasonal growth cycles (Fulton et al., 2014; Brown et al., 2020).</i>   |                         |  |   |
| 49                         | Mean SST of survey month   | 5 km                    | The average sea surface temperature of the month when the surveys were conducted.  | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2018)   |
| 50                         | Mean PAR of survey month   | 4 km                    | Average photosynthetically available radiation of the survey month.  | MODIS-Ocean Color Data from NASA (2014)   |
| 51                         | Rank of survey month by SST  | Month                   | The month of the survey corrected by the months ranked from hottest to coldest.  | CRW Version 3.1 Daily Global Satellite Products (1995 – 2020) from NOAA Coral Reef Watch (2018)   |
| <b>Storms and Cyclones</b> | <i>Tropical storms and cyclones drive strong wind and waves that have the potential to break corals. They may also cause high storm surges that wash debris from land onto reefs, causing further damage. In some cases, macroalgae cover on coral reefs has increased immediately following storms that caused severe damage to corals.</i> |                         |  |   |
| 52                         | Average number of storms   | Annual                  | The average number of total storms per year passing within 100 km of each site. 100 km is the estimated maximum distance at which storms can cause damage to coral reefs (Fabricius et al., 2008). | Storm tracks for all storms after 1989 from NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI) International Best Track Archive for Climate Stewardship (IBTrACS) (Knapp et al., 2018) and extracted in ArcMap. |

|    | Name   | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning   | Source  |
|----|--|--|---|---|
| 53 | Number of storms (class tropical storms or stronger) | Total number of tropical storms or stronger passing within 100 km of each site in 10 years | The total number of tropical storms or greater passing within 100 km of each site as defined by Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, in the 10 years preceding each survey.      | Storm tracks were downloaded from NOAA NCEI IBTrACS (Knapp <i>et al.</i> , 2018) and extracted in ArcMap. |
| 54 | Number of storms of type 3 or stronger               | Total number of Type 3 storms or stronger passing within 100 km of each site in 10 years   | The total number of storms of Type 3 or greater passing within 100 km of each site as defined by the Saffir Simpson Hurricane Scale, in the 10 years preceding each survey. | Storm tracks were downloaded from NOAA NCEI IBTrACS (Knapp <i>et al.</i> , 2018) and extracted in ArcMap. |
| 55 | Number of tropical storms or stronger                | Total number of tropical storms or stronger passing within 100 km of each site in 5 years  | The total number of tropical storms or greater passing within 100 km of each site as defined by Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Scale, in the 5 years preceding each survey.       | Storm tracks were downloaded from NOAA NCEI IBTrACS (Knapp <i>et al.</i> , 2018) and extracted in ArcMap. |
| 56 | Number of storms of type 3 or stronger               | Total number of Type 3 storms or stronger passing within 100 km of each site in 10 years   | The total number of storms of Type 3 or greater passing within 100 km of each site as defined by the Saffir Simpson Hurricane Scale, in the 5 years preceding each survey.  | Storm tracks were downloaded from NOAA NCEI IBTrACS (Knapp <i>et al.</i> , 2018) and extracted in ArcMap. |

|                               | Name  | Resolution and/or Units  | Description and Reasoning  | Source  |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| 57                            | Cyclone Score   | 5 km resolution, No units  | A metric for cyclone activity from 1985 – 2014 incorporating three damaging aspects of cyclones for coral reefs: average annual days of exposure, the maximum annual number of days of exposure to cyclones (winds of gale force or higher), and the inverse of the return time interval of at least one day of exposure per year (Beyer <i>et al.</i> , 2018).                            | Andrello <i>et al.</i> , 2021; Beyer <i>et al.</i> , 2018 |
| <b>Wind and wave exposure</b> | <i>Wind and wave exposure can drive benthic community compositions by selecting for taxa that can withstand the local environment</i> (Page-Albins <i>et al.</i> , 2012). |  |  |   |
| 58                            | Aspect  | Decimal degrees  | The direction from each site to the greatest depth in the surrounding area. Because there were too many sites to measure the direction each site faced manually, we assumed that greater depths indicated the open ocean and used the direction between the site and the greatest depth in the bathymetry layer in ArcGIS. We randomly spot-checked the sites manually to ensure accuracy. | Calculated in ArcGIS.                                     |
| 59                            | Mean wave energy  | 3-hour temporal resolution for a span of 31 years (1979-2009). Expressed in kW m <sup>-1</sup> | Wave energy flux (the power transmitted per unit of wavefront width), overall mean.  | Yeager <i>et al.</i> , 2017                               |

|    | Name                   | Resolution and/or Units | Description and Reasoning   | Source   |
|----|------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| 60 | Wind and Wave Exposure | Decimal degrees         | The angle of each site (using the Aspect) to the prevailing wind. | Calculated with data from NCDC Blended Sea Winds (Zhang, Reynolds and Bates, 2006) using the methods described in Cannon et al. (2021) |

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876 **Supplementary Table 2. Correlation Coefficients.**

|                    | aspect | WWE   | NDVI  | MeanChlaSurveyY4 | Pop50km | Pop20km |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|---------|---------|
| aspect             | 1.00   | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.04            | -0.06   | -0.05   |
| WWE                | -0.01  | 1.00  | 0.10  | -0.72            | -0.75   | -0.87   |
| NDVI               | -0.03  | 0.10  | 1.00  | -0.09            | -0.17   | -0.13   |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | -0.04  | -0.72 | -0.09 | 1.00             | 0.62    | 0.67    |
| Population50km     | -0.06  | -0.75 | -0.17 | 0.62             | 1.00    | 0.78    |
| Population20km     | -0.05  | -0.87 | -0.13 | 0.67             | 0.78    | 1.00    |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | -0.06  | -0.66 | -0.07 | 0.97             | 0.59    | 0.59    |
| ChlaSD             | -0.04  | -0.26 | -0.08 | 0.68             | 0.26    | 0.26    |
| ChlaKurtosis       | -0.05  | 0.04  | -0.14 | 0.10             | -0.01   | -0.02   |
| ChlaCV             | 0.01   | -0.06 | 0.00  | -0.04            | 0.02    | 0.02    |
| HII100km           | -0.03  | -0.38 | -0.28 | 0.53             | 0.63    | 0.47    |
| HII75km            | -0.03  | -0.44 | -0.30 | 0.56             | 0.71    | 0.54    |
| HII50km            | -0.03  | -0.48 | -0.31 | 0.56             | 0.75    | 0.59    |
| HII25km            | -0.02  | -0.36 | -0.30 | 0.43             | 0.56    | 0.50    |
| HII10km            | 0.03   | -0.06 | -0.29 | 0.08             | 0.27    | 0.21    |
| LandArea15km       | 0.05   | -0.07 | -0.29 | 0.22             | 0.22    | 0.19    |
| LandArea50km       | 0.01   | -0.29 | -0.28 | 0.54             | 0.47    | 0.40    |
| NPP_max            | -0.02  | -0.63 | -0.18 | 0.74             | 0.68    | 0.61    |
| NPP_mean           | -0.02  | -0.70 | -0.15 | 0.82             | 0.70    | 0.65    |
| NPP_min            | -0.04  | -0.62 | -0.13 | 0.78             | 0.64    | 0.57    |
| NPP_sd             | -0.01  | -0.60 | -0.17 | 0.61             | 0.63    | 0.60    |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.06  | 0.04  | 0.28  | 0.01             | -0.07   | -0.05   |
| ReefArea200km      | -0.04  | -0.03 | 0.25  | 0.18             | 0.01    | 0.02    |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | 0.05   | 0.09  | 0.00  | -0.26            | -0.17   | -0.13   |
| MMM                | -0.14  | -0.15 | -0.03 | -0.02            | 0.06    | 0.13    |
| sdSST              | 0.06   | 0.05  | 0.17  | 0.28             | 0.11    | -0.01   |

|                         | aspect | WWE   | NDVI  | MeanChlaSurveyY4 | Pop50km | Pop20km |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------------|---------|---------|
| cvSST                   | 0.06   | 0.05  | 0.15  | 0.27             | 0.11    | -0.02   |
| kurtSST                 | -0.07  | -0.11 | -0.28 | -0.08            | 0.04    | 0.09    |
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.00   | 0.10  | 0.23  | -0.01            | 0.07    | -0.08   |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.02  | 0.07  | 0.13  | -0.07            | -0.07   | -0.08   |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | -0.02  | 0.04  | -0.07 | -0.04            | 0.01    | -0.02   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | 0.00   | 0.07  | 0.16  | -0.01            | -0.01   | -0.07   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | -0.02  | 0.04  | -0.01 | -0.04            | -0.03   | -0.04   |
| maxDHW                  | 0.00   | 0.14  | 0.09  | -0.07            | -0.22   | -0.17   |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | 0.06   | 0.11  | 0.22  | -0.08            | -0.15   | -0.14   |
| DHW_over_4              | 0.04   | 0.11  | 0.17  | -0.11            | -0.16   | -0.13   |
| DHW_over_8              | 0.00   | 0.06  | 0.02  | -0.04            | -0.11   | -0.08   |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.01  | -0.05 | -0.01 | -0.06            | 0.02    | 0.04    |
| RankMonth_SST           | 0.01   | -0.04 | -0.05 | -0.01            | 0.03    | 0.03    |
| Depth                   | 0.03   | 0.08  | 0.03  | -0.23            | -0.08   | -0.11   |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.09  | 0.05  | 0.16  | -0.06            | -0.02   | -0.03   |
| Latitude                | -0.06  | -0.03 | -0.27 | -0.15            | 0.17    | 0.08    |
| Longitude               | 0.04   | 0.00  | 0.22  | 0.09             | 0.01    | 0.00    |
| OverallClimateScore     | -0.06  | -0.11 | 0.03  | 0.15             | 0.13    | 0.15    |
| ConnectivityScore       | -0.10  | 0.02  | 0.15  | 0.09             | 0.02    | 0.03    |
| CycloneScore            | -0.03  | -0.10 | -0.09 | 0.10             | -0.05   | 0.08    |
| HistoricHeatStress      | -0.04  | -0.12 | -0.13 | 0.05             | 0.19    | 0.16    |
| MarketGravity           | -0.05  | -0.17 | -0.30 | 0.20             | 0.34    | 0.26    |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.02   | -0.12 | -0.35 | 0.18             | 0.24    | 0.18    |
| NutrientScore           | -0.01  | -0.25 | -0.30 | 0.37             | 0.43    | 0.32    |
| Ports                   | -0.04  | -0.09 | -0.17 | 0.02             | 0.05    | 0.07    |
| TourismValue            | 0.01   | -0.06 | -0.30 | 0.10             | 0.18    | 0.11    |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | -0.03  | -0.19 | -0.49 | 0.22             | 0.35    | 0.28    |

|                    | MeanChlaAllYears | ChlaSD | ChlaKurtosis | ChlaCV | HII100km | HII75km | HII50km |
|--------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| aspect             | -0.06            | -0.04  | -0.05        | 0.01   | -0.03    | -0.03   | -0.03   |
| WWE                | -0.66            | -0.26  | 0.04         | -0.06  | -0.38    | -0.44   | -0.48   |
| NDVI               | -0.07            | -0.08  | -0.14        | 0.00   | -0.28    | -0.30   | -0.31   |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.97             | 0.68   | 0.10         | -0.04  | 0.53     | 0.56    | 0.56    |
| Population50km     | 0.59             | 0.26   | -0.01        | 0.02   | 0.63     | 0.71    | 0.75    |
| Population20km     | 0.59             | 0.26   | -0.02        | 0.02   | 0.47     | 0.54    | 0.59    |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 1.00             | 0.75   | 0.11         | -0.05  | 0.51     | 0.54    | 0.54    |
| ChlaSD             | 0.75             | 1.00   | 0.42         | -0.31  | 0.37     | 0.38    | 0.39    |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.11             | 0.42   | 1.00         | -0.44  | 0.15     | 0.17    | 0.21    |
| ChlaCV             | -0.05            | -0.31  | -0.44        | 1.00   | -0.09    | -0.09   | -0.08   |
| HII100km           | 0.51             | 0.37   | 0.15         | -0.09  | 1.00     | 0.98    | 0.91    |
| HII75km            | 0.54             | 0.38   | 0.17         | -0.09  | 0.98     | 1.00    | 0.97    |
| HII50km            | 0.54             | 0.39   | 0.21         | -0.08  | 0.91     | 0.97    | 1.00    |
| HII25km            | 0.42             | 0.38   | 0.27         | -0.08  | 0.76     | 0.82    | 0.90    |
| HII10km            | 0.07             | 0.08   | 0.12         | 0.05   | 0.50     | 0.54    | 0.60    |
| LandArea15km       | 0.21             | 0.22   | 0.26         | -0.16  | 0.56     | 0.59    | 0.62    |
| LandArea50km       | 0.52             | 0.44   | 0.29         | -0.17  | 0.83     | 0.86    | 0.87    |
| NPP_max            | 0.71             | 0.44   | 0.14         | -0.12  | 0.64     | 0.68    | 0.67    |
| NPP_mean           | 0.80             | 0.43   | 0.09         | -0.03  | 0.63     | 0.66    | 0.66    |
| NPP_min            | 0.77             | 0.42   | 0.10         | -0.01  | 0.59     | 0.62    | 0.61    |
| NPP_sd             | 0.58             | 0.36   | 0.10         | -0.14  | 0.53     | 0.57    | 0.58    |
| ReefArea15km       | 0.03             | 0.00   | -0.02        | 0.01   | -0.13    | -0.14   | -0.17   |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.20             | 0.13   | -0.04        | 0.07   | 0.08     | 0.04    | -0.03   |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.27            | -0.23  | -0.13        | 0.13   | -0.25    | -0.24   | -0.22   |
| MMM                | -0.01            | 0.00   | 0.07         | -0.15  | -0.09    | -0.08   | -0.07   |
| sdSST              | 0.31             | 0.23   | -0.12        | 0.11   | 0.26     | 0.23    | 0.19    |
| cvSST              | 0.31             | 0.23   | -0.11        | 0.11   | 0.27     | 0.24    | 0.20    |
| kurtSST            | -0.10            | -0.05  | 0.22         | -0.17  | -0.07    | -0.05   | -0.01   |

|                         | MeanChlaAllYears | ChlaSD | ChlaKurtosis | ChlaCV | HII100km | HII75km | HII50km |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|--------|----------|---------|---------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.00             | -0.03  | -0.16        | 0.05   | 0.05     | 0.02    | 0.03    |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.06            | -0.05  | -0.15        | 0.06   | -0.04    | -0.06   | -0.07   |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | -0.03            | -0.04  | -0.08        | 0.07   | 0.13     | 0.10    | 0.09    |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | 0.01             | -0.03  | -0.16        | 0.05   | 0.02     | 0.00    | -0.01   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | -0.03            | -0.06  | -0.09        | 0.09   | 0.08     | 0.05    | 0.04    |
| maxDHW                  | -0.06            | -0.08  | -0.11        | 0.18   | -0.32    | -0.33   | -0.32   |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.06            | -0.07  | -0.07        | 0.20   | -0.19    | -0.20   | -0.21   |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.09            | -0.09  | -0.09        | 0.15   | -0.23    | -0.24   | -0.25   |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.04            | -0.06  | -0.06        | 0.19   | -0.19    | -0.18   | -0.16   |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.08            | -0.10  | 0.03         | -0.14  | -0.06    | -0.07   | -0.07   |
| RankMonth_SST           | -0.04            | -0.07  | 0.02         | -0.05  | -0.02    | -0.01   | 0.02    |
| Depth                   | -0.22            | -0.19  | -0.09        | 0.16   | -0.07    | -0.10   | -0.13   |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.07            | -0.03  | -0.04        | 0.01   | -0.06    | -0.07   | -0.06   |
| Latitude                | -0.16            | -0.10  | 0.07         | -0.08  | 0.14     | 0.14    | 0.18    |
| Longitude               | 0.10             | 0.10   | 0.03         | -0.19  | 0.04     | 0.01    | -0.01   |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.15             | 0.14   | 0.05         | -0.20  | 0.25     | 0.25    | 0.21    |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.10             | 0.10   | 0.05         | -0.05  | 0.21     | 0.17    | 0.11    |
| CycloneScore            | 0.09             | 0.09   | 0.14         | -0.09  | -0.11    | -0.07   | -0.09   |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.04             | 0.06   | 0.02         | -0.23  | 0.23     | 0.23    | 0.23    |
| MarketGravity           | 0.21             | 0.20   | 0.13         | -0.09  | 0.52     | 0.53    | 0.52    |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.17             | 0.17   | 0.20         | 0.05   | 0.46     | 0.48    | 0.51    |
| NutrientScore           | 0.37             | 0.30   | 0.19         | -0.05  | 0.71     | 0.72    | 0.69    |
| Ports                   | 0.01             | 0.00   | -0.01        | 0.02   | -0.04    | -0.02   | 0.00    |
| TourismValue            | 0.10             | 0.11   | 0.03         | 0.03   | 0.37     | 0.38    | 0.38    |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.21             | 0.21   | 0.17         | -0.01  | 0.58     | 0.60    | 0.62    |

|                    | HII25km | HII10km | LandArea15km | LandArea50km | NPP_max | NPP_mean |
|--------------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| aspect             | -0.02   | 0.03    | 0.05         | 0.01         | -0.02   | -0.02    |
| WWE                | -0.36   | -0.06   | -0.07        | -0.29        | -0.63   | -0.70    |
| NDVI               | -0.30   | -0.29   | -0.29        | -0.28        | -0.18   | -0.15    |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.43    | 0.08    | 0.22         | 0.54         | 0.74    | 0.82     |
| Population50km     | 0.56    | 0.27    | 0.22         | 0.47         | 0.68    | 0.70     |
| Population20km     | 0.50    | 0.21    | 0.19         | 0.40         | 0.61    | 0.65     |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 0.42    | 0.07    | 0.21         | 0.52         | 0.71    | 0.80     |
| ChlaSD             | 0.38    | 0.08    | 0.22         | 0.44         | 0.44    | 0.43     |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.27    | 0.12    | 0.26         | 0.29         | 0.14    | 0.09     |
| ChlaCV             | -0.08   | 0.05    | -0.16        | -0.17        | -0.12   | -0.03    |
| HII100km           | 0.76    | 0.50    | 0.56         | 0.83         | 0.64    | 0.63     |
| HII75km            | 0.82    | 0.54    | 0.59         | 0.86         | 0.68    | 0.66     |
| HII50km            | 0.90    | 0.60    | 0.62         | 0.87         | 0.67    | 0.66     |
| HII25km            | 1.00    | 0.79    | 0.79         | 0.81         | 0.52    | 0.49     |
| HII10km            | 0.79    | 1.00    | 0.76         | 0.52         | 0.20    | 0.16     |
| LandArea15km       | 0.79    | 0.76    | 1.00         | 0.76         | 0.38    | 0.32     |
| LandArea50km       | 0.81    | 0.52    | 0.76         | 1.00         | 0.62    | 0.61     |
| NPP_max            | 0.52    | 0.20    | 0.38         | 0.62         | 1.00    | 0.94     |
| NPP_mean           | 0.49    | 0.16    | 0.32         | 0.61         | 0.94    | 1.00     |
| NPP_min            | 0.43    | 0.11    | 0.29         | 0.59         | 0.85    | 0.96     |
| NPP_sd             | 0.46    | 0.19    | 0.31         | 0.48         | 0.94    | 0.81     |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.17   | -0.19   | -0.12        | -0.14        | -0.10   | -0.07    |
| ReefArea200km      | -0.11   | -0.23   | -0.19        | 0.02         | 0.07    | 0.11     |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.21   | -0.07   | -0.25        | -0.27        | -0.20   | -0.17    |
| MMM                | -0.04   | -0.05   | -0.10        | -0.18        | 0.03    | -0.05    |
| sdSST              | 0.13    | 0.04    | 0.08         | 0.23         | 0.25    | 0.29     |
| cvSST              | 0.14    | 0.05    | 0.10         | 0.24         | 0.24    | 0.29     |
| kurtSST            | 0.03    | 0.00    | 0.09         | -0.02        | -0.03   | -0.07    |

|                         | HII25km | HII10km | LandArea15km | LandArea50km | NPP_max | NPP_mean |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.04    | 0.07    | 0.00         | -0.03        | -0.10   | -0.06    |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.01   | 0.07    | -0.06        | -0.11        | -0.14   | -0.13    |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 0.12    | 0.14    | 0.03         | 0.03         | -0.07   | -0.06    |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | 0.01    | 0.07    | -0.02        | -0.05        | -0.07   | -0.05    |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.06    | 0.08    | -0.02        | -0.01        | -0.08   | -0.07    |
| maxDHW                  | -0.27   | -0.21   | -0.15        | -0.22        | -0.20   | -0.16    |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.17   | -0.16   | -0.11        | -0.15        | -0.12   | -0.06    |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.21   | -0.17   | -0.14        | -0.19        | -0.15   | -0.10    |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.12   | -0.10   | -0.10        | -0.11        | -0.08   | -0.04    |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.06   | -0.08   | -0.02        | -0.07        | -0.04   | -0.09    |
| RankMonth_SST           | 0.01    | -0.04   | -0.04        | -0.01        | 0.01    | -0.02    |
| Depth                   | -0.10   | 0.01    | -0.21        | -0.25        | -0.17   | -0.19    |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.05   | 0.01    | -0.13        | -0.15        | 0.00    | -0.05    |
| Latitude                | 0.26    | 0.31    | 0.19         | 0.04         | -0.11   | -0.17    |
| Longitude               | 0.02    | -0.03   | 0.14         | 0.08         | -0.07   | -0.05    |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.10    | 0.03    | 0.02         | 0.19         | 0.22    | 0.18     |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.06    | -0.07   | -0.05        | 0.12         | 0.08    | 0.06     |
| CycloneScore            | -0.16   | -0.24   | -0.07        | 0.02         | 0.17    | 0.15     |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.17    | 0.16    | 0.08         | 0.13         | 0.13    | 0.07     |
| MarketGravity           | 0.48    | 0.40    | 0.34         | 0.39         | 0.44    | 0.36     |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.55    | 0.53    | 0.51         | 0.47         | 0.28    | 0.25     |
| NutrientScore           | 0.62    | 0.45    | 0.47         | 0.61         | 0.54    | 0.51     |
| Ports                   | 0.02    | 0.11    | 0.05         | -0.03        | 0.05    | 0.02     |
| TourismValue            | 0.35    | 0.40    | 0.32         | 0.32         | 0.20    | 0.16     |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.62    | 0.61    | 0.53         | 0.51         | 0.41    | 0.34     |

|                    | NPP_min | NPP_sd | ReefArea15km | ReefArea200km | MeanWaveEnergy | MMM   |
|--------------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| aspect             | -0.04   | -0.01  | -0.06        | -0.04         | 0.05           | -0.14 |
| WWE                | -0.62   | -0.60  | 0.04         | -0.03         | 0.09           | -0.15 |
| NDVI               | -0.13   | -0.17  | 0.28         | 0.25          | 0.00           | -0.03 |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.78    | 0.61   | 0.01         | 0.18          | -0.26          | -0.02 |
| Population50km     | 0.64    | 0.63   | -0.07        | 0.01          | -0.17          | 0.06  |
| Population20km     | 0.57    | 0.60   | -0.05        | 0.02          | -0.13          | 0.13  |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 0.77    | 0.58   | 0.03         | 0.20          | -0.27          | -0.01 |
| ChlaSD             | 0.42    | 0.36   | 0.00         | 0.13          | -0.23          | 0.00  |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.10    | 0.10   | -0.02        | -0.04         | -0.13          | 0.07  |
| ChlaCV             | -0.01   | -0.14  | 0.01         | 0.07          | 0.13           | -0.15 |
| HII100km           | 0.59    | 0.53   | -0.13        | 0.08          | -0.25          | -0.09 |
| HII75km            | 0.62    | 0.57   | -0.14        | 0.04          | -0.24          | -0.08 |
| HII50km            | 0.61    | 0.58   | -0.17        | -0.03         | -0.22          | -0.07 |
| HII25km            | 0.43    | 0.46   | -0.17        | -0.11         | -0.21          | -0.04 |
| HII10km            | 0.11    | 0.19   | -0.19        | -0.23         | -0.07          | -0.05 |
| LandArea15km       | 0.29    | 0.31   | -0.12        | -0.19         | -0.25          | -0.10 |
| LandArea50km       | 0.59    | 0.48   | -0.14        | 0.02          | -0.27          | -0.18 |
| NPP_max            | 0.85    | 0.94   | -0.10        | 0.07          | -0.20          | 0.03  |
| NPP_mean           | 0.96    | 0.81   | -0.07        | 0.11          | -0.17          | -0.05 |
| NPP_min            | 1.00    | 0.67   | -0.03        | 0.14          | -0.16          | -0.11 |
| NPP_sd             | 0.67    | 1.00   | -0.17        | -0.03         | -0.13          | 0.12  |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.03   | -0.17  | 1.00         | 0.51          | -0.36          | 0.12  |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.14    | -0.03  | 0.51         | 1.00          | -0.23          | -0.12 |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.16   | -0.13  | -0.36        | -0.23         | 1.00           | -0.30 |
| MMM                | -0.11   | 0.12   | 0.12         | -0.12         | -0.30          | 1.00  |
| sdSST              | 0.29    | 0.17   | -0.03        | 0.36          | 0.02           | -0.56 |
| cvSST              | 0.30    | 0.16   | -0.04        | 0.35          | 0.03           | -0.60 |
| kurtSST            | -0.09   | 0.00   | 0.04         | -0.35         | -0.28          | 0.55  |

|                         | NPP_min | NPP_sd | ReefArea15km | ReefArea200km | MeanWaveEnergy | MMM   |
|-------------------------|---------|--------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | -0.08   | -0.09  | 0.01         | -0.08         | -0.09          | -0.07 |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.15   | -0.10  | -0.04        | -0.03         | 0.03           | 0.01  |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | -0.08   | -0.07  | 0.01         | 0.17          | -0.07          | -0.04 |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | -0.07   | -0.05  | -0.08        | -0.02         | 0.02           | -0.06 |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | -0.08   | -0.08  | -0.01        | 0.22          | -0.06          | -0.07 |
| maxDHW                  | -0.14   | -0.24  | 0.09         | -0.07         | 0.01           | -0.13 |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.05   | -0.15  | 0.06         | 0.02          | 0.09           | -0.16 |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.09   | -0.17  | 0.03         | -0.08         | 0.12           | -0.14 |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.05   | -0.11  | 0.06         | -0.09         | 0.01           | -0.16 |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.11   | -0.02  | 0.11         | 0.01          | -0.23          | 0.26  |
| RankMonth_SST           | -0.04   | 0.02   | -0.05        | 0.12          | -0.06          | -0.23 |
| Depth                   | -0.22   | -0.10  | -0.12        | -0.01         | 0.32           | -0.08 |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.07   | 0.04   | 0.07         | 0.06          | 0.08           | 0.15  |
| Latitude                | -0.21   | -0.06  | 0.05         | -0.27         | -0.38          | 0.44  |
| Longitude               | -0.04   | -0.13  | 0.44         | 0.28          | -0.63          | 0.14  |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.17    | 0.22   | 0.06         | 0.36          | -0.05          | 0.16  |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.06    | 0.03   | 0.23         | 0.60          | -0.29          | 0.11  |
| CycloneScore            | 0.18    | 0.15   | 0.03         | 0.08          | 0.06           | 0.09  |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.04    | 0.17   | -0.03        | 0.07          | -0.07          | 0.21  |
| MarketGravity           | 0.32    | 0.44   | -0.08        | 0.05          | -0.12          | 0.12  |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.22    | 0.24   | -0.17        | -0.12         | -0.03          | 0.05  |
| NutrientScore           | 0.47    | 0.47   | -0.17        | 0.03          | -0.12          | -0.01 |
| Ports                   | 0.00    | 0.09   | -0.07        | -0.13         | 0.10           | 0.12  |
| TourismValue            | 0.12    | 0.21   | -0.15        | -0.04         | -0.07          | -0.04 |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.29    | 0.41   | -0.21        | -0.16         | -0.08          | 0.13  |



|                    | sdSST | cvSST | kurtSST | MeanNumAnnualStorms | NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus |
|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| aspect             | 0.06  | 0.06  | -0.07   | 0.00                | -0.02                  |
| WWE                | 0.05  | 0.05  | -0.11   | 0.10                | 0.07                   |
| NDVI               | 0.17  | 0.15  | -0.28   | 0.23                | 0.13                   |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.28  | 0.27  | -0.08   | -0.01               | -0.07                  |
| Population50km     | 0.11  | 0.11  | 0.04    | 0.07                | -0.07                  |
| Population20km     | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.09    | -0.08               | -0.08                  |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 0.31  | 0.31  | -0.10   | 0.00                | -0.06                  |
| ChlaSD             | 0.23  | 0.23  | -0.05   | -0.03               | -0.05                  |
| ChlaKurtosis       | -0.12 | -0.11 | 0.22    | -0.16               | -0.15                  |
| ChlaCV             | 0.11  | 0.11  | -0.17   | 0.05                | 0.06                   |
| HII100km           | 0.26  | 0.27  | -0.07   | 0.05                | -0.04                  |
| HII75km            | 0.23  | 0.24  | -0.05   | 0.02                | -0.06                  |
| HII50km            | 0.19  | 0.20  | -0.01   | 0.03                | -0.07                  |
| HII25km            | 0.13  | 0.14  | 0.03    | 0.04                | -0.01                  |
| HII10km            | 0.04  | 0.05  | 0.00    | 0.07                | 0.07                   |
| LandArea15km       | 0.08  | 0.10  | 0.09    | 0.00                | -0.06                  |
| LandArea50km       | 0.23  | 0.24  | -0.02   | -0.03               | -0.11                  |
| NPP_max            | 0.25  | 0.24  | -0.03   | -0.10               | -0.14                  |
| NPP_mean           | 0.29  | 0.29  | -0.07   | -0.06               | -0.13                  |
| NPP_min            | 0.29  | 0.30  | -0.09   | -0.08               | -0.15                  |
| NPP_sd             | 0.17  | 0.16  | 0.00    | -0.09               | -0.10                  |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.03 | -0.04 | 0.04    | 0.01                | -0.04                  |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.36  | 0.35  | -0.35   | -0.08               | -0.03                  |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | 0.02  | 0.03  | -0.28   | -0.09               | 0.03                   |
| MMM                | -0.56 | -0.60 | 0.55    | -0.07               | 0.01                   |
| sdSST              | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.87   | 0.46                | 0.35                   |
| cvSST              | 1.00  | 1.00  | -0.86   | 0.45                | 0.34                   |
| kurtSST            | -0.87 | -0.86 | 1.00    | -0.41               | -0.37                  |

|                         | sdSST | cvSST | kurtSST | MeanNumAnnualStorms | NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|---------|---------------------|------------------------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.46  | 0.45  | -0.41   | 1.00                | 0.77                   |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | 0.35  | 0.34  | -0.37   | 0.77                | 1.00                   |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 0.35  | 0.34  | -0.31   | 0.43                | 0.64                   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | 0.49  | 0.48  | -0.47   | 0.84                | 0.95                   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.44  | 0.43  | -0.39   | 0.47                | 0.61                   |
| maxDHW                  | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.10    | 0.00                | -0.05                  |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | 0.17  | 0.16  | -0.11   | -0.01               | -0.04                  |
| DHW_over_4              | 0.07  | 0.07  | -0.02   | -0.07               | -0.10                  |
| DHW_over_8              | 0.03  | 0.03  | 0.09    | -0.10               | -0.12                  |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.25 | -0.26 | 0.30    | -0.07               | -0.10                  |
| RankMonth_SST           | 0.09  | 0.10  | -0.08   | -0.01               | -0.09                  |
| Depth                   | 0.08  | 0.07  | -0.18   | 0.07                | 0.12                   |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | 0.02  | 0.00  | -0.11   | 0.02                | -0.01                  |
| Latitude                | -0.43 | -0.42 | 0.54    | 0.14                | 0.02                   |
| Longitude               | 0.07  | 0.08  | 0.03    | 0.26                | 0.06                   |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.04  | 0.03  | -0.16   | -0.14               | -0.07                  |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.19  | 0.18  | -0.17   | -0.09               | -0.09                  |
| CycloneScore            | -0.42 | -0.42 | 0.38    | -0.83               | -0.63                  |
| HistoricHeatStress      | -0.07 | -0.07 | -0.03   | 0.06                | 0.07                   |
| MarketGravity           | 0.15  | 0.14  | -0.04   | -0.17               | -0.12                  |
| SedimentationScore      | -0.04 | -0.02 | 0.11    | -0.08               | -0.01                  |
| NutrientScore           | 0.20  | 0.21  | -0.05   | -0.09               | -0.06                  |
| Ports                   | -0.11 | -0.12 | 0.09    | -0.06               | 0.02                   |
| TourismValue            | 0.15  | 0.15  | -0.13   | 0.08                | 0.11                   |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.10    | -0.12               | -0.04                  |

|                    | NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus | NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| aspect             | -0.02                  | 0.00                    | -0.02                   |
| WWE                | 0.04                   | 0.07                    | 0.04                    |
| NDVI               | -0.07                  | 0.16                    | -0.01                   |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | -0.04                  | -0.01                   | -0.04                   |
| Population50km     | 0.01                   | -0.01                   | -0.03                   |
| Population20km     | -0.02                  | -0.07                   | -0.04                   |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | -0.03                  | 0.01                    | -0.03                   |
| ChlaSD             | -0.04                  | -0.03                   | -0.06                   |
| ChlaKurtosis       | -0.08                  | -0.16                   | -0.09                   |
| ChlaCV             | 0.07                   | 0.05                    | 0.09                    |
| HII100km           | 0.13                   | 0.02                    | 0.08                    |
| HII75km            | 0.10                   | 0.00                    | 0.05                    |
| HII50km            | 0.09                   | -0.01                   | 0.04                    |
| HII25km            | 0.12                   | 0.01                    | 0.06                    |
| HII10km            | 0.14                   | 0.07                    | 0.08                    |
| LandArea15km       | 0.03                   | -0.02                   | -0.02                   |
| LandArea50km       | 0.03                   | -0.05                   | -0.01                   |
| NPP_max            | -0.07                  | -0.07                   | -0.08                   |
| NPP_mean           | -0.06                  | -0.05                   | -0.07                   |
| NPP_min            | -0.08                  | -0.07                   | -0.08                   |
| NPP_sd             | -0.07                  | -0.05                   | -0.08                   |
| ReefArea15km       | 0.01                   | -0.08                   | -0.01                   |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.17                   | -0.02                   | 0.22                    |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.07                  | 0.02                    | -0.06                   |
| MMM                | -0.04                  | -0.06                   | -0.07                   |
| sdSST              | 0.35                   | 0.49                    | 0.44                    |
| cvSST              | 0.34                   | 0.48                    | 0.43                    |
| kurtSST            | -0.31                  | -0.47                   | -0.39                   |

|                         | NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus | NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.43                   | 0.84                    | 0.47                    |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | 0.64                   | 0.95                    | 0.61                    |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 1.00                   | 0.59                    | 0.87                    |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | 0.59                   | 1.00                    | 0.64                    |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.87                   | 0.64                    | 1.00                    |
| maxDHW                  | -0.13                  | -0.06                   | -0.14                   |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.10                  | -0.02                   | -0.09                   |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.13                  | -0.09                   | -0.11                   |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.11                  | -0.13                   | -0.14                   |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.01                  | -0.13                   | -0.01                   |
| RankMonth_SST           | 0.09                   | -0.07                   | 0.14                    |
| Depth                   | 0.19                   | 0.11                    | 0.19                    |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.14                  | -0.02                   | -0.09                   |
| Latitude                | 0.21                   | -0.04                   | 0.12                    |
| Longitude               | 0.05                   | 0.10                    | 0.06                    |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.06                   | -0.07                   | 0.07                    |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.16                   | -0.08                   | 0.21                    |
| CycloneScore            | -0.56                  | -0.68                   | -0.58                   |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.18                   | 0.06                    | 0.16                    |
| MarketGravity           | 0.17                   | -0.08                   | 0.16                    |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.16                   | -0.04                   | 0.08                    |
| NutrientScore           | 0.16                   | -0.04                   | 0.10                    |
| Ports                   | -0.05                  | 0.00                    | -0.06                   |
| TourismValue            | 0.27                   | 0.12                    | 0.24                    |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.20                   | -0.05                   | 0.12                    |

|                    | maxDHW | AnnualMeanMaxDHW | DHW_over_4 | DHW_over_8 | MeanSST_surveymonth |
|--------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| aspect             | 0.00   | 0.06             | 0.04       | 0.00       | -0.01               |
| WWE                | 0.14   | 0.11             | 0.11       | 0.06       | -0.05               |
| NDVI               | 0.09   | 0.22             | 0.17       | 0.02       | -0.01               |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | -0.07  | -0.08            | -0.11      | -0.04      | -0.06               |
| Population50km     | -0.22  | -0.15            | -0.16      | -0.11      | 0.02                |
| Population20km     | -0.17  | -0.14            | -0.13      | -0.08      | 0.04                |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | -0.06  | -0.06            | -0.09      | -0.04      | -0.08               |
| ChlaSD             | -0.08  | -0.07            | -0.09      | -0.06      | -0.10               |
| ChlaKurtosis       | -0.11  | -0.07            | -0.09      | -0.06      | 0.03                |
| ChlaCV             | 0.18   | 0.20             | 0.15       | 0.19       | -0.14               |
| HII100km           | -0.32  | -0.19            | -0.23      | -0.19      | -0.06               |
| HII75km            | -0.33  | -0.20            | -0.24      | -0.18      | -0.07               |
| HII50km            | -0.32  | -0.21            | -0.25      | -0.16      | -0.07               |
| HII25km            | -0.27  | -0.17            | -0.21      | -0.12      | -0.06               |
| HII10km            | -0.21  | -0.16            | -0.17      | -0.10      | -0.08               |
| LandArea15km       | -0.15  | -0.11            | -0.14      | -0.10      | -0.02               |
| LandArea50km       | -0.22  | -0.15            | -0.19      | -0.11      | -0.07               |
| NPP_max            | -0.20  | -0.12            | -0.15      | -0.08      | -0.04               |
| NPP_mean           | -0.16  | -0.06            | -0.10      | -0.04      | -0.09               |
| NPP_min            | -0.14  | -0.05            | -0.09      | -0.05      | -0.11               |
| NPP_sd             | -0.24  | -0.15            | -0.17      | -0.11      | -0.02               |
| ReefArea15km       | 0.09   | 0.06             | 0.03       | 0.06       | 0.11                |
| ReefArea200km      | -0.07  | 0.02             | -0.08      | -0.09      | 0.01                |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | 0.01   | 0.09             | 0.12       | 0.01       | -0.23               |
| MMM                | -0.13  | -0.16            | -0.14      | -0.16      | 0.26                |
| sdSST              | -0.02  | 0.17             | 0.07       | 0.03       | -0.25               |
| cvSST              | -0.01  | 0.16             | 0.07       | 0.03       | -0.26               |
| kurtSST            | 0.10   | -0.11            | -0.02      | 0.09       | 0.30                |

|                         | maxDHW | AnnualMeanMaxDHW | DHW_over_4 | DHW_over_8 | MeanSST_surveymonth |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | 0.00   | -0.01            | -0.07      | -0.10      | -0.07               |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.05  | -0.04            | -0.10      | -0.12      | -0.10               |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | -0.13  | -0.10            | -0.13      | -0.11      | -0.01               |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | -0.06  | -0.02            | -0.09      | -0.13      | -0.13               |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | -0.14  | -0.09            | -0.11      | -0.14      | -0.01               |
| maxDHW                  | 1.00   | 0.71             | 0.67       | 0.85       | 0.06                |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | 0.71   | 1.00             | 0.94       | 0.78       | -0.05               |
| DHW_over_4              | 0.67   | 0.94             | 1.00       | 0.75       | -0.03               |
| DHW_over_8              | 0.85   | 0.78             | 0.75       | 1.00       | 0.01                |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | 0.06   | -0.05            | -0.03      | 0.01       | 1.00                |
| RankMonth_SST           | -0.09  | -0.26            | -0.27      | -0.12      | 0.41                |
| Depth                   | -0.02  | 0.09             | 0.10       | 0.04       | -0.04               |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.05  | 0.00             | -0.03      | 0.02       | 0.05                |
| Latitude                | 0.02   | -0.21            | -0.15      | 0.02       | 0.28                |
| Longitude               | 0.01   | -0.02            | -0.05      | -0.06      | 0.20                |
| OverallClimateScore     | -0.78  | -0.67            | -0.66      | -0.78      | -0.02               |
| ConnectivityScore       | -0.26  | -0.10            | -0.16      | -0.23      | 0.08                |
| CycloneScore            | 0.04   | 0.06             | 0.10       | 0.11       | 0.00                |
| HistoricHeatStress      | -0.82  | -0.91            | -0.85      | -0.84      | 0.04                |
| MarketGravity           | -0.46  | -0.23            | -0.21      | -0.20      | -0.03               |
| SedimentationScore      | -0.23  | -0.18            | -0.20      | -0.16      | -0.05               |
| NutrientScore           | -0.34  | -0.19            | -0.23      | -0.19      | -0.06               |
| Ports                   | -0.01  | -0.08            | -0.07      | -0.02      | 0.06                |
| TourismValue            | -0.31  | -0.28            | -0.27      | -0.24      | -0.03               |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | -0.40  | -0.33            | -0.31      | -0.23      | -0.02               |

|                    | RankMonth_SST | Depth | MeanPARSurveyMonth | Latitude | Longitude |
|--------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| aspect             | 0.01          | 0.03  | -0.09              | -0.06    | 0.04      |
| WWE                | -0.04         | 0.08  | 0.05               | -0.03    | 0.00      |
| NDVI               | -0.05         | 0.03  | 0.16               | -0.27    | 0.22      |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | -0.01         | -0.23 | -0.06              | -0.15    | 0.09      |
| Population50km     | 0.03          | -0.08 | -0.02              | 0.17     | 0.01      |
| Population20km     | 0.03          | -0.11 | -0.03              | 0.08     | 0.00      |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | -0.04         | -0.22 | -0.07              | -0.16    | 0.10      |
| ChlaSD             | -0.07         | -0.19 | -0.03              | -0.10    | 0.10      |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.02          | -0.09 | -0.04              | 0.07     | 0.03      |
| ChlaCV             | -0.05         | 0.16  | 0.01               | -0.08    | -0.19     |
| HII100km           | -0.02         | -0.07 | -0.06              | 0.14     | 0.04      |
| HII75km            | -0.01         | -0.10 | -0.07              | 0.14     | 0.01      |
| HII50km            | 0.02          | -0.13 | -0.06              | 0.18     | -0.01     |
| HII25km            | 0.01          | -0.10 | -0.05              | 0.26     | 0.02      |
| HII10km            | -0.04         | 0.01  | 0.01               | 0.31     | -0.03     |
| LandArea15km       | -0.04         | -0.21 | -0.13              | 0.19     | 0.14      |
| LandArea50km       | -0.01         | -0.25 | -0.15              | 0.04     | 0.08      |
| NPP_max            | 0.01          | -0.17 | 0.00               | -0.11    | -0.07     |
| NPP_mean           | -0.02         | -0.19 | -0.05              | -0.17    | -0.05     |
| NPP_min            | -0.04         | -0.22 | -0.07              | -0.21    | -0.04     |
| NPP_sd             | 0.02          | -0.10 | 0.04               | -0.06    | -0.13     |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.05         | -0.12 | 0.07               | 0.05     | 0.44      |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.12          | -0.01 | 0.06               | -0.27    | 0.28      |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.06         | 0.32  | 0.08               | -0.38    | -0.63     |
| MMM                | -0.23         | -0.08 | 0.15               | 0.44     | 0.14      |
| sdSST              | 0.09          | 0.08  | 0.02               | -0.43    | 0.07      |
| cvSST              | 0.10          | 0.07  | 0.00               | -0.42    | 0.08      |
| kurtSST            | -0.08         | -0.18 | -0.11              | 0.54     | 0.03      |

|                         | RankMonth_SST | Depth | MeanPARSurveyMonth | Latitude | Longitude |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|----------|-----------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | -0.01         | 0.07  | 0.02               | 0.14     | 0.26      |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.09         | 0.12  | -0.01              | 0.02     | 0.06      |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 0.09          | 0.19  | -0.14              | 0.21     | 0.05      |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | -0.07         | 0.11  | -0.02              | -0.04    | 0.10      |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.14          | 0.19  | -0.09              | 0.12     | 0.06      |
| maxDHW                  | -0.09         | -0.02 | -0.05              | 0.02     | 0.01      |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.26         | 0.09  | 0.00               | -0.21    | -0.02     |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.27         | 0.10  | -0.03              | -0.15    | -0.05     |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.12         | 0.04  | 0.02               | 0.02     | -0.06     |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | 0.41          | -0.04 | 0.05               | 0.28     | 0.20      |
| RankMonth_SST           | 1.00          | -0.02 | 0.06               | 0.07     | 0.03      |
| Depth                   | -0.02         | 1.00  | 0.10               | 0.04     | -0.18     |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | 0.06          | 0.10  | 1.00               | -0.10    | -0.06     |
| Latitude                | 0.07          | 0.04  | -0.10              | 1.00     | 0.30      |
| Longitude               | 0.03          | -0.18 | -0.06              | 0.30     | 1.00      |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.16          | -0.11 | 0.11               | -0.20    | 0.05      |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.15          | -0.01 | 0.13               | -0.11    | 0.24      |
| CycloneScore            | -0.16         | -0.21 | 0.04               | -0.36    | -0.23     |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.24          | -0.04 | 0.07               | 0.20     | 0.09      |
| MarketGravity           | 0.03          | 0.08  | 0.08               | 0.14     | -0.02     |
| SedimentationScore      | -0.06         | -0.04 | -0.18              | 0.16     | -0.26     |
| NutrientScore           | -0.02         | -0.06 | -0.04              | 0.05     | -0.13     |
| Ports                   | -0.06         | 0.07  | 0.02               | 0.13     | -0.02     |
| TourismValue            | 0.19          | 0.00  | -0.05              | 0.11     | -0.09     |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.02          | -0.01 | -0.06              | 0.27     | -0.19     |



|                    | OverallClimateScore | ConnectivityScore | CycloneScore | HistoricHeatStress | MarketGravity |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| aspect             | -0.06               | -0.10             | -0.03        | -0.04              | -0.05         |
| WWE                | -0.11               | 0.02              | -0.10        | -0.12              | -0.17         |
| NDVI               | 0.03                | 0.15              | -0.09        | -0.13              | -0.30         |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.15                | 0.09              | 0.10         | 0.05               | 0.20          |
| Population50km     | 0.13                | 0.02              | -0.05        | 0.19               | 0.34          |
| Population20km     | 0.15                | 0.03              | 0.08         | 0.16               | 0.26          |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 0.15                | 0.10              | 0.09         | 0.04               | 0.21          |
| ChlaSD             | 0.14                | 0.10              | 0.09         | 0.06               | 0.20          |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.05                | 0.05              | 0.14         | 0.02               | 0.13          |
| ChlaCV             | -0.20               | -0.05             | -0.09        | -0.23              | -0.09         |
| HII100km           | 0.25                | 0.21              | -0.11        | 0.23               | 0.52          |
| HII75km            | 0.25                | 0.17              | -0.07        | 0.23               | 0.53          |
| HII50km            | 0.21                | 0.11              | -0.09        | 0.23               | 0.52          |
| HII25km            | 0.10                | 0.06              | -0.16        | 0.17               | 0.48          |
| HII10km            | 0.03                | -0.07             | -0.24        | 0.16               | 0.40          |
| LandArea15km       | 0.02                | -0.05             | -0.07        | 0.08               | 0.34          |
| LandArea50km       | 0.19                | 0.12              | 0.02         | 0.13               | 0.39          |
| NPP_max            | 0.22                | 0.08              | 0.17         | 0.13               | 0.44          |
| NPP_mean           | 0.18                | 0.06              | 0.15         | 0.07               | 0.36          |
| NPP_min            | 0.17                | 0.06              | 0.18         | 0.04               | 0.32          |
| NPP_sd             | 0.22                | 0.03              | 0.15         | 0.17               | 0.44          |
| ReefArea15km       | 0.06                | 0.23              | 0.03         | -0.03              | -0.08         |
| ReefArea200km      | 0.36                | 0.60              | 0.08         | 0.07               | 0.05          |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.05               | -0.29             | 0.06         | -0.07              | -0.12         |
| MMM                | 0.16                | 0.11              | 0.09         | 0.21               | 0.12          |
| sdSST              | 0.04                | 0.19              | -0.42        | -0.07              | 0.15          |
| cvSST              | 0.03                | 0.18              | -0.42        | -0.07              | 0.14          |
| kurtSST            | -0.16               | -0.17             | 0.38         | -0.03              | -0.04         |

|                         | OverallClimateScore | ConnectivityScore | CycloneScore | HistoricHeatStress | MarketGravity |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | -0.14               | -0.09             | -0.83        | 0.06               | -0.17         |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.07               | -0.09             | -0.63        | 0.07               | -0.12         |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 0.06                | 0.16              | -0.56        | 0.18               | 0.17          |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | -0.07               | -0.08             | -0.68        | 0.06               | -0.08         |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.07                | 0.21              | -0.58        | 0.16               | 0.16          |
| maxDHW                  | -0.78               | -0.26             | 0.04         | -0.82              | -0.46         |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.67               | -0.10             | 0.06         | -0.91              | -0.23         |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.66               | -0.16             | 0.10         | -0.85              | -0.21         |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.78               | -0.23             | 0.11         | -0.84              | -0.20         |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.02               | 0.08              | 0.00         | 0.04               | -0.03         |
| RankMonth_SST           | 0.16                | 0.15              | -0.16        | 0.24               | 0.03          |
| Depth                   | -0.11               | -0.01             | -0.21        | -0.04              | 0.08          |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | 0.11                | 0.13              | 0.04         | 0.07               | 0.08          |
| Latitude                | -0.20               | -0.11             | -0.36        | 0.20               | 0.14          |
| Longitude               | 0.05                | 0.24              | -0.23        | 0.09               | -0.02         |
| OverallClimateScore     | 1.00                | 0.60              | 0.13         | 0.81               | 0.38          |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.60                | 1.00              | 0.03         | 0.22               | 0.30          |
| CycloneScore            | 0.13                | 0.03              | 1.00         | -0.14              | 0.02          |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.81                | 0.22              | -0.14        | 1.00               | 0.35          |
| MarketGravity           | 0.38                | 0.30              | 0.02         | 0.35               | 1.00          |
| SedimentationScore      | 0.14                | 0.09              | -0.05        | 0.14               | 0.34          |
| NutrientScore           | 0.31                | 0.24              | 0.01         | 0.23               | 0.49          |
| Ports                   | -0.01               | -0.14             | 0.02         | 0.07               | 0.21          |
| TourismValue            | 0.29                | 0.15              | -0.24        | 0.33               | 0.45          |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.29                | 0.12              | -0.06        | 0.36               | 0.73          |

|                    | SedimentationScore | NutrientScore | Ports | TourismValue | CumulativeHumanImpacts |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| aspect             | 0.02               | -0.01         | -0.04 | 0.01         | -0.03                  |
| WWE                | -0.12              | -0.25         | -0.09 | -0.06        | -0.19                  |
| NDVI               | -0.35              | -0.30         | -0.17 | -0.30        | -0.49                  |
| MeanChlaSurveyYear | 0.18               | 0.37          | 0.02  | 0.10         | 0.22                   |
| Population50km     | 0.24               | 0.43          | 0.05  | 0.18         | 0.35                   |
| Population20km     | 0.18               | 0.32          | 0.07  | 0.11         | 0.28                   |
| MeanChlaAllYears   | 0.17               | 0.37          | 0.01  | 0.10         | 0.21                   |
| ChlaSD             | 0.17               | 0.30          | 0.00  | 0.11         | 0.21                   |
| ChlaKurtosis       | 0.20               | 0.19          | -0.01 | 0.03         | 0.17                   |
| ChlaCV             | 0.05               | -0.05         | 0.02  | 0.03         | -0.01                  |
| HII100km           | 0.46               | 0.71          | -0.04 | 0.37         | 0.58                   |
| HII75km            | 0.48               | 0.72          | -0.02 | 0.38         | 0.60                   |
| HII50km            | 0.51               | 0.69          | 0.00  | 0.38         | 0.62                   |
| HII25km            | 0.55               | 0.62          | 0.02  | 0.35         | 0.62                   |
| HII10km            | 0.53               | 0.45          | 0.11  | 0.40         | 0.61                   |
| LandArea15km       | 0.51               | 0.47          | 0.05  | 0.32         | 0.53                   |
| LandArea50km       | 0.47               | 0.61          | -0.03 | 0.32         | 0.51                   |
| NPP_max            | 0.28               | 0.54          | 0.05  | 0.20         | 0.41                   |
| NPP_mean           | 0.25               | 0.51          | 0.02  | 0.16         | 0.34                   |
| NPP_min            | 0.22               | 0.47          | 0.00  | 0.12         | 0.29                   |
| NPP_sd             | 0.24               | 0.47          | 0.09  | 0.21         | 0.41                   |
| ReefArea15km       | -0.17              | -0.17         | -0.07 | -0.15        | -0.21                  |
| ReefArea200km      | -0.12              | 0.03          | -0.13 | -0.04        | -0.16                  |
| MeanWaveEnergy     | -0.03              | -0.12         | 0.10  | -0.07        | -0.08                  |
| MMM                | 0.05               | -0.01         | 0.12  | -0.04        | 0.13                   |
| sdSST              | -0.04              | 0.20          | -0.11 | 0.15         | 0.00                   |
| cvSST              | -0.02              | 0.21          | -0.12 | 0.15         | 0.00                   |
| kurtSST            | 0.11               | -0.05         | 0.09  | -0.13        | 0.10                   |

|                         | SedimentationScore | NutrientScore | Ports | TourismValue | CumulativeHumanImpacts |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|------------------------|
| MeanNumAnnualStorms     | -0.08              | -0.09         | -0.06 | 0.08         | -0.12                  |
| NumStorms5Yrs_TropPlus  | -0.01              | -0.06         | 0.02  | 0.11         | -0.04                  |
| NumStorms5Yrs_Cat3Plus  | 0.16               | 0.16          | -0.05 | 0.27         | 0.20                   |
| NumStorms10Yrs_TropPlus | -0.04              | -0.04         | 0.00  | 0.12         | -0.05                  |
| NumStorms10Yrs_Cat3Plus | 0.08               | 0.10          | -0.06 | 0.24         | 0.12                   |
| maxDHW                  | -0.23              | -0.34         | -0.01 | -0.31        | -0.40                  |
| AnnualMeanMaxDHW        | -0.18              | -0.19         | -0.08 | -0.28        | -0.33                  |
| DHW_over_4              | -0.20              | -0.23         | -0.07 | -0.27        | -0.31                  |
| DHW_over_8              | -0.16              | -0.19         | -0.02 | -0.24        | -0.23                  |
| MeanSST_surveymonth     | -0.05              | -0.06         | 0.06  | -0.03        | -0.02                  |
| RankMonth_SST           | -0.06              | -0.02         | -0.06 | 0.19         | 0.02                   |
| Depth                   | -0.04              | -0.06         | 0.07  | 0.00         | -0.01                  |
| MeanPARSurveyMonth      | -0.18              | -0.04         | 0.02  | -0.05        | -0.06                  |
| Latitude                | 0.16               | 0.05          | 0.13  | 0.11         | 0.27                   |
| Longitude               | -0.26              | -0.13         | -0.02 | -0.09        | -0.19                  |
| OverallClimateScore     | 0.14               | 0.31          | -0.01 | 0.29         | 0.29                   |
| ConnectivityScore       | 0.09               | 0.24          | -0.14 | 0.15         | 0.12                   |
| CycloneScore            | -0.05              | 0.01          | 0.02  | -0.24        | -0.06                  |
| HistoricHeatStress      | 0.14               | 0.23          | 0.07  | 0.33         | 0.36                   |
| MarketGravity           | 0.34               | 0.49          | 0.21  | 0.45         | 0.73                   |
| SedimentationScore      | 1.00               | 0.67          | 0.05  | 0.45         | 0.76                   |
| NutrientScore           | 0.67               | 1.00          | -0.04 | 0.31         | 0.67                   |
| Ports                   | 0.05               | -0.04         | 1.00  | 0.14         | 0.36                   |
| TourismValue            | 0.45               | 0.31          | 0.14  | 1.00         | 0.73                   |
| CumulativeHumanImpacts  | 0.76               | 0.67          | 0.36  | 0.73         | 1.00                   |

887 **Supplementary Table 3.** Variable inflation scores used to select variables included in the  
 888 PERMANOVAs, for variables selected by the CCA. We excluded those with VIF > 10 (shaded).  
 889 For categorical variables with multiple levels (e.g. Contributor, Habitat, Management, Month by  
 890 SST, and Methods), we show the maximum VIF. The descriptions of each variable are in  
 891 Supplementary Table 1.  
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| All Sites                           |        |
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| Variable                            | VIF    |
| Contributor                         | 305.18 |
| Latitude                            | 22.64  |
| Month (ranked by SST)               | 4.98   |
| Storms within 5 years (Type 3 Plus) | 3.95   |
| maxDHW                              | 8.44   |
| Cumulative human impact             | 8.71   |
| Habitat                             | 4.15   |
| Nutrients (agriculture)             | 5.00   |
| Mean wave energy                    | 4.31   |
| Longitude                           | 10.93  |
| Cyclone score                       | 11.51  |
| NPP <sub>SD</sub>                   | 7.16   |
| Climate score                       | 16.54  |
| SST <sub>SD</sub>                   | 7.16   |
| Market gravity                      | 13.34  |
| MMM                                 | 2.15   |
| Depth                               | 2.65   |
| Reef area (200 km)                  | 3.29   |
| SST (kurtosis)                      | 67.29  |
| Connectivity score                  | 11.86  |
| Management                          | 6.77   |
| NDVI                                | 1.96   |
| Mean PAR (survey month)             | 5.00   |
| WWE                                 | 457.30 |
| Aspect                              | 3.12   |
| Chl <sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)         | 1.87   |

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| Realm 9. Mid-tropical North Pacific |          |
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| Variable                            | VIF      |
| Month (ranked by SST)               | 39.86    |
| sdSST                               | 1399.22  |
| Mean PAR (survey month)             | 17.98    |
| Cyclone score                       | 27.09    |
| Mean wave energy                    | 53.88    |
| MMM                                 | 87.97    |
| Connectivity score                  | 12.84    |
| Contributor                         | 2243.78  |
| Latitude                            | 12401.24 |
| SST (kurtosis)                      | 948.99   |
| Storms within 5 years (type 3 plus) | 2.97     |
| Nutrients (agriculture)             | 7.98     |

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| Realm 13. Indo-Pacific seas & Indian Ocean |        |
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| Variable                                   | VIF    |
| Contributor                                | 323.15 |
| SST <sub>SD</sub>                          | 57.29  |
| Month (ranked by SST)                      | 13.86  |
| Longitude                                  | 414.91 |
| Cumulative human impacts                   | 12.36  |
| Chl <sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)                | 2.12   |
| Latitude                                   | 89.97  |
| Reef area (200 km)                         | 7.31   |
| Depth                                      | 1.98   |
| Market gravity                             | 20.75  |
| Management                                 | 10.20  |
| NPP <sub>SD</sub>                          | 14.22  |
| NDVI                                       | 1.49   |
| Mean SST (month of survey)                 | 2.09   |
| Reef area (15km)                           | 3.61   |
| Nutrients (agriculture)                    | 11.63  |
| SST (kurtosis)                             | 44.96  |
| Mean wave energy                           | 3.31   |
| Climate score (overall)                    | 41.52  |
| Connectivity score                         | 15.41  |

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| Realm 16. Coral Sea                 |          |
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| Variable                            | VIF      |
| Contributor (max)                   | 19113.93 |
| Human population (20 km)            | 1535.29  |
| MaxDHW                              | 11.29    |
| Nutrients (agriculture)             | 4.79     |
| NDVI                                | 4.42     |
| Connectivity score                  | 38.02    |
| Climate score (overall)             | 35.05    |
| Latitude                            | 50.24    |
| Chl <sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)         | 5.67     |
| Mean wave energy                    | 4.42     |
| Storms within 5 years (Type 3 plus) | 1.49     |
| Mean PAR (survey month)             | 15.71    |
| Month (ranked by SST)               | 553.32   |
| Mean SST (survey month)             | 104.94   |
| Reef area (200 km)                  | 13.76    |
| Management                          | 10.09    |
| Cyclone score                       | 16.87    |
| NPP <sub>SD</sub>                   | 1.99     |

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| Realm 17. Mid South Tropical Pacific |          |
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| Variable                             | VIF      |
| Contributor (max)                    | 19113.93 |
| Cyclone score                        | 109.21   |
| Management                           | 3.79     |
| Aspect                               | 1.26     |
| Depth                                | 1.40     |
| Market Gravity                       | 14.57    |
| NDVI                                 | 1.65     |
| Mean PAR (survey month)              | 3.83     |
| Latitude                             | 1356.94  |
| MaxDHW                               | 99.48    |

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| Realm 20. Offshore West Pacific     |         |
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| Variable                            | VIF     |
| Contributor                         | 662.17  |
| Month (ranked by SST)               | 6177.86 |
| Longitude                           | 513.55  |
| MaxDHW                              | 86.85   |
| Mean SST (survey month)             | 3401.77 |
| Reef area (200 km)                  | 901.62  |
| Connectivity score                  | 163.17  |
| NDVI                                | 5.86    |
| WWE                                 | 5.34    |
| Aspect                              | 5.39    |
| Market gravity                      | 357.29  |
| Mean wave energy                    | 3.62    |
| Storms within 5 years (Type 3 Plus) | 161.77  |
| SST <sub>SD</sub>                   | 1443.77 |
| MMM                                 | 116.86  |
| Latitude                            | 8939.16 |
| SST (kurtosis)                      | 5442.84 |
| Cumulative human impacts            | 46.51   |
| Habitat                             | 11.85   |
| Human population (20 km)            | 22.96   |
| Mean PAR (survey month)             | 39.86   |
| Cyclone score                       | 1808.99 |
| Climate score (overall)             | 1476.10 |

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| Realm 29. NW Pacific        |       |
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| Variable                    | VIF   |
| Contributor                 | 60.62 |
| Depth                       | 10.38 |
| Chl <sub>a</sub> (kurtosis) | 4.38  |
| Connectivity score          | 11.38 |
| Nutrients (agriculture)     | 3.27  |
| Management                  | 8.51  |
| WWE                         | 1.91  |
| Reef area (15 km)           | 17.82 |

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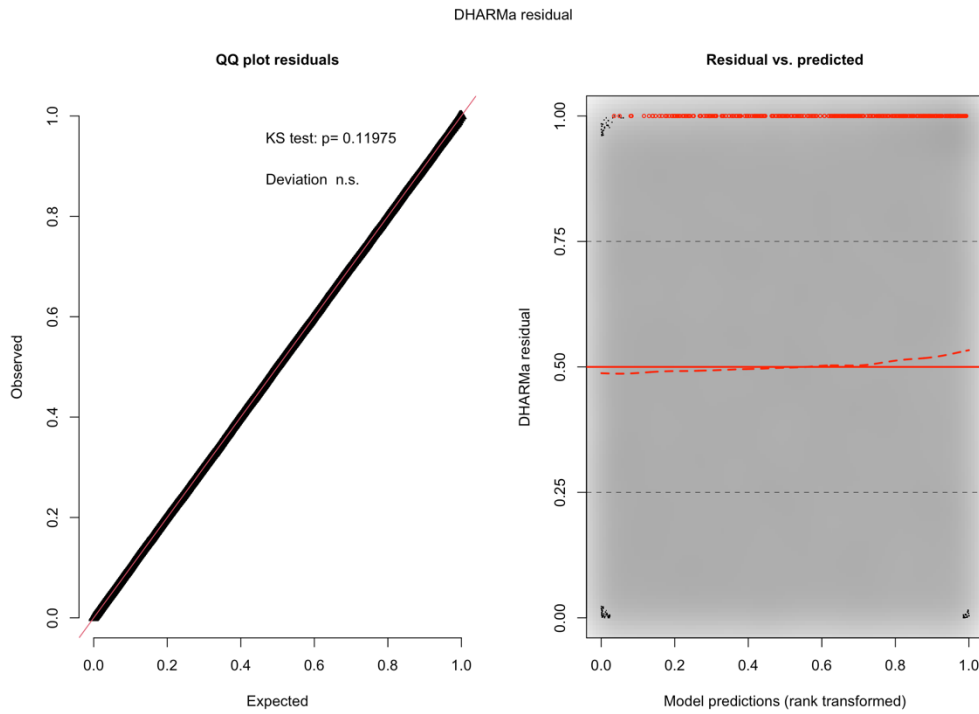


907 **Supplementary Materials 4. Diagnostic plots for beta-distributed zero-inflated GLMMS**

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909 **All Macroalgae.**

910 **a. Residual Plots**



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912 **b. Moran's Test**

913 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -0.27834, p-value = 0.6096

914 alternative hypothesis: greater

915 sample estimates:

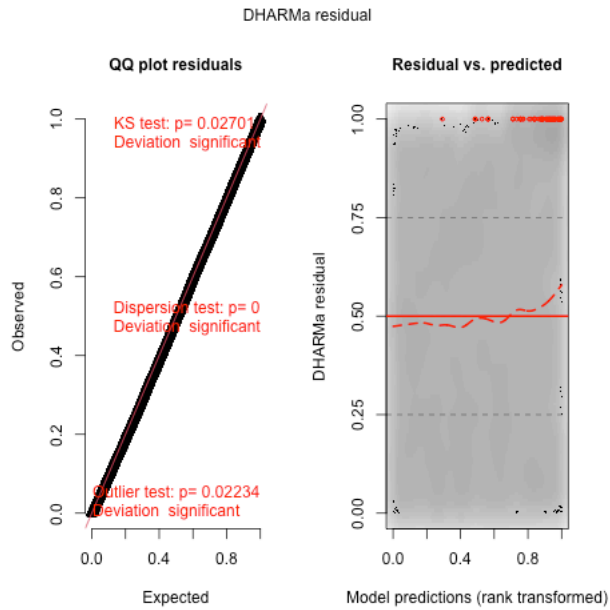
| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -8.623524e-04     | -9.254718e-06 | 9.394231e-06 |

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920 All Brown Macroalgae.  
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927 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -0.94013, p-value = 0.8264  
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 929 sample estimates:

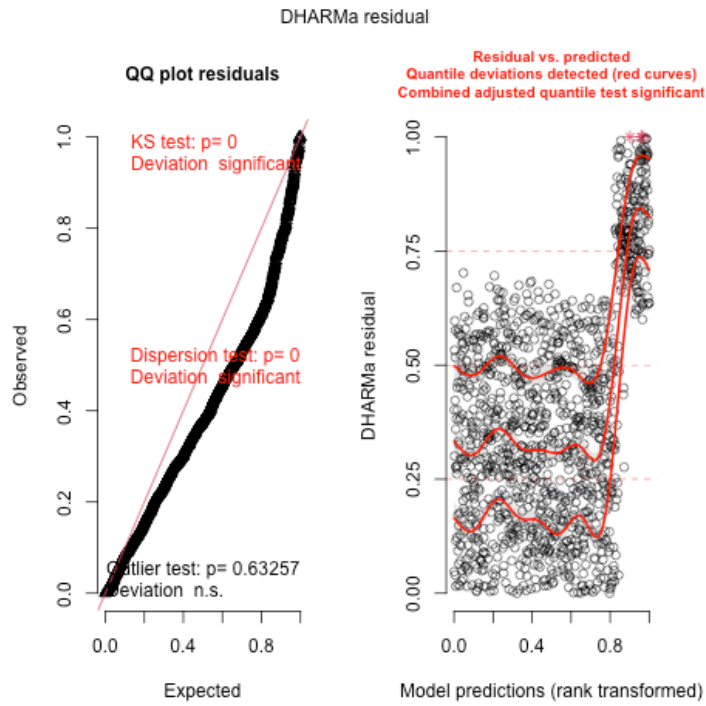
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| -6.742769e-03     | -4.736418e-05 | 5.071978e-05 |

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a. Residual Plots



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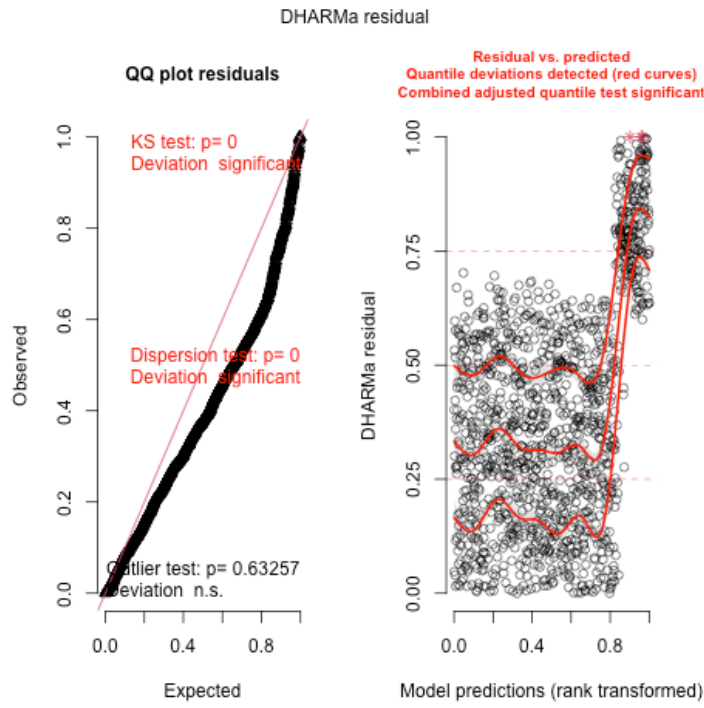
b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 2.511,  $p$ -value = 0.006019  
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.0897219292      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0012997689 |

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 950 a. Residual plots



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 952 b. Moran's test

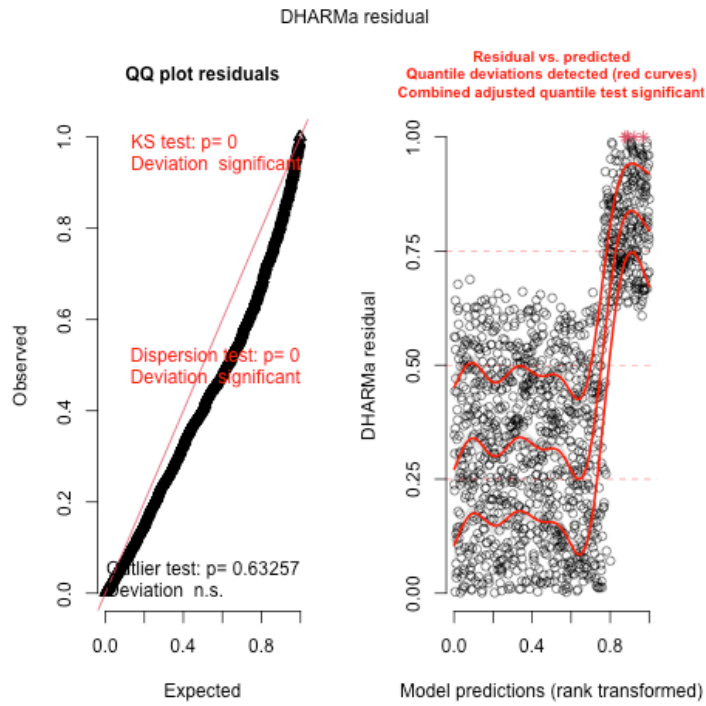
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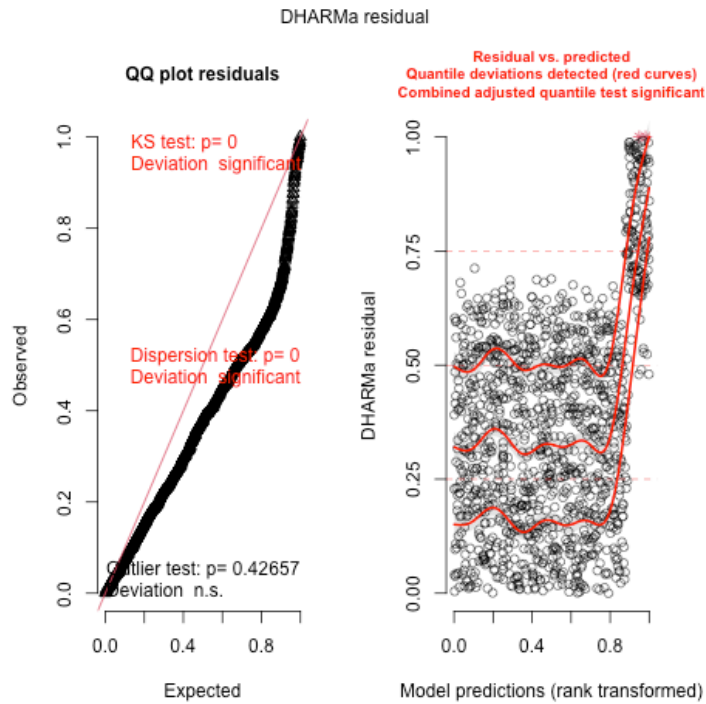
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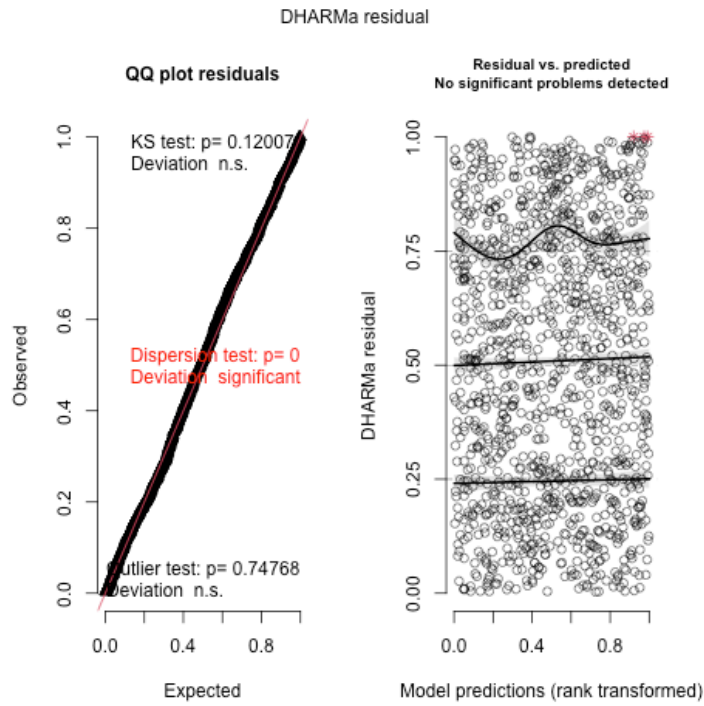
b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 6.3323, p-value = 1.208e-10  
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.2277455693      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0013026996 |



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 991 a. Residual Plots



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 993 b. Moran's Test

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 995 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -2.332, p-value = 0.9901  
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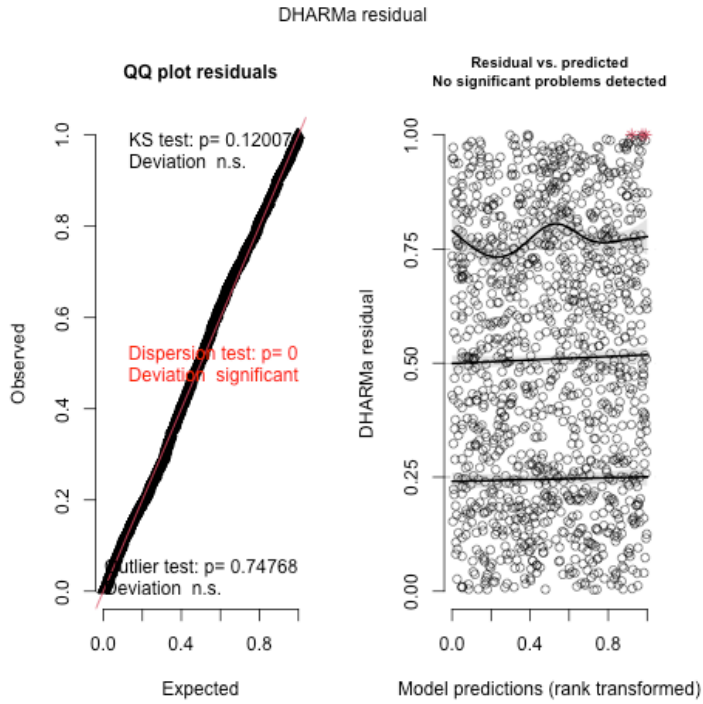
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**b. Moran's Test**

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 3.7477, p-value = 8.923e-05

alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

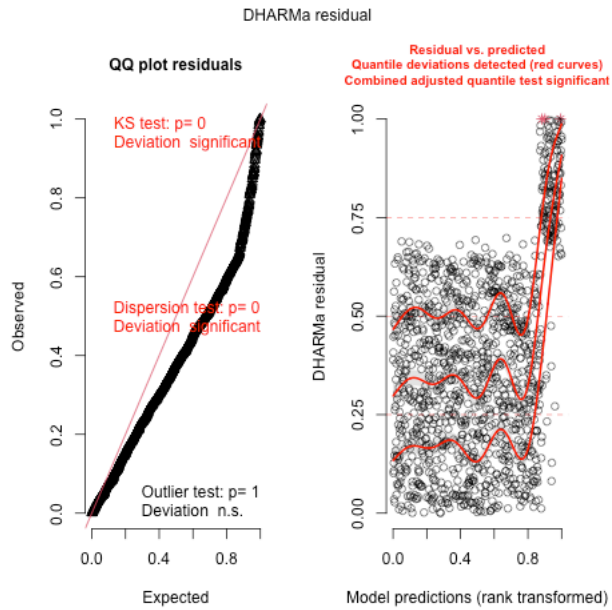
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b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = -29.869, p-value = 1

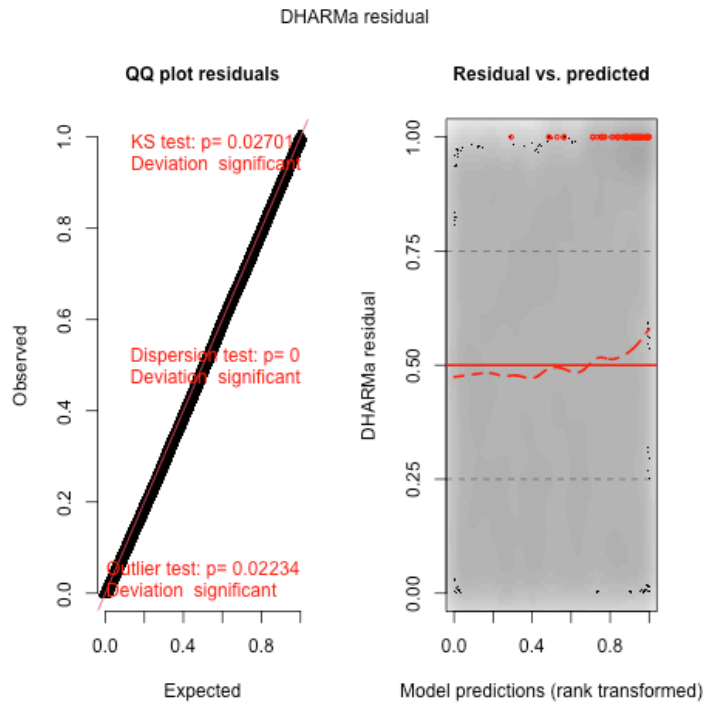
alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -0.9648241706     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0010416729 |



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 1031 a. Residual Plots



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 1033 b. Moran's Test

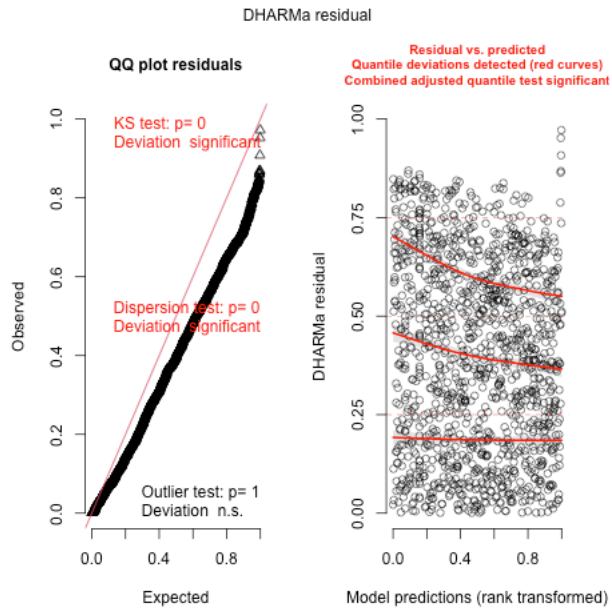
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 1035 Moran I statistic standard deviate = 0.2079,  $p$ -value = 0.4177  
 1036 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1037 sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 1.297462e-03      | -3.834209e-05 | 4.128299e-05 |

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b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = -6.5094, p-value = 1

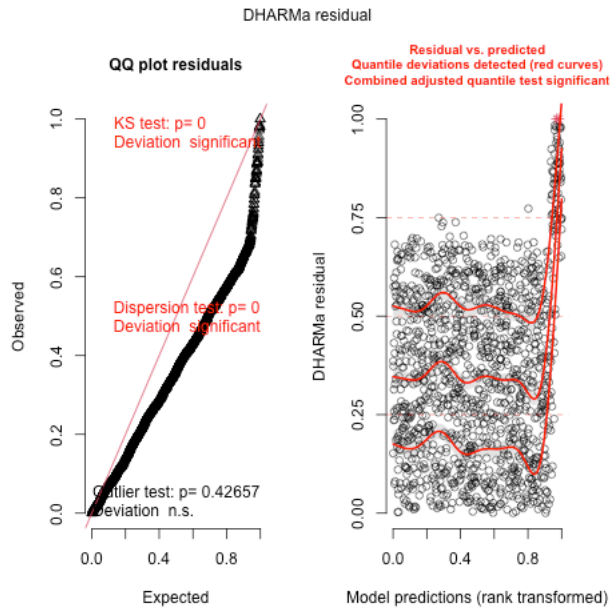
alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| -0.1960915596     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0009000443 |



1054 *Chlorodesmis.*  
 1055 a. Residual Plots



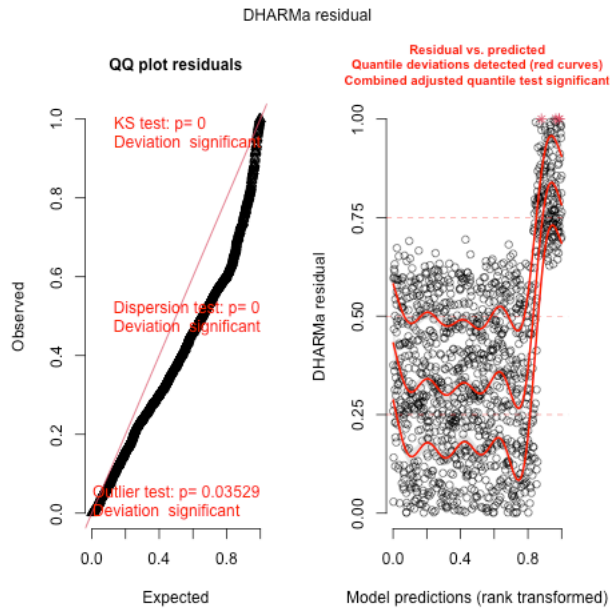
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 1057 **b. Moran's Tests**  
 1058 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -19.767, p-value = 1  
 1059 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1060 sample estimates:  
 1061 Moran I statistic      Expectation      Variance  
 1062      -0.7246005841      -0.0008058018      0.0013407505  
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*Caulerpa.*

a. Residual Plots



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b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 8.4404,  $p$ -value <  $2.2e-16$

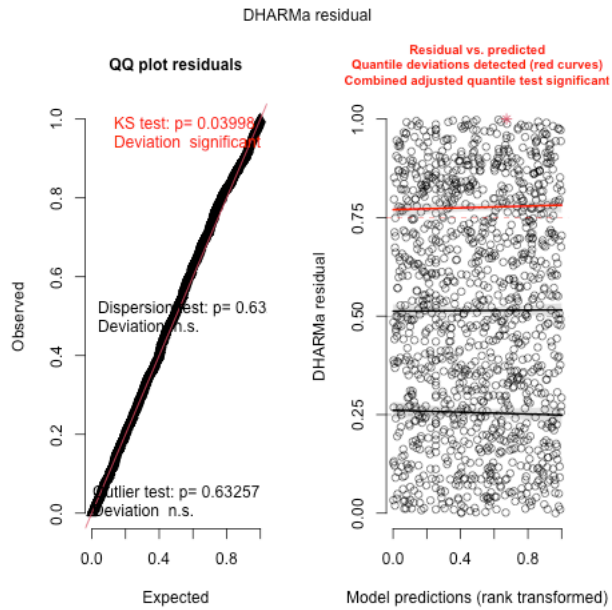
alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.2959883933      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0012364874 |



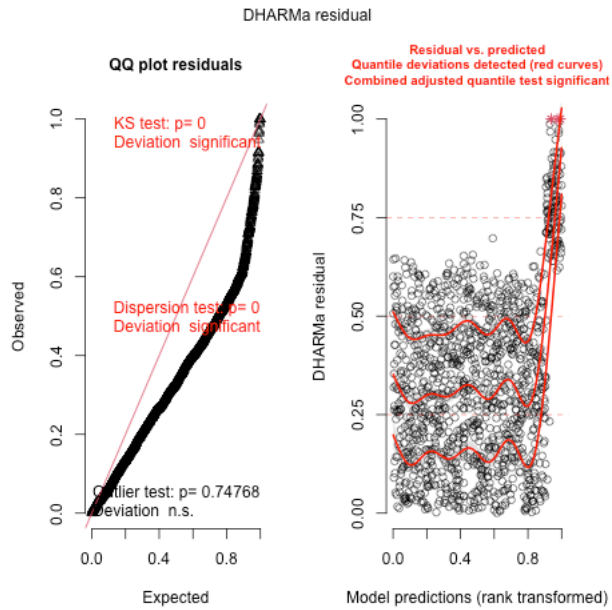
1077 *Cladophoropsis*.  
 1078 a. Residual Plots



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 1080 **b. Moran's Test**  
 1081 Moran I statistic standard deviate = 13.674,  $p\text{-value} < 2.2e-16$   
 1082 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1083 sample estimates:  
 1084 Moran I statistic      Expectation      Variance  
 1085      0.4489339689      -0.0008058018      0.0010817439  
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1089 *Dictyosphaeria.*  
 1090 a. Residual Plots



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 1092 **b. Moran's Test**  
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1094 Moran I statistic standard deviate = 1.5434, p-value = 0.06137

1095 alternative hypothesis: greater

1096 sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.0514275036      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0011453833 |

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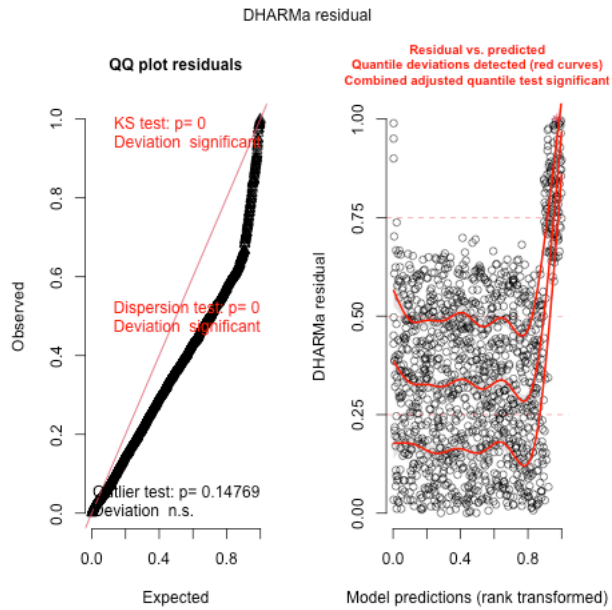
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1102 *Halimeda.*  
1103     **a. Residual Plots**  
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1105     **b. Moran's Test**  
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1107 Moran I statistic standard deviate = 5.1213, p-value = 1.517e-07  
1108 alternative hypothesis: greater  
1109 sample estimates:  
1110 Moran I statistic   Expectation    Variance  
1111     0.273599174   -0.001680672   0.002889309  
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1114 *Microdictyon.*  
 1115 a. Residual Plots



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 1117 b. Moran's Test

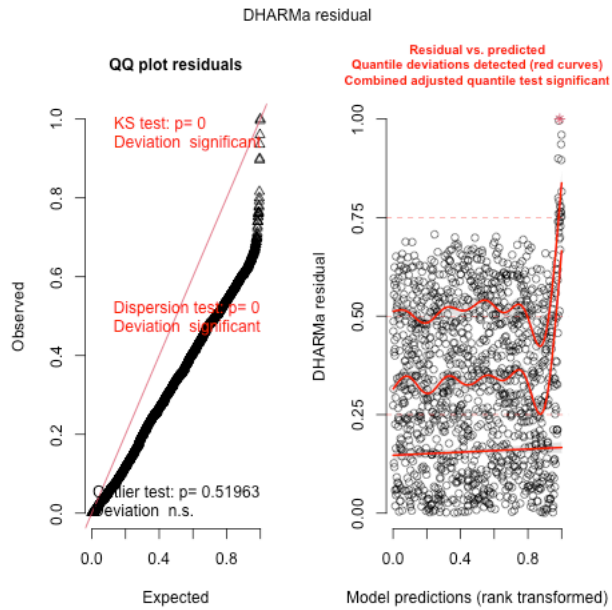
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 1119 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -0.52639, p-value = 0.7007  
 1120 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1121 sample estimates:  
 1122 Moran I statistic      Expectation      Variance  
 1123      -0.0199539804      -0.0008058018      0.0013232546

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1126 *Neomeris.*  
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**a. Residual Plots**



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**b. Moran's Test**

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 14.933,  $p\text{-value} < 2.2e-16$

alternative hypothesis: greater

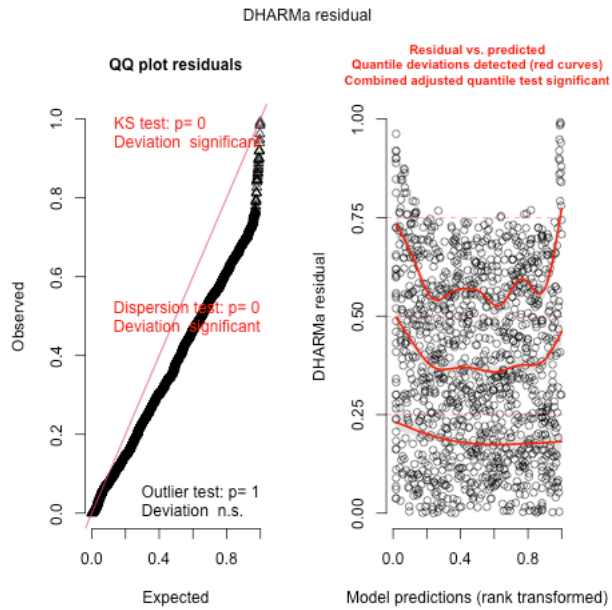
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.3849908498      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0006674577 |



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*a. Residual Plots*



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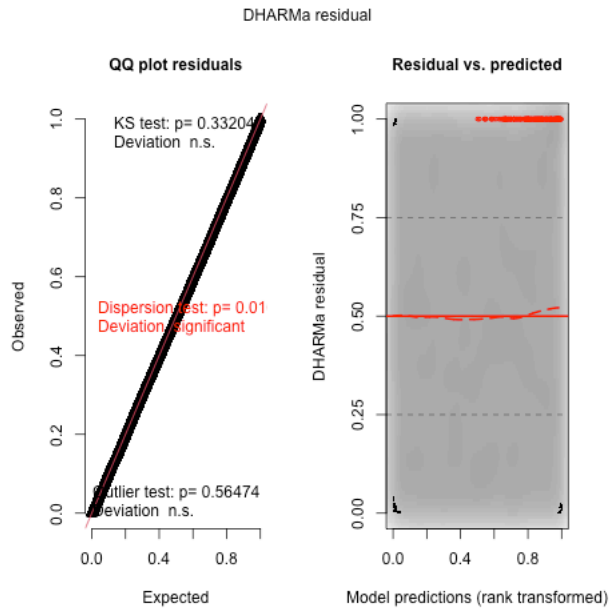
*b. Moran's Test*

Moran I statistic standard deviate = -31.969, p-value = 1  
alternative hypothesis: greater  
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -0.9915109931     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0009603581 |

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1150 *All Red Macroalgae.*  
 1151 a. Residual Plots



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 1153 b. Moran's Test

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 1155 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -0.28934, p-value = 0.6138

1156 alternative hypothesis: greater

1157 sample estimates:

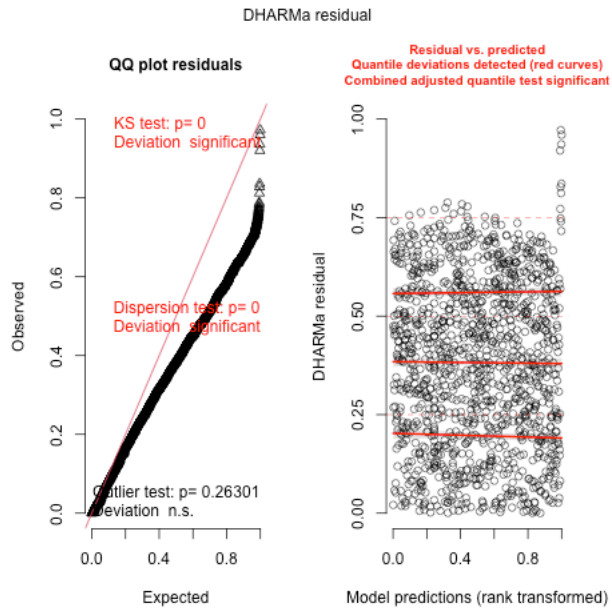
| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -1.185480e-03     | -1.677430e-05 | 1.631486e-05 |

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**a. Residual Plots**



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**b. Moran's Test**

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 4.8454, p-value = 6.319e-07

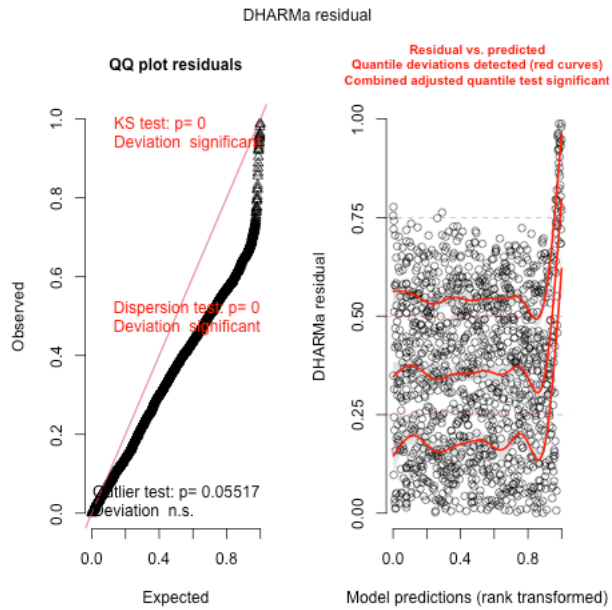
alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| 0.1566480591      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0010559787 |



1175 *Asparagopsis.*  
 1176 a. Residual Plots



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 1178 b. Moran's Test

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 1180 Moran I statistic standard deviate = 5.1317, p-value = 1.436e-07  
 1181 alternative hypothesis: greater

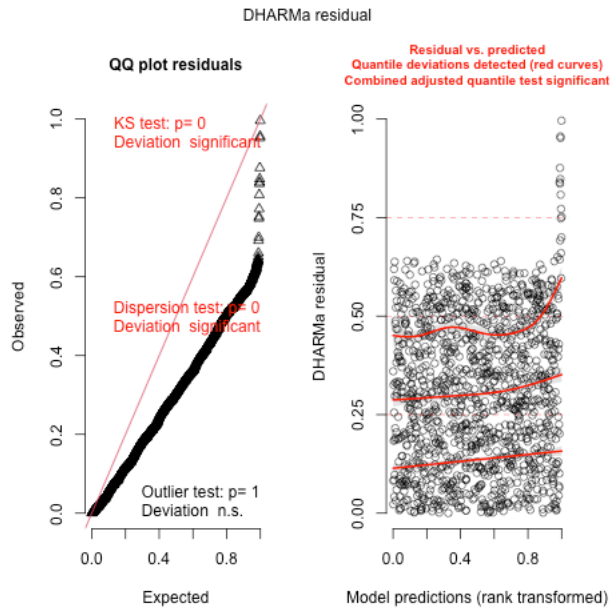
1182 sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.1789781895      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0012274012 |

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1187 *Ceratodictyon.*  
 1188 a. Residual Plots



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 1190 b. Moran's Test

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 1192 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -15.611, p-value = 1  
 1193 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1194 sample estimates:  
 1195 Moran I statistic      Expectation      Variance  
 1196      -0.5042586961      -0.0008058018      0.0010400224

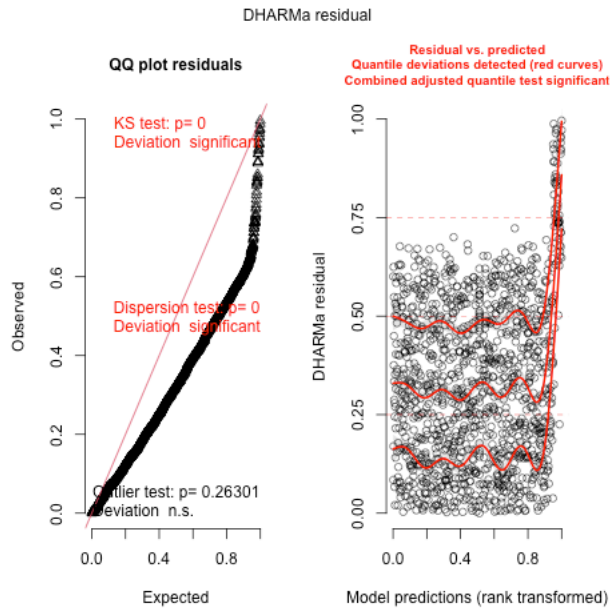
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*Galaxaura*.

a. Residual Plots



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b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = 19.188,  $p$ -value <  $2.2e-16$

alternative hypothesis: greater

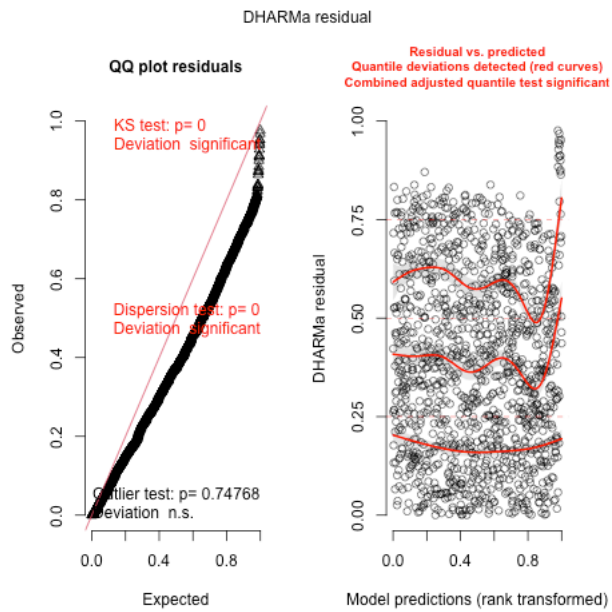
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| 0.4802926162      | -0.0008058018 | 0.0006286597 |

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1211 *Halymenia.*  
 1212 a. Residual Plots



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 1215 b. Moran's I

1217 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -13.839, p-value = 1  
 1218 alternative hypothesis: greater  
 1219 sample estimates:

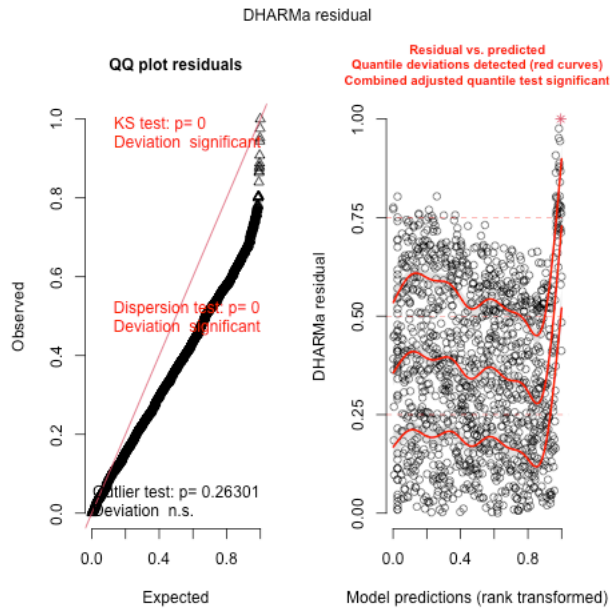
| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -0.4858614635     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0012284550 |

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1224 *Hypnea.*  
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a. Residual Plots



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b. Moran's I

Moran I statistic standard deviate = -4.0611, p-value = 1

alternative hypothesis: greater

sample estimates:

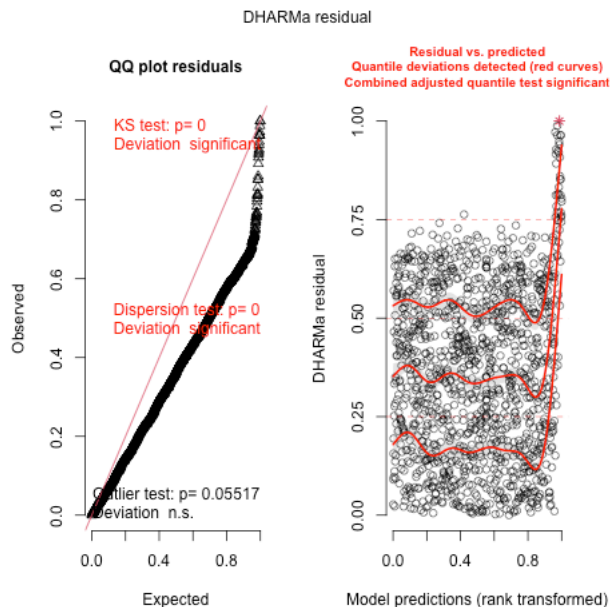
| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -0.0774534269     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0003562212 |

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Laurencia.

a. Residual Plots



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b. Moran's Test

Moran I statistic standard deviate = -33.023, p-value = 1

alternative hypothesis: greater

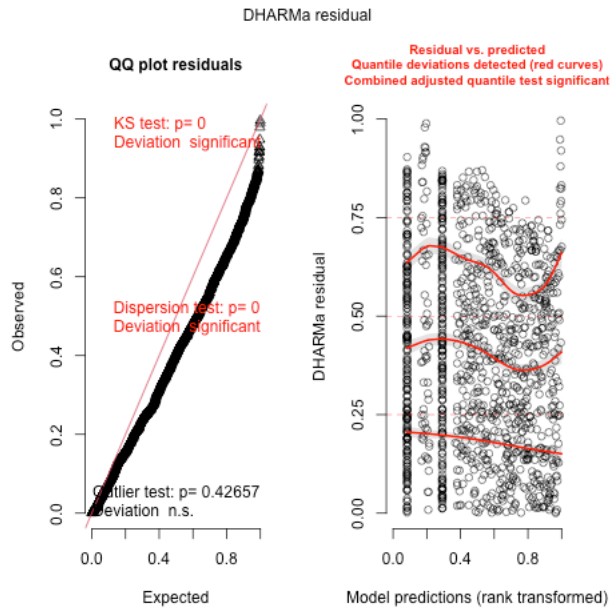
sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance     |
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| -0.9841853743     | -0.0008058018 | 0.0008867521 |



1248 *Neurymenia.*

1249 a. Residual Plots



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b. Moran's Test

1253 Moran I statistic standard deviate = -32.351, p-value = 1

1254 alternative hypothesis: greater

1255 sample estimates:

| Moran I statistic | Expectation   | Variance    |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| -0.9150749293     | -0.0008058018 | 0.000798700 |

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1260 Supplementary Table 5. Ten most common macroalgae taxa by average value, across all sites and within  
 1261 biogeographic realms.  
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| <b>All Sites (1205 Total)</b> |                 |              |                |               |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Genus</b>                  | <b>Division</b> | <b>Mean</b>  | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Median</b> |
| <b>All Macroalgae</b>         | --              | <b>12.80</b> | <b>88.20</b>   | <b>6.79</b>   |
| <i>Sargassum</i>              | Brown           | 13.00        | 62.00          | 6.25          |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>           | Green           | 12.00        | 69.70          | 5.00          |
| <i>Halimeda</i>               | Green           | 8.02         | 77.30          | 4.44          |
| <i>Amansia</i>                | Red             | 6.34         | 13.50          | 4.96          |
| <i>Cladophoropsis</i>         | Green           | 4.76         | 9.30           | 4.51          |
| <i>Dictyopteris</i>           | Brown           | 4.60         | 14.60          | 4.00          |
| <i>Ceratodictyon</i>          | Red             | 4.44         | 20.00          | 1.23          |
| <i>Lobophora</i>              | Brown           | 3.89         | 82.70          | 1.31          |
| <i>Padina</i>                 | Brown           | 3.21         | 24.40          | 2.08          |
| <i>Spatoglossum</i>           | Brown           | 3.17         | 12.20          | 0.53          |

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| <b>9. Mid-tropical North Pacific (101)</b> |                 |             |                |               |
|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Genus</b>                               | <b>Division</b> | <b>Mean</b> | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Median</b> |
| <b>All Macroalgae</b>                      | --              | <b>6.83</b> | <b>24.40</b>   | <b>5.13</b>   |
| <i>Padina</i>                              | Brown           | 5.41        | 11.60          | 4.82          |
| <i>Halimeda</i>                            | Green           | 5.16        | 21.60          | 4.39          |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>                        | Green           | 3.98        | 12.60          | 2.43          |
| <i>Asparagopsis</i>                        | Red             | 3.09        | 3.33           | 3.09          |
| <i>Neomeris</i>                            | Green           | 3.08        | 3.35           | 3.08          |
| <i>Lobophora</i>                           | Brown           | 2.24        | 9.30           | 1.99          |
| <i>Liagora</i>                             | Red             | 1.68        | 1.68           | 1.68          |
| <i>Turbinaria</i>                          | Brown           | 1.53        | 3.33           | 0.93          |
| <i>Dictyota</i>                            | Brown           | 1.27        | 5.83           | 0.31          |
| <i>Caulerpa</i>                            | Green           | 0.22        | 0.51           | 0.17          |

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| <b>13. Indo-Pacific seas &amp; Indian Ocean</b> |                 |              |                |               |
|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Genus</b>                                    | <b>Division</b> | <b>Mean</b>  | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Median</b> |
| <b>All Macroalgae</b>                           | --              | <b>18.40</b> | <b>88.20</b>   | <b>14.80</b>  |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>                             | Green           | 12.80        | 69.70          | 3.66          |
| <i>Sargassum</i>                                | Brown           | 10.10        | 62.00          | 4.92          |
| <i>Halimeda</i>                                 | Green           | 8.16         | 77.30          | 4.94          |
| <i>Cystoseiria</i>                              | Brown           | 7.12         | 26.40          | 3.53          |
| <i>Lobophora</i>                                | Brown           | 4.50         | 82.67          | 0.68          |
| <i>Cladophoropsis</i>                           | Green           | 4.12         | 6.23           | 4.10          |
| <i>Jania</i>                                    | Red             | 3.56         | 6.54           | 3.66          |
| <i>Turbinaria</i>                               | Brown           | 3.00         | 29.50          | 1.07          |
| <i>Padina</i>                                   | Brown           | 2.91         | 12.40          | 1.64          |
| <i>Spyridia</i>                                 | Red             | 2.46         | 2.46           | 2.46          |

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| 16. Coral Sea [324]  |          |       |         |        |
|----------------------|----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Genus                | Division | Mean  | Maximum | Median |
| All Macroalgae       | --       | 15.60 | 78.50   | 9.74   |
| <i>Galaxaura</i>     | Red      | 26.10 | 35.20   | 26.10  |
| <i>Sargassum</i>     | Brown    | 22.40 | 59.10   | 19.70  |
| <i>Halimeda</i>      | Green    | 14.10 | 44.60   | 11.20  |
| <i>Sargassopsis</i>  | Brown    | 8.20  | 37.20   | 4.25   |
| <i>Hydroclathrus</i> | Brown    | 5.59  | 13.60   | 5.75   |
| <i>Dictosphaeria</i> | Green    | 5.04  | 14.10   | 0.76   |
| <i>Dictyopteris</i>  | Brown    | 4.75  | 10.20   | 4.25   |
| <i>Caulerpa</i>      | Green    | 4.50  | 30.00   | 1.43   |
| <i>Lobophora</i>     | Brown    | 3.07  | 23.60   | 0.69   |
| <i>Laurencia</i>     | Brown    | 3.05  | 13.70   | 1.67   |

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| 17. Mid South Tropical Pacific [166] |          |       |         |        |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|---------|--------|
| Genus                                | Division | Mean  | Maximum | Median |
| All Macroalgae                       | --       | 11.40 | 37.90   | 9.07   |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>                  | Green    | 9.11  | 12.30   | 9.31   |
| <i>Lobophora</i>                     | Brown    | 6.33  | 28.50   | 4.52   |
| <i>Turbinaria</i>                    | Brown    | 5.67  | 26.10   | 4.50   |
| <i>Padina</i>                        | Brown    | 4.73  | 6.00    | 5.00   |
| <i>Chlorodesmis</i>                  | Green    | 4.58  | 8.33    | 4.17   |
| <i>Halimeda</i>                      | Green    | 4.26  | 22.80   | 2.38   |
| <i>Sargassum</i>                     | Brown    | 3.83  | 6.00    | 4.00   |
| <i>Asparagopsis</i>                  | Red      | 3.81  | 8.00    | 3.33   |
| <i>Galaxaura</i>                     | Red      | 3.58  | 7.48    | 4.45   |
| <i>Dictyota</i>                      | Brown    | 3.31  | 15.30   | 1.71   |

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| 20. Offshore West Pacific [114] |          |       |         |        |
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| Genus                           | Division | Mean  | Maximum | Median |
| All Macroalgae                  | --       | 12.70 | 85.40   | 4.70   |
| <i>Eckloniopsis</i>             | Brown    | 31.50 | 40.80   | 31.50  |
| <i>Ptilophora</i>               | Red      | 25.00 | 37.90   | 25.00  |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>             | Green    | 16.10 | 43.90   | 15.40  |
| <i>Ventricaria</i>              | Green    | 15.70 | 15.70   | 15.70  |
| <i>Vanvoorstia</i>              | Red      | 12.80 | 12.80   | 12.80  |
| <i>Corallina</i>                | Red      | 11.80 | 20.50   | 11.80  |
| <i>Ceratodictyon</i>            | Red      | 11.50 | 20.00   | 10.50  |
| <i>Prionitis</i>                | Red      | 11.40 | 11.40   | 11.40  |
| <i>Cladophoropsis</i>           | Green    | 9.30  | 9.30    | 9.30   |
| <i>Amansia</i>                  | Red      | 9.06  | 13.50   | 9.12   |

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| <b>29. NW Pacific [57]</b>  |                 |             |                |               |
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| <b>Genus</b>                | <b>Division</b> | <b>Mean</b> | <b>Maximum</b> | <b>Median</b> |
| <b>All Macroalgae</b>       | --              | <b>5.70</b> | <b>22.10</b>   | <b>2.66</b>   |
| <b><i>Padina</i></b>        | <b>Brown</b>    | <b>8.54</b> | <b>17.00</b>   | <b>8.54</b>   |
| <b><i>Caulerpa</i></b>      | <b>Green</b>    | <b>5.40</b> | <b>5.40</b>    | <b>5.40</b>   |
| <b><i>Amansia</i></b>       | <b>Red</b>      | <b>3.63</b> | <b>11.60</b>   | <b>1.45</b>   |
| <b><i>Spatoglossum</i></b>  | <b>Brown</b>    | <b>3.17</b> | <b>12.20</b>   | <b>0.53</b>   |
| <b><i>Neomeris</i></b>      | <b>Green</b>    | <b>2.93</b> | <b>11.50</b>   | <b>1.45</b>   |
| <b><i>Gracilaria</i></b>    | <b>Red</b>      | <b>2.41</b> | <b>2.41</b>    | <b>2.41</b>   |
| <b><i>Lobophora</i></b>     | <b>Brown</b>    | <b>1.97</b> | <b>8.53</b>    | <b>0.99</b>   |
| <b><i>Actinotrichia</i></b> | <b>Red</b>      | <b>1.68</b> | <b>1.68</b>    | <b>1.68</b>   |
| <b><i>Halimeda</i></b>      | <b>Green</b>    | <b>1.43</b> | <b>11.00</b>   | <b>0.27</b>   |
| <b><i>Dudresnaya</i></b>    | <b>Red</b>      | <b>1.20</b> | <b>1.20</b>    | <b>1.20</b>   |

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1276 **Supplementary Table 6. SIMPER results.**

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Realm 16 vs Realm 13

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.428   | 0.314 | 1.365 | 8.928             | 7.092             | 0.536          | 0.001 | *** |
| MIC   | 0.066   | 0.188 | 0.352 | 0.131             | 3.078             | 0.619          | 0.833 |     |
| SRG   | 0.060   | 0.168 | 0.354 | 2.139             | 1.031             | 0.694          | 0.001 | *** |
| LPA   | 0.060   | 0.151 | 0.393 | 0.751             | 1.055             | 0.768          | 1.000 |     |
| CLP   | 0.038   | 0.114 | 0.331 | 0.953             | 0.317             | 0.815          | 0.264 |     |
| PAD   | 0.034   | 0.107 | 0.319 | 0.261             | 0.447             | 0.858          | 0.998 |     |
| TRB   | 0.020   | 0.079 | 0.257 | 0.026             | 0.543             | 0.883          | 1.000 |     |
| CHL   | 0.017   | 0.077 | 0.217 | 0.191             | 0.029             | 0.904          | 0.152 |     |
| DIC   | 0.015   | 0.061 | 0.248 | 0.146             | 0.237             | 0.923          | 1.000 |     |
| DCT   | 0.012   | 0.048 | 0.245 | 0.062             | 0.238             | 0.938          | 0.843 |     |
| GLA   | 0.009   | 0.074 | 0.127 | 0.213             | 0.043             | 0.950          | 0.811 |     |
| ASP   | 0.008   | 0.058 | 0.145 | 0.018             | 0.131             | 0.961          | 0.971 |     |
| HYP   | 0.007   | 0.048 | 0.153 | 0.053             | 0.173             | 0.970          | 0.218 |     |
| LAU   | 0.007   | 0.031 | 0.221 | 0.287             | 0.006             | 0.978          | 0.006 | **  |
| UDO   | 0.005   | 0.035 | 0.132 | 0.162             | 0.000             | 0.984          | 0.001 | *** |
| DPT   | 0.003   | 0.018 | 0.152 | 0.155             | 0.000             | 0.988          | 0.997 |     |
| HLA   | 0.003   | 0.020 | 0.134 | 0.011             | 0.047             | 0.991          | 0.721 |     |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.016 | 0.123 | 0.000             | 0.071             | 0.994          | 0.549 |     |
| CER   | 0.002   | 0.013 | 0.148 | 0.000             | 0.062             | 0.996          | 0.998 |     |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.019 | 0.071 | 0.000             | 0.010             | 0.998          | 0.838 |     |
| NEO   | 0.001   | 0.014 | 0.070 | 0.000             | 0.010             | 0.999          | 0.994 |     |
| BRY   | 0.001   | 0.008 | 0.107 | 0.000             | 0.027             | 1.000          | 0.827 |     |

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Contrast: 16\_9

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p         |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| HA    | 0.454   | 0.310 | 1.464 | 8.928             | 3.736             | 0.564          | 0.001 *** |
| PAD   | 0.078   | 0.204 | 0.384 | 0.261             | 0.833             | 0.661          | 0.002 **  |
| LPA   | 0.074   | 0.157 | 0.474 | 0.751             | 0.600             | 0.753          | 0.774     |
| SRG   | 0.043   | 0.148 | 0.288 | 2.139             | 0.000             | 0.806          | 0.451     |
| MIC   | 0.036   | 0.128 | 0.281 | 0.131             | 0.612             | 0.851          | 0.994     |
| CLP   | 0.033   | 0.109 | 0.302 | 0.953             | 0.027             | 0.891          | 0.567     |
| DIC   | 0.026   | 0.097 | 0.264 | 0.146             | 0.258             | 0.923          | 0.754     |
| CHL   | 0.017   | 0.073 | 0.229 | 0.191             | 0.000             | 0.944          | 0.328     |
| TRB   | 0.008   | 0.042 | 0.196 | 0.026             | 0.071             | 0.954          | 1.000     |
| LAU   | 0.008   | 0.034 | 0.223 | 0.287             | 0.000             | 0.963          | 0.106     |
| GLA   | 0.006   | 0.070 | 0.090 | 0.213             | 0.000             | 0.971          | 0.843     |
| NEO   | 0.006   | 0.036 | 0.154 | 0.000             | 0.095             | 0.978          | 0.113     |
| ASP   | 0.005   | 0.031 | 0.171 | 0.018             | 0.095             | 0.984          | 0.940     |
| UDO   | 0.005   | 0.037 | 0.142 | 0.162             | 0.000             | 0.991          | 0.090 .   |
| DPT   | 0.003   | 0.020 | 0.155 | 0.155             | 0.000             | 0.995          | 0.875     |
| DCT   | 0.002   | 0.022 | 0.083 | 0.062             | 0.000             | 0.997          | 1.000     |
| HYP   | 0.002   | 0.009 | 0.163 | 0.053             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 0.986     |
| HLA   | 0.001   | 0.014 | 0.071 | 0.011             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.949     |

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Contrast: 16\_17

| Column1 | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA      | 0.403   | 0.312 | 1.290 | 8.928             | 3.721             | 0.477          | 0.005 | **  |
| LPA     | 0.107   | 0.187 | 0.570 | 0.751             | 2.115             | 0.604          | 0.005 | **  |
| TRB     | 0.056   | 0.136 | 0.407 | 0.026             | 1.202             | 0.669          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC     | 0.054   | 0.141 | 0.386 | 0.146             | 1.080             | 0.734          | 0.001 | *** |
| SRG     | 0.045   | 0.144 | 0.316 | 2.139             | 0.153             | 0.787          | 0.346 |     |
| MIC     | 0.041   | 0.157 | 0.257 | 0.131             | 0.607             | 0.835          | 0.999 |     |
| CLP     | 0.039   | 0.119 | 0.329 | 0.953             | 0.129             | 0.882          | 0.257 |     |
| CHL     | 0.023   | 0.097 | 0.242 | 0.191             | 0.122             | 0.909          | 0.003 | **  |
| PAD     | 0.023   | 0.093 | 0.242 | 0.261             | 0.158             | 0.936          | 1.000 |     |
| ASP     | 0.019   | 0.094 | 0.198 | 0.018             | 0.229             | 0.958          | 0.053 | .   |
| GLA     | 0.015   | 0.082 | 0.187 | 0.213             | 0.243             | 0.976          | 0.135 |     |
| LAU     | 0.007   | 0.032 | 0.219 | 0.287             | 0.000             | 0.985          | 0.059 | .   |
| UDO     | 0.005   | 0.037 | 0.132 | 0.162             | 0.000             | 0.991          | 0.038 | *   |
| DPT     | 0.003   | 0.019 | 0.153 | 0.155             | 0.000             | 0.994          | 0.967 |     |
| DCT     | 0.003   | 0.024 | 0.108 | 0.062             | 0.021             | 0.997          | 1.000 |     |
| HYP     | 0.001   | 0.008 | 0.160 | 0.053             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 0.999 |     |
| HLA     | 0.001   | 0.017 | 0.060 | 0.011             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.993 |     |

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Contrast: 16\_20

| Column1 | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA      | 0.372   | 0.330 | 1.127 | 8.928             | 1.528             | 0.415          | 0.448 |     |
| LPA     | 0.073   | 0.180 | 0.406 | 0.751             | 0.679             | 0.496          | 0.855 |     |
| CLP     | 0.070   | 0.145 | 0.481 | 0.953             | 1.437             | 0.574          | 0.001 | *** |
| PAD     | 0.066   | 0.150 | 0.440 | 0.261             | 1.780             | 0.647          | 0.006 | **  |
| SRG     | 0.056   | 0.166 | 0.338 | 2.139             | 0.344             | 0.710          | 0.065 | .   |
| MIC     | 0.047   | 0.159 | 0.298 | 0.131             | 1.548             | 0.762          | 0.973 |     |
| CHL     | 0.032   | 0.096 | 0.332 | 0.191             | 0.583             | 0.798          | 0.001 | *** |
| CER     | 0.028   | 0.116 | 0.243 | 0.000             | 0.996             | 0.829          | 0.001 | *** |
| TRB     | 0.027   | 0.082 | 0.325 | 0.026             | 0.301             | 0.859          | 0.898 |     |
| DPT     | 0.026   | 0.088 | 0.292 | 0.155             | 1.232             | 0.888          | 0.001 | *** |
| DCT     | 0.023   | 0.061 | 0.374 | 0.062             | 0.989             | 0.913          | 0.008 | **  |
| AMA     | 0.015   | 0.070 | 0.210 | 0.000             | 0.876             | 0.929          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC     | 0.013   | 0.064 | 0.208 | 0.146             | 0.213             | 0.944          | 1.000 |     |
| GLA     | 0.009   | 0.079 | 0.118 | 0.213             | 0.019             | 0.955          | 0.647 |     |
| LAU     | 0.008   | 0.035 | 0.225 | 0.287             | 0.004             | 0.963          | 0.031 | *   |
| HLA     | 0.006   | 0.030 | 0.215 | 0.011             | 0.098             | 0.971          | 0.007 | **  |
| NEO     | 0.006   | 0.033 | 0.196 | 0.000             | 0.370             | 0.978          | 0.016 | *   |
| UDO     | 0.005   | 0.040 | 0.126 | 0.162             | 0.000             | 0.983          | 0.088 | .   |
| VAL     | 0.004   | 0.025 | 0.166 | 0.000             | 0.333             | 0.988          | 0.036 | *   |
| VEN     | 0.003   | 0.023 | 0.123 | 0.000             | 0.212             | 0.991          | 0.009 | **  |
| BRY     | 0.002   | 0.019 | 0.130 | 0.000             | 0.130             | 0.994          | 0.040 | *   |
| CLS     | 0.002   | 0.016 | 0.134 | 0.000             | 0.159             | 0.996          | 0.449 |     |
| HYP     | 0.002   | 0.011 | 0.166 | 0.053             | 0.001             | 0.998          | 0.984 |     |
| ASP     | 0.002   | 0.009 | 0.183 | 0.018             | 0.029             | 1.000          | 0.999 |     |

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Contrast: 16\_29

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.413   | 0.376 | 1.100 | 8.928             | 0.633             | 0.439          | 0.035 | *   |
| LPA   | 0.160   | 0.233 | 0.686 | 0.751             | 2.017             | 0.609          | 0.001 | *** |
| NRM   | 0.055   | 0.135 | 0.410 | 0.000             | 0.933             | 0.668          | 0.001 | *** |
| CLP   | 0.046   | 0.148 | 0.308 | 0.953             | 0.129             | 0.716          | 0.151 |     |
| SRG   | 0.046   | 0.155 | 0.294 | 2.139             | 0.005             | 0.764          | 0.378 |     |
| PAD   | 0.043   | 0.158 | 0.270 | 0.261             | 0.408             | 0.809          | 0.499 |     |
| GLA   | 0.032   | 0.100 | 0.319 | 0.213             | 0.179             | 0.843          | 0.010 | **  |
| SPT   | 0.029   | 0.098 | 0.293 | 0.000             | 0.582             | 0.874          | 0.001 | *** |
| CHL   | 0.025   | 0.116 | 0.220 | 0.191             | 0.002             | 0.901          | 0.066 | .   |
| LAU   | 0.021   | 0.060 | 0.349 | 0.287             | 0.141             | 0.923          | 0.001 | *** |
| AMA   | 0.019   | 0.075 | 0.248 | 0.000             | 0.401             | 0.943          | 0.008 | **  |
| TRB   | 0.011   | 0.075 | 0.143 | 0.026             | 0.001             | 0.954          | 1.000 |     |
| DPT   | 0.009   | 0.056 | 0.167 | 0.155             | 0.045             | 0.964          | 0.199 |     |
| MIC   | 0.009   | 0.079 | 0.112 | 0.131             | 0.000             | 0.973          | 1.000 |     |
| DIC   | 0.007   | 0.032 | 0.223 | 0.146             | 0.038             | 0.981          | 1.000 |     |
| HYP   | 0.007   | 0.033 | 0.211 | 0.053             | 0.057             | 0.989          | 0.294 |     |
| UDO   | 0.006   | 0.047 | 0.129 | 0.162             | 0.003             | 0.995          | 0.072 | .   |
| DCT   | 0.002   | 0.023 | 0.085 | 0.062             | 0.000             | 0.997          | 1.000 |     |
| HLA   | 0.002   | 0.024 | 0.062 | 0.011             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 0.786 |     |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.005 | 0.116 | 0.000             | 0.004             | 0.999          | 0.831 |     |
| ASP   | 0.001   | 0.006 | 0.095 | 0.018             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |
| NEO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.220 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.989 |     |

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Contrast: 13\_9

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p        |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| HA    | 0.365   | 0.272 | 1.340 | 7.092             | 3.736             | 0.486          | 0.670    |
| MIC   | 0.092   | 0.211 | 0.435 | 3.078             | 0.612             | 0.608          | 0.117    |
| PAD   | 0.077   | 0.185 | 0.413 | 0.447             | 0.833             | 0.710          | 0.002 ** |
| LPA   | 0.073   | 0.160 | 0.455 | 1.055             | 0.600             | 0.807          | 0.841    |
| DIC   | 0.032   | 0.097 | 0.330 | 0.237             | 0.258             | 0.850          | 0.428    |
| SRG   | 0.025   | 0.116 | 0.217 | 1.031             | 0.000             | 0.883          | 0.960    |
| TRB   | 0.021   | 0.074 | 0.277 | 0.543             | 0.071             | 0.911          | 0.979    |
| CLP   | 0.014   | 0.062 | 0.226 | 0.317             | 0.027             | 0.930          | 1.000    |
| ASP   | 0.013   | 0.062 | 0.212 | 0.131             | 0.095             | 0.947          | 0.432    |
| DCT   | 0.011   | 0.045 | 0.254 | 0.238             | 0.000             | 0.962          | 0.641    |
| HYP   | 0.007   | 0.049 | 0.134 | 0.173             | 0.000             | 0.971          | 0.317    |
| NEO   | 0.006   | 0.036 | 0.175 | 0.010             | 0.095             | 0.980          | 0.041 *  |
| GLA   | 0.004   | 0.037 | 0.111 | 0.043             | 0.000             | 0.985          | 0.979    |
| CHL   | 0.002   | 0.019 | 0.124 | 0.029             | 0.000             | 0.988          | 1.000    |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.018 | 0.129 | 0.071             | 0.000             | 0.991          | 0.408    |
| CER   | 0.002   | 0.014 | 0.157 | 0.062             | 0.000             | 0.994          | 0.972    |
| HLA   | 0.002   | 0.013 | 0.151 | 0.047             | 0.000             | 0.997          | 0.768    |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.013 | 0.091 | 0.010             | 0.000             | 0.998          | 0.701    |
| BRY   | 0.001   | 0.009 | 0.112 | 0.027             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.498    |
| LAU   | 0.000   | 0.004 | 0.056 | 0.006             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 1.000    |

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Contrast: 13\_17

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.337   | 0.279 | 1.210 | 7.092             | 3.721             | 0.422          | 0.999 |     |
| LPA   | 0.102   | 0.183 | 0.555 | 1.055             | 2.115             | 0.549          | 0.015 | *   |
| MIC   | 0.092   | 0.220 | 0.421 | 3.078             | 0.607             | 0.664          | 0.017 | *   |
| TRB   | 0.062   | 0.135 | 0.459 | 0.543             | 1.202             | 0.742          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC   | 0.059   | 0.138 | 0.430 | 0.237             | 1.080             | 0.816          | 0.001 | *** |
| SRG   | 0.028   | 0.114 | 0.250 | 1.031             | 0.153             | 0.852          | 0.980 |     |
| PAD   | 0.024   | 0.080 | 0.306 | 0.447             | 0.158             | 0.882          | 1.000 |     |
| ASP   | 0.024   | 0.100 | 0.244 | 0.131             | 0.229             | 0.913          | 0.001 | *** |
| CLP   | 0.020   | 0.081 | 0.248 | 0.317             | 0.129             | 0.938          | 0.999 |     |
| GLA   | 0.013   | 0.060 | 0.218 | 0.043             | 0.243             | 0.954          | 0.273 |     |
| DCT   | 0.012   | 0.046 | 0.253 | 0.238             | 0.021             | 0.969          | 0.811 |     |
| CHL   | 0.009   | 0.055 | 0.163 | 0.029             | 0.122             | 0.980          | 0.989 |     |
| HYP   | 0.006   | 0.049 | 0.132 | 0.173             | 0.000             | 0.988          | 0.393 |     |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.017 | 0.126 | 0.071             | 0.000             | 0.991          | 0.455 |     |
| CER   | 0.002   | 0.014 | 0.153 | 0.062             | 0.000             | 0.993          | 0.996 |     |
| HLA   | 0.002   | 0.013 | 0.142 | 0.047             | 0.000             | 0.996          | 0.926 |     |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.019 | 0.073 | 0.010             | 0.001             | 0.997          | 0.745 |     |
| NEO   | 0.001   | 0.014 | 0.073 | 0.010             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 0.962 |     |
| BRY   | 0.001   | 0.008 | 0.110 | 0.027             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.701 |     |
| LAU   | 0.000   | 0.004 | 0.055 | 0.006             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |

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Contrast: 13\_20

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.321   | 0.292 | 1.102 | 7.092             | 1.528             | 0.370          | 1.000 |     |
| MIC   | 0.098   | 0.221 | 0.443 | 3.078             | 1.548             | 0.483          | 0.020 | *   |
| LPA   | 0.067   | 0.173 | 0.388 | 1.055             | 0.679             | 0.560          | 0.973 |     |
| PAD   | 0.065   | 0.134 | 0.481 | 0.447             | 1.780             | 0.635          | 0.006 | **  |
| CLP   | 0.053   | 0.116 | 0.456 | 0.317             | 1.437             | 0.696          | 0.009 | **  |
| SRG   | 0.039   | 0.139 | 0.278 | 1.031             | 0.344             | 0.741          | 0.641 |     |
| TRB   | 0.034   | 0.088 | 0.385 | 0.543             | 0.301             | 0.780          | 0.502 |     |
| DCT   | 0.030   | 0.069 | 0.433 | 0.238             | 0.989             | 0.814          | 0.001 | *** |
| CER   | 0.029   | 0.111 | 0.264 | 0.062             | 0.996             | 0.848          | 0.001 | *** |
| DPT   | 0.023   | 0.086 | 0.268 | 0.000             | 1.232             | 0.875          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC   | 0.023   | 0.085 | 0.267 | 0.237             | 0.213             | 0.901          | 0.943 |     |
| CHL   | 0.017   | 0.048 | 0.358 | 0.029             | 0.583             | 0.921          | 0.225 |     |
| AMA   | 0.015   | 0.068 | 0.212 | 0.000             | 0.876             | 0.937          | 0.001 | *** |
| ASP   | 0.010   | 0.060 | 0.159 | 0.131             | 0.029             | 0.948          | 0.793 |     |
| NEO   | 0.007   | 0.036 | 0.207 | 0.010             | 0.370             | 0.957          | 0.002 | **  |
| GLA   | 0.007   | 0.054 | 0.132 | 0.043             | 0.019             | 0.965          | 0.883 |     |
| HLA   | 0.007   | 0.025 | 0.272 | 0.047             | 0.098             | 0.973          | 0.001 | *** |
| HYP   | 0.007   | 0.050 | 0.136 | 0.173             | 0.001             | 0.981          | 0.306 |     |
| VAL   | 0.006   | 0.032 | 0.173 | 0.010             | 0.333             | 0.987          | 0.003 | **  |
| CLS   | 0.004   | 0.023 | 0.183 | 0.071             | 0.159             | 0.992          | 0.038 | *   |
| BRY   | 0.003   | 0.018 | 0.168 | 0.027             | 0.130             | 0.996          | 0.004 | **  |
| VEN   | 0.003   | 0.023 | 0.123 | 0.000             | 0.212             | 0.999          | 0.019 | *   |
| LAU   | 0.001   | 0.012 | 0.083 | 0.006             | 0.004             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |

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Contrast: 13\_29

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.399   | 0.329 | 1.214 | 7.092             | 0.633             | 0.424          | 0.111 |     |
| LPA   | 0.145   | 0.218 | 0.667 | 1.055             | 2.017             | 0.578          | 0.001 | *** |
| MIC   | 0.070   | 0.202 | 0.349 | 3.078             | 0.000             | 0.653          | 0.506 |     |
| NRM   | 0.052   | 0.126 | 0.413 | 0.000             | 0.933             | 0.708          | 0.001 | *** |
| PAD   | 0.041   | 0.137 | 0.299 | 0.447             | 0.408             | 0.751          | 0.569 |     |
| SRG   | 0.027   | 0.123 | 0.222 | 1.031             | 0.005             | 0.780          | 0.846 |     |
| SPT   | 0.027   | 0.094 | 0.289 | 0.000             | 0.582             | 0.809          | 0.001 | *** |
| GLA   | 0.026   | 0.074 | 0.349 | 0.043             | 0.179             | 0.836          | 0.038 | *   |
| CLP   | 0.025   | 0.106 | 0.238 | 0.317             | 0.129             | 0.863          | 0.845 |     |
| DIC   | 0.020   | 0.078 | 0.257 | 0.237             | 0.038             | 0.885          | 0.909 |     |
| TRB   | 0.020   | 0.082 | 0.243 | 0.543             | 0.001             | 0.906          | 0.967 |     |
| AMA   | 0.018   | 0.072 | 0.248 | 0.000             | 0.401             | 0.925          | 0.012 | *   |
| DCT   | 0.013   | 0.055 | 0.246 | 0.238             | 0.000             | 0.939          | 0.450 |     |
| HYP   | 0.013   | 0.063 | 0.202 | 0.173             | 0.057             | 0.953          | 0.060 | .   |
| LAU   | 0.012   | 0.044 | 0.271 | 0.006             | 0.141             | 0.965          | 0.022 | *   |
| ASP   | 0.011   | 0.072 | 0.150 | 0.131             | 0.000             | 0.977          | 0.538 |     |
| DPT   | 0.006   | 0.045 | 0.122 | 0.000             | 0.045             | 0.983          | 0.465 |     |
| CHL   | 0.004   | 0.038 | 0.104 | 0.029             | 0.002             | 0.987          | 0.999 |     |
| VAL   | 0.003   | 0.029 | 0.093 | 0.010             | 0.004             | 0.990          | 0.196 |     |
| CER   | 0.002   | 0.016 | 0.155 | 0.062             | 0.000             | 0.992          | 0.914 |     |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.019 | 0.128 | 0.071             | 0.000             | 0.995          | 0.311 |     |
| HLA   | 0.002   | 0.016 | 0.141 | 0.047             | 0.000             | 0.997          | 0.596 |     |
| NEO   | 0.002   | 0.018 | 0.087 | 0.010             | 0.003             | 0.999          | 0.646 |     |
| BRY   | 0.001   | 0.009 | 0.110 | 0.027             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.368 |     |
| UDO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.178 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.997 |     |

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Contrast: 9\_17

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.316   | 0.264 | 1.195 | 3.736             | 3.721             | 0.406          | 0.999 |     |
| LPA   | 0.124   | 0.193 | 0.644 | 0.600             | 2.115             | 0.565          | 0.008 | **  |
| DIC   | 0.076   | 0.159 | 0.480 | 0.258             | 1.080             | 0.663          | 0.001 | *** |
| PAD   | 0.069   | 0.192 | 0.363 | 0.833             | 0.158             | 0.752          | 0.009 | **  |
| MIC   | 0.066   | 0.181 | 0.367 | 0.612             | 0.607             | 0.838          | 0.636 |     |
| TRB   | 0.060   | 0.136 | 0.440 | 0.071             | 1.202             | 0.914          | 0.003 | **  |
| ASP   | 0.025   | 0.095 | 0.258 | 0.095             | 0.229             | 0.946          | 0.035 | *   |
| GLA   | 0.011   | 0.053 | 0.206 | 0.000             | 0.243             | 0.960          | 0.462 |     |
| CLP   | 0.011   | 0.055 | 0.192 | 0.027             | 0.129             | 0.974          | 1.000 |     |
| CHL   | 0.008   | 0.055 | 0.144 | 0.000             | 0.122             | 0.984          | 0.925 |     |
| SRG   | 0.006   | 0.031 | 0.189 | 0.000             | 0.153             | 0.991          | 1.000 |     |
| NEO   | 0.006   | 0.036 | 0.161 | 0.095             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 0.086 | .   |
| DCT   | 0.001   | 0.013 | 0.080 | 0.000             | 0.021             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |

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Contrast: 9\_20

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.289   | 0.279 | 1.035 | 3.736             | 1.528             | 0.340          | 1.000 |     |
| PAD   | 0.113   | 0.221 | 0.513 | 0.833             | 1.780             | 0.474          | 0.001 | *** |
| LPA   | 0.087   | 0.184 | 0.472 | 0.600             | 0.679             | 0.576          | 0.424 |     |
| MIC   | 0.073   | 0.186 | 0.394 | 0.612             | 1.548             | 0.662          | 0.488 |     |
| CLP   | 0.051   | 0.110 | 0.466 | 0.027             | 1.437             | 0.723          | 0.068 | .   |
| DIC   | 0.035   | 0.118 | 0.298 | 0.258             | 0.213             | 0.764          | 0.309 |     |
| CER   | 0.032   | 0.122 | 0.259 | 0.000             | 0.996             | 0.801          | 0.001 | *** |
| DPT   | 0.026   | 0.095 | 0.274 | 0.000             | 1.232             | 0.832          | 0.001 | *** |
| TRB   | 0.026   | 0.065 | 0.399 | 0.071             | 0.301             | 0.862          | 0.814 |     |
| DCT   | 0.023   | 0.060 | 0.389 | 0.000             | 0.989             | 0.890          | 0.026 | *   |
| SRG   | 0.019   | 0.097 | 0.192 | 0.000             | 0.344             | 0.912          | 0.967 |     |
| CHL   | 0.017   | 0.043 | 0.390 | 0.000             | 0.583             | 0.932          | 0.340 |     |
| AMA   | 0.016   | 0.075 | 0.216 | 0.000             | 0.876             | 0.951          | 0.005 | **  |
| NEO   | 0.013   | 0.050 | 0.252 | 0.095             | 0.370             | 0.966          | 0.003 | **  |
| ASP   | 0.006   | 0.032 | 0.197 | 0.095             | 0.029             | 0.973          | 0.825 |     |
| HLA   | 0.006   | 0.024 | 0.252 | 0.000             | 0.098             | 0.980          | 0.051 | .   |
| VAL   | 0.005   | 0.027 | 0.172 | 0.000             | 0.333             | 0.986          | 0.084 | .   |
| GLA   | 0.003   | 0.035 | 0.096 | 0.000             | 0.019             | 0.990          | 0.918 |     |
| VEN   | 0.003   | 0.025 | 0.124 | 0.000             | 0.212             | 0.993          | 0.074 | .   |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.017 | 0.135 | 0.000             | 0.159             | 0.996          | 0.429 |     |
| BRY   | 0.002   | 0.016 | 0.144 | 0.000             | 0.130             | 0.999          | 0.127 |     |
| LAU   | 0.001   | 0.010 | 0.083 | 0.000             | 0.004             | 1.000          | 0.979 |     |
| HYP   | 0.000   | 0.003 | 0.077 | 0.000             | 0.001             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |

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Contrast: 9\_29

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.378   | 0.333 | 1.136 | 3.736             | 0.633             | 0.410          | 0.426 |     |
| LPA   | 0.172   | 0.224 | 0.767 | 0.600             | 2.017             | 0.596          | 0.001 | *** |
| PAD   | 0.103   | 0.258 | 0.398 | 0.833             | 0.408             | 0.707          | 0.003 | **  |
| NRM   | 0.062   | 0.138 | 0.449 | 0.000             | 0.933             | 0.774          | 0.001 | *** |
| MIC   | 0.037   | 0.132 | 0.276 | 0.612             | 0.000             | 0.814          | 0.939 |     |
| DIC   | 0.036   | 0.125 | 0.288 | 0.258             | 0.038             | 0.853          | 0.324 |     |
| SPT   | 0.032   | 0.103 | 0.305 | 0.000             | 0.582             | 0.887          | 0.001 | *** |
| GLA   | 0.024   | 0.054 | 0.442 | 0.000             | 0.179             | 0.912          | 0.096 | .   |
| AMA   | 0.021   | 0.079 | 0.265 | 0.000             | 0.401             | 0.935          | 0.013 | *   |
| CLP   | 0.015   | 0.085 | 0.175 | 0.027             | 0.129             | 0.951          | 0.974 |     |
| LAU   | 0.013   | 0.046 | 0.291 | 0.000             | 0.141             | 0.966          | 0.022 | *   |
| NEO   | 0.007   | 0.043 | 0.169 | 0.095             | 0.003             | 0.974          | 0.064 | .   |
| DPT   | 0.006   | 0.046 | 0.141 | 0.000             | 0.045             | 0.981          | 0.421 |     |
| ASP   | 0.006   | 0.036 | 0.167 | 0.095             | 0.000             | 0.987          | 0.775 |     |
| HYP   | 0.006   | 0.030 | 0.194 | 0.000             | 0.057             | 0.993          | 0.420 |     |
| TRB   | 0.004   | 0.028 | 0.158 | 0.071             | 0.001             | 0.998          | 1.000 |     |
| SRG   | 0.001   | 0.005 | 0.138 | 0.000             | 0.005             | 0.999          | 0.999 |     |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.004 | 0.138 | 0.000             | 0.004             | 1.000          | 0.702 |     |
| CHL   | 0.000   | 0.002 | 0.138 | 0.000             | 0.002             | 1.000          | 1.000 |     |
| UDO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.191 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.797 |     |

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Contrast: 17\_20

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.244   | 0.255 | 0.957 | 3.721             | 1.528             | 0.278          | 1.000 |     |
| LPA   | 0.115   | 0.205 | 0.560 | 2.115             | 0.679             | 0.409          | 0.006 | **  |
| MIC   | 0.076   | 0.204 | 0.373 | 0.607             | 1.548             | 0.496          | 0.375 |     |
| TRB   | 0.069   | 0.140 | 0.497 | 1.202             | 0.301             | 0.575          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC   | 0.064   | 0.155 | 0.413 | 1.080             | 0.213             | 0.648          | 0.001 | *** |
| CLP   | 0.056   | 0.122 | 0.463 | 0.129             | 1.437             | 0.712          | 0.006 | **  |
| PAD   | 0.055   | 0.127 | 0.433 | 0.158             | 1.780             | 0.775          | 0.092 | .   |
| CER   | 0.029   | 0.117 | 0.251 | 0.000             | 0.996             | 0.809          | 0.001 | *** |
| DPT   | 0.024   | 0.090 | 0.272 | 0.000             | 1.232             | 0.837          | 0.001 | *** |
| DCT   | 0.023   | 0.060 | 0.384 | 0.021             | 0.989             | 0.863          | 0.008 | **  |
| SRG   | 0.023   | 0.098 | 0.231 | 0.153             | 0.344             | 0.889          | 0.969 |     |
| CHL   | 0.022   | 0.066 | 0.340 | 0.122             | 0.583             | 0.914          | 0.048 | *   |
| ASP   | 0.021   | 0.098 | 0.210 | 0.229             | 0.029             | 0.938          | 0.076 | .   |
| AMA   | 0.015   | 0.072 | 0.214 | 0.000             | 0.876             | 0.955          | 0.001 | *** |
| GLA   | 0.013   | 0.065 | 0.206 | 0.243             | 0.019             | 0.971          | 0.281 |     |
| NEO   | 0.007   | 0.034 | 0.198 | 0.000             | 0.370             | 0.978          | 0.020 | *   |
| HLA   | 0.006   | 0.023 | 0.240 | 0.000             | 0.098             | 0.985          | 0.035 | *   |
| VAL   | 0.004   | 0.026 | 0.169 | 0.001             | 0.333             | 0.990          | 0.040 | *   |
| VEN   | 0.003   | 0.024 | 0.124 | 0.000             | 0.212             | 0.993          | 0.002 | **  |
| BRY   | 0.003   | 0.022 | 0.118 | 0.000             | 0.130             | 0.996          | 0.050 | *   |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.017 | 0.135 | 0.000             | 0.159             | 0.999          | 0.435 |     |
| LAU   | 0.001   | 0.013 | 0.069 | 0.000             | 0.004             | 1.000          | 0.994 |     |

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Contrast: 17\_29

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.289   | 0.290 | 0.997 | 3.721             | 0.633             | 0.310          | 1.000 |     |
| LPA   | 0.203   | 0.239 | 0.849 | 2.115             | 2.017             | 0.528          | 0.001 | *** |
| DIC   | 0.070   | 0.170 | 0.414 | 1.080             | 0.038             | 0.604          | 0.002 | **  |
| TRB   | 0.063   | 0.153 | 0.414 | 1.202             | 0.001             | 0.672          | 0.008 | **  |
| NRM   | 0.057   | 0.134 | 0.427 | 0.000             | 0.933             | 0.733          | 0.001 | *** |
| MIC   | 0.044   | 0.175 | 0.250 | 0.607             | 0.000             | 0.780          | 0.909 |     |
| GLA   | 0.036   | 0.086 | 0.417 | 0.243             | 0.179             | 0.819          | 0.003 | **  |
| SPT   | 0.030   | 0.101 | 0.299 | 0.000             | 0.582             | 0.851          | 0.001 | *** |
| CLP   | 0.028   | 0.116 | 0.244 | 0.129             | 0.129             | 0.882          | 0.722 |     |
| ASP   | 0.025   | 0.116 | 0.212 | 0.229             | 0.000             | 0.908          | 0.063 | .   |
| PAD   | 0.022   | 0.113 | 0.196 | 0.158             | 0.408             | 0.932          | 0.977 |     |
| AMA   | 0.019   | 0.076 | 0.256 | 0.000             | 0.401             | 0.953          | 0.007 | **  |
| LAU   | 0.014   | 0.052 | 0.267 | 0.000             | 0.141             | 0.968          | 0.009 | **  |
| CHL   | 0.009   | 0.062 | 0.147 | 0.122             | 0.002             | 0.978          | 0.823 |     |
| SRG   | 0.007   | 0.034 | 0.203 | 0.153             | 0.005             | 0.985          | 0.999 |     |
| DPT   | 0.006   | 0.050 | 0.125 | 0.000             | 0.045             | 0.992          | 0.466 |     |
| HYP   | 0.006   | 0.031 | 0.182 | 0.000             | 0.057             | 0.998          | 0.449 |     |
| DCT   | 0.001   | 0.014 | 0.079 | 0.021             | 0.000             | 0.999          | 1.000 |     |
| VAL   | 0.001   | 0.005 | 0.125 | 0.001             | 0.004             | 1.000          | 0.790 |     |
| NEO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.232 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.929 |     |
| UDO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.183 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.899 |     |

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Contrast: 20\_29

| Genus | Average | SD    | Ratio | Average (Group A) | Average (Group B) | Cumulative Sum | p     |     |
|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------|-----|
| HA    | 0.184   | 0.251 | 0.733 | 1.528             | 0.633             | 0.195          | 1.000 |     |
| LPA   | 0.177   | 0.252 | 0.701 | 0.679             | 2.017             | 0.382          | 0.001 | *** |
| PAD   | 0.077   | 0.180 | 0.426 | 1.780             | 0.408             | 0.463          | 0.009 | **  |
| CLP   | 0.068   | 0.156 | 0.433 | 1.437             | 0.129             | 0.534          | 0.007 | **  |
| NRM   | 0.059   | 0.140 | 0.419 | 0.000             | 0.933             | 0.596          | 0.001 | *** |
| MIC   | 0.048   | 0.167 | 0.291 | 1.548             | 0.000             | 0.647          | 0.868 |     |
| AMA   | 0.036   | 0.107 | 0.333 | 0.876             | 0.401             | 0.685          | 0.001 | *** |
| CER   | 0.034   | 0.135 | 0.253 | 0.996             | 0.000             | 0.721          | 0.002 | **  |
| DPT   | 0.033   | 0.112 | 0.300 | 1.232             | 0.045             | 0.757          | 0.001 | *** |
| GLA   | 0.032   | 0.090 | 0.354 | 0.019             | 0.179             | 0.790          | 0.021 | *   |
| SPT   | 0.031   | 0.102 | 0.298 | 0.000             | 0.582             | 0.823          | 0.001 | *** |
| TRB   | 0.029   | 0.084 | 0.343 | 0.301             | 0.001             | 0.853          | 0.681 |     |
| DCT   | 0.026   | 0.066 | 0.388 | 0.989             | 0.000             | 0.880          | 0.023 | *   |
| SRG   | 0.023   | 0.115 | 0.203 | 0.344             | 0.005             | 0.905          | 0.891 |     |
| CHL   | 0.018   | 0.048 | 0.385 | 0.583             | 0.002             | 0.924          | 0.249 |     |
| DIC   | 0.018   | 0.081 | 0.227 | 0.213             | 0.038             | 0.944          | 0.890 |     |
| LAU   | 0.016   | 0.055 | 0.286 | 0.004             | 0.141             | 0.960          | 0.003 | **  |
| NEO   | 0.008   | 0.036 | 0.210 | 0.370             | 0.003             | 0.968          | 0.072 | .   |
| HLA   | 0.007   | 0.028 | 0.245 | 0.098             | 0.000             | 0.976          | 0.040 | *   |
| HYP   | 0.007   | 0.035 | 0.192 | 0.001             | 0.057             | 0.983          | 0.318 |     |
| VAL   | 0.005   | 0.028 | 0.196 | 0.333             | 0.004             | 0.989          | 0.066 | .   |
| BRY   | 0.004   | 0.032 | 0.114 | 0.130             | 0.000             | 0.992          | 0.035 | *   |
| VEN   | 0.003   | 0.026 | 0.124 | 0.212             | 0.000             | 0.996          | 0.057 | .   |
| CLS   | 0.002   | 0.017 | 0.135 | 0.159             | 0.000             | 0.998          | 0.370 |     |
| ASP   | 0.001   | 0.009 | 0.167 | 0.029             | 0.000             | 1.000          | 0.976 |     |
| UDO   | 0.000   | 0.001 | 0.177 | 0.000             | 0.003             | 1.000          | 0.851 |     |

1286 **Supplementary Table 7. PERMANOVA results.**

1287 Variables significant at  $\alpha = 0.05$  are bolded and those significant at  $\alpha =$  are italicized.

| All sites.   |                |                |             |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ Month of survey (ranked by SST) + storms within 5 years (Type 3+) + maxDHW + cumulative human impacts + habitat + nutrients (agriculture) + mean wave energy + NPP<sub>SD</sub> + SST<sub>SD</sub> + MMM + Depth + reef area (200 km) + management + NDVI + mean PAR (survey month) + aspect + Chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)</i> |                |                |             |                  |
|  | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F    | p-value          |
| Model  | <b>29.08</b>   | <b>0.10</b>    | <b>2.62</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual   | 266.23         | 0.90           |             |                  |
| Total  | 295.30         | 1.00           |             |                  |
| Variables  |                |                |             |                  |
| Month (ranked by SST)  | <b>9.26</b>    | <b>0.03</b>    | <b>2.16</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Storms within 5 years (Type 3+)  | <b>0.79</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>2.21</b> | <b>0.02</b>      |
| MaxDHW   | <b>0.99</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>2.79</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Cumulative human impacts   | <b>1.72</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>4.81</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Habitat  | <b>5.52</b>    | <b>0.02</b>    | <b>5.14</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Nutrients (agriculture)  | 0.37           | 0.00           | 1.02        | 0.42             |
| Mean wave energy   | <b>0.72</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>1.99</b> | <b>0.03</b>      |
| NPP <sub>SD</sub>  | 0.43           | 0.00           | 1.19        | 0.28             |
| Reef area (200km)  | <b>1.46</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>4.06</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Management   | <b>3.27</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>4.56</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| NDVI   | <b>0.90</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>2.51</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Mean PAR (survey month)  | <b>0.79</b>    | <b>0.00</b>    | <b>2.22</b> | <b>0.02</b>      |
| Aspect   | 0.23           | 0.00           | 0.65        | 0.81             |
| <i>Chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)</i>  | <i>0.67</i>    | <i>0.00</i>    | <i>1.87</i> | <i>0.05</i>      |
| Residual   | 424.38         | 0.96           |             |                  |
| Total  | 443.18         | 1.00           |             |                  |

| b. Mid-tropical North Pacific  |                |                |             |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ Storms within 5 years (Type 3+) + nutrients (agriculture)</i> |                |                |             |                  |
|  | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F    | p-value          |
| <i>Model</i>   | 9.97           | 0.05           | 1.63        | 0.08             |
| Residual   | 19.30          | 0.94           |             |                  |
| Total  | 19.27          | 1.00           |             |                  |
| Variables  |                |                |             |                  |
| Population (20 km)   | <b>0.38</b>    | <b>0.02</b>    | <b>3.94</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Depth  | <b>0.59</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>2.21</b> | <b>0.03</b>      |
| Residual   | 18.30          | 0.94           |             |                  |
| Total  | 19.27          | 1.00           |             |                  |

| Indo-Pacific seas & Indian Ocean   |                |                |              |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ Chl<sub>a</sub> (kurt) + reef area (200 km) + depth + NDVI + mean SST (survey month) + reef area (15 km) + mean wave energy</i> |                |                |              |                  |
|  | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F     | p-value          |
| Model  | <b>23.54</b>   | <b>0.18</b>    | <b>7.60</b>  | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual   | 110.02         | 0.82           |              |                  |
| Total  | 133.56         | 1.00           |              |                  |
| Variables  |                |                |              |                  |
| <b>Reef area (200 km)</b>  | <b>1.56</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>5.55</b>  | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Mean wave energy</b>  | <b>1.14</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>4.06</b>  | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Depth</b>   | <b>2.89</b>    | <b>0.02</b>    | <b>10.27</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Mean SST (survey month)</b>   | <b>1.29</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>4.59</b>  | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)</b>  | <b>1.26</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>4.49</b>  | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Reef area (15 km)</b>   | <b>4.58</b>    | <b>0.03</b>    | <b>16.27</b> | <b>0.04</b>      |
| <b>Mean PAR (survey month)</b>   | <b>1.94</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>6.88</b>  |                  |
| <b>Cumulative Human Impact</b>   | <b>4.92</b>    | <b>0.04</b>    | <b>17.50</b> |                  |
| <b>Aspect</b>  | <b>0.66</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>2.35</b>  | <b>0.02</b>      |
| Residual   | 110.02         | 0.82           |              |                  |
| Total  | 133.56         | 1.00           |              |                  |



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*Formula = percent ~ nutrients (agriculture) + NDVI + chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis) + mean wave energy + storms within 5 years (type 3+) + NPP<sub>SD</sub>*

|  | <b>Sum of Squares</b> | <b>R<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>Pseudo-F</b> | <b>p-value</b>   |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Model                                  | <b>16.28</b>          | <b>0.21</b>          | <b>9.88</b>     | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual                               | 60.13                 | 0.79                 |                 |                  |
| Total                                  | 76.41                 | 1.00                 |                 |                  |
| <b>Variables</b>                       |                       |                      |                 |                  |
| <b>Nutrients (agriculture)</b>         | <b>4.58</b>           | <b>0.06</b>          | <b>16.66</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>NDVI</b>                            | <b>3.05</b>           | <b>0.04</b>          | <b>11.12</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)</b>      | <b>1.26</b>           | <b>0.02</b>          | <b>4.59</b>     | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Mean wave energy</b>                | <b>2.97</b>           | <b>0.04</b>          | <b>10.81</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>Storms within 5 years (Type 3+)</b> | <b>0.92</b>           | <b>0.01</b>          | <b>3.36</b>     | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <b>NPP<sub>SD</sub></b>                | <b>3.50</b>           | <b>0.05</b>          | <b>12.76</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual                               | 60.13                 | 0.79                 |                 |                  |
| Total                                  | 76.41                 | 1.00                 |                 |                  |

| Mid South Tropical Pacific  |                |                |             |                  |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ management + aspect + depth + NDVI + mean PAR (survey month)</i> |                |                |             |                  |
|   | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F    | p-value          |
| Model   | <b>10.76</b>   | <b>0.18</b>    | <b>5.80</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual  | 48.26          | 0.82           |             |                  |
| Total   | 59.02          | 1.00           |             |                  |
| Variables   |                |                |             |                  |
| Management  | <b>5.00</b>    | <b>0.08</b>    | <b>8.08</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Aspect  | 0.17           | 0.02           | 0.54        | 0.83             |
| Depth   | <b>2.57</b>    | <b>0.04</b>    | <b>8.29</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| NDVI  | <b>0.89</b>    | <b>0.02</b>    | <b>2.87</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Mean PAR (survey month)   | <b>2.14</b>    | <b>0.04</b>    | <b>6.91</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual  | 48.26          | 0.82           |             |                  |
| Total   | 59.02          | 1.00           |             |                  |

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| Offshore West Pacific   |                |                |             |                  |
|---|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ NDVI + WWE + aspect + mean wave energy</i> |                |                |             |                  |
|   | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F    | p-value          |
| Model   | <b>3.28</b>    | <b>0.07</b>    | <b>1.99</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual  | 46.62          | 0.93           |             |                  |
| Total   | 49.90          | 1.00           |             |                  |
| Variables   |                |                |             |                  |
| NDVI  | <b>1.31</b>    | <b>0.03</b>    | <b>3.16</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| WWE   | <b>0.49</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>1.19</b> | <b>0.26</b>      |
| Aspect  | <b>0.42</b>    | <b>0.01</b>    | <b>1.01</b> | <b>0.42</b>      |
| Mean wave energy  | 1.06           | 0.02           | 2.58        | < 0.01           |
| Residual  | 46.62          | 0.93           |             |                  |
| Total   | 49.90          | 1.00           |             |                  |

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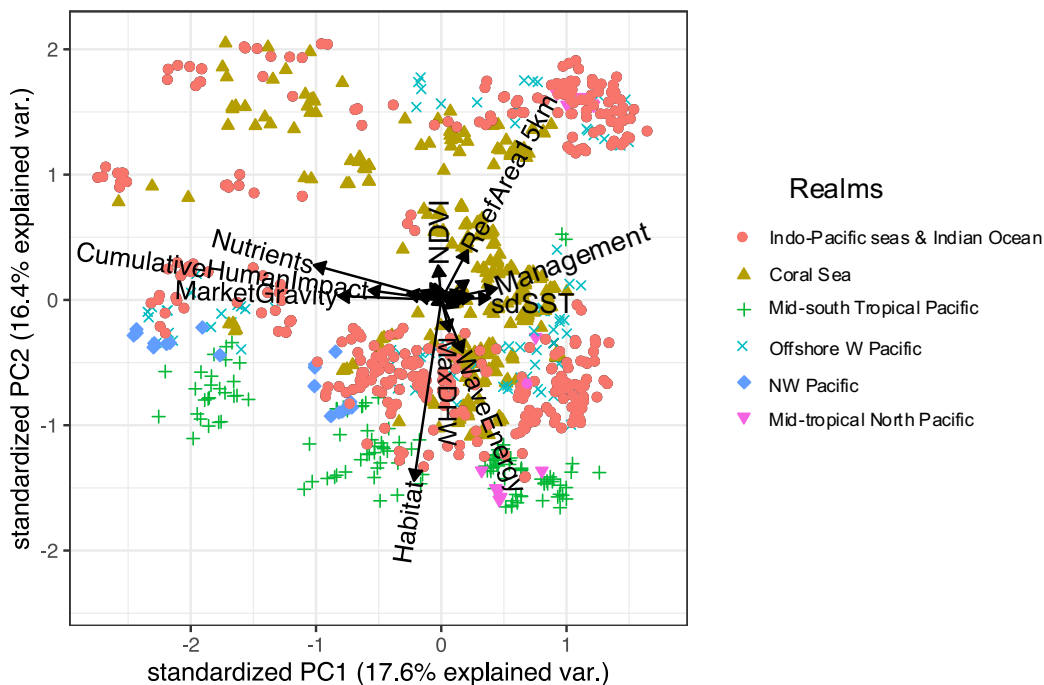
| NW Pacific   |                |                |             |                  |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <i>Formula = percent ~ chl<sub>a</sub> (kurtosis) + nutrients + management + WWE</i> |                |                |             |                  |
|  | Sum of Squares | R <sup>2</sup> | Pseudo-F    | p-value          |
| Model  | <b>0.54</b>    | <b>0.02</b>    | <b>1.36</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Residual   | 19.74          | 0.84           |             |                  |
| Total  | 23.57          | 1.00           |             |                  |
| Variables  |                |                |             |                  |
| Chl <sub>a</sub> (kurtosis)  | 0.54           | 0.02           | 1.36        | 0.12             |
| Nutrients (agriculture)  | <b>0.85</b>    | <b>0.04</b>    | <b>2.16</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| Management   | <b>2.09</b>    | <b>0.09</b>    | <b>2.65</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| WWE  | 0.35           | 0.01           | 0.88        | 0.62             |
| Residual   | 19.74          | 0.86           |             |                  |
| Total  | 23.57          | 1.00           |             |                  |



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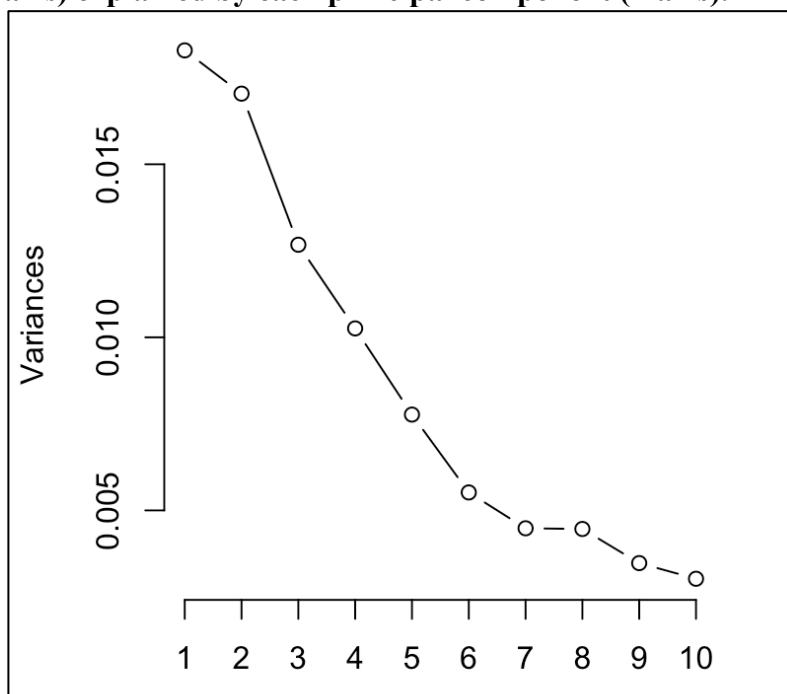
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**a. Biplot of Principal Component Analysis.**



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**b. Scree plot of Principal Component Analysis, showing the amount of variation (y-axis) explained by each principal component (x-axis).**



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**Supplementary Table 9. Full results for the Zero-Inflated Generalized Linear Mixed Effects Models.** For ease of interpretation, we multiplied the estimates for NDVI by -1 because the variables have inverse relationships with disturbance. In the table below, positive values indicate that macroalgae percent cover increases as disturbance increases, and negative values indicate that the percent cover decreases as disturbance increases.

| Genus / Category      | R <sup>2</sup> |      | Cumulative Human Impacts |                  | Log (Population 20km) |                  | Market Gravity |                  | NDVI        |                  | Nutrients   |                  |
|-----------------------|----------------|------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|
|                       | Marg           | Cond | Est                      | p                | Est                   | p                | Est            | p                | Est         | p                | Est         | p                |
| All Macroalgae        | 0.01           | 0.13 | 0.96                     | 0.85             | <b>0.09</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>1.59</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>1.57</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>0.51</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| All Brown Macroalgae  | 0.07           | 0.10 | 1.91                     | 0.14             | <b>0.05</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 0.92           | 0.74             | <b>2.14</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>0.30</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <i>Dictyota</i>       | 0.13           | NA   | 2.21                     | 0.79             | 0.05                  | 0.54             | 1.07           | 0.97             | 1.76        | 0.66             | 0.17        | 0.27             |
| <i>Dictyopteris</i>   | 0.84           | NA   | 2.72                     | 0.93             | 2.67                  | 0.97             | 7.13           | 0.76             | 3.29        | 0.43             | 0.29        | 0.84             |
| <i>Lobophora</i>      | 0.06           | NA   | 11.60                    | 0.38             | 0.01                  | 0.51             | 0.43           | 0.62             | 2.02        | 0.55             | 0.28        | 0.41             |
| <i>Padina</i>         | 0.17           | 0.34 | 1.43                     | 0.93             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 5.65           | 0.46             | 6.29        | 0.31             | 0.13        | 0.34             |
| <i>Spatoglossum</i>   | 0.99           | NA   | 4.95                     | 0.94             | 0.03                  | 0.87             | 0.00           | 0.71             | 15.86       | 0.86             | 1.78        | 0.95             |
| <i>Sargassum</i>      | 0.35           | NA   | 0.08                     | 0.62             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 1.10           | 0.98             | 7.88        | 0.55             | 4.78        | 0.56             |
| <i>Turbinaria</i>     | 0.19           | 0.93 | 0.21                     | 0.62             | 0.00                  | 0.54             | 1.67           | 0.79             | 0.57        | 0.71             | 0.63        | 0.79             |
| All Green Macroalgae  | 0.06           | NA   | <b>1.24</b>              | <b>0.03</b>      | <b>0.27</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>1.31</b>    | <b>0.07</b>      | <b>1.98</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | <b>0.57</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <i>Bryopsis</i>       | 0.94           | 1.00 | 0.29                     | 1.00             | 0.26                  | 1.00             | 0.00           | 0.05             | 1.27        | 1.00             | 0.12        | 0.00             |
| <i>Chlorodesmis</i>   | 0.24           | 0.91 | 0.31                     | 0.60             | 0.03                  | 0.99             | 0.12           | 0.50             | 0.36        | 0.64             | 0.09        | 0.38             |
| <i>Caulerpa</i>       | 0.03           | NA   | 4.53                     | 0.64             | 0.38                  | 0.87             | 3.82           | 0.50             | 1.98        | 0.59             | 0.13        | 0.25             |
| <i>Cladophoropsis</i> | 0.07           | 1.00 | 0.15                     | 0.11             | 0.00                  | 0.99             | 0.11           | 0.64             | 0.36        | 0.47             | 0.42        | 0.91             |
| <i>Dictosphaeria</i>  | 0.22           | NA   | 0.69                     | 0.92             | 0.19                  | 0.87             | 1.91           | 0.81             | 3.33        | 0.49             | 3.63        | 0.64             |
| <i>Halimeda</i>       | 0.01           | NA   | <b>10.11</b>             | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 1.54                  | 0.83             | <b>0.22</b>    | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 0.90        | 0.76             | <b>0.29</b> | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>   | 0.95           | NA   | 1.21                     | 0.29             | 0.84                  | 0.82             | 0.19           | 0.54             | 5.47        | 0.28             | 0.87        | 0.96             |
| <i>Neomeris</i>       | 0.11           | NA   | 17.66                    | 0.77             | 5.94                  | 0.90             | 0.24           | 0.79             | 2.66        | 0.80             | 0.06        | 0.57             |
| <i>Udotea</i>         | 0.94           | 1.00 | 0.08                     | 0.72             | 0.04                  | 0.42             | 1.72           | 0.91             | 0.62        | 0.89             | 0.58        | 0.89             |
| All Red Macroalgae    | 0              | --   | --                       | --               | --                    | --               | --             | --               | --          | --               | --          | --               |
| <i>Amansia</i>        | 0.93           | NA   | 2.94                     | 0.94             | 5.07                  | 0.91             | 0.19           | 0.85             | 16.39       | 0.76             | 0.04        | 0.69             |
| <i>Asparagopsis</i>   | 0.53           | 0.73 | 1.29                     | 0.96             | Inf                   | 0.78             | 0.56           | 0.87             | 12.54       | 0.41             | 0.50        | 0.82             |
| <i>Ceratodictyon</i>  | 0.88           | 0.95 | 31.89                    | 0.81             | 0.00                  | 0.41             | 0.35           | 0.90             | 3.84        | 0.83             | 0.06        | 0.72             |
| <i>Galaxaura</i>      | 0.42           | NA   | 0.21                     | 0.76             | 7.32                  | 0.88             | 0.26           | 0.68             | 0.57        | 0.83             | 1.20        | 0.95             |
| <i>Halymenia</i>      | 0.27           | 0.58 | 0.10                     | 0.84             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>0.01</b>      | 33.76          | 0.53             | 0.08        | 0.57             | 0.00        | 0.43             |
| <i>Hypnea</i>         | 0.71           | NA   | 0.00                     | 0.12             | <b>0.00</b>           | <b>&lt; 0.01</b> | 1.29           | 0.97             | Inf         | 0.08             | 8.26        | 0.53             |
| <i>Laurencia</i>      | 0.69           | 0.99 | 0.33                     | 0.85             | 84.81                 | 0.83             | 0.92           | 0.98             | 18.89       | 0.42             | 0.65        | 0.88             |
| <i>Neurymenia</i>     | 1.00           | 1.00 | 952.82                   | 0.78             | Inf                   | 0.71             | 0.00           | 0.60             | 0.36        | 0.89             | 0.02        | 0.66             |

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**Supplementary Materials 10.** Estimated parameters for GLMM models. P-values computed using a Wald z-distribution approximation. Values significant at a  $\alpha = 0.05$  are in bold, while those significant at  $\alpha$  are in italics.

| Taxa                  | NDVI         |              |                 | Log(Population) |               |                 | Market Gravity |              |                 | Cumulative Human Impacts |              |                 | Nutrients from agriculture |              |                 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                       | Est          | z            | p               | Est             | z             | p               | Est            | z            | p               | Est                      | z            | p               | Est                        | z            | P               |
| All Macroalgae        | <b>0.15</b>  | <b>2.13</b>  | <b>0.03</b>     | <b>0.71</b>     | <b>2.42</b>   | <b>0.02</b>     | -0.09          | -0.85        | 0.40            | 0.02                     | 0.11         | 0.91            | <b>-0.34</b>               | <b>-3.33</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| All Brown Macroalgae  | <b>-0.31</b> | <b>-2.74</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>0.74</b>     | <b>2.14</b>   | <b>0.03</b>     | <b>-0.36</b>   | <b>-2.07</b> | <b>0.04</b>     | <b>1.55</b>              | <b>4.86</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-0.98</b>               | <b>-6.15</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Dictyota</i>       | -0.29        | -1.22        | 0.22            | 0.41            | 0.49          | 0.63            | <b>-0.72</b>   | <b>-2.22</b> | <b>0.03</b>     | <b>2.33</b>              | <b>3.77</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-0.85</b>               | <b>-2.73</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Dictyopteris</i>   | <i>4.17</i>  | <i>1.90</i>  | <i>0.06</i>     | -0.20           | -0.04         | 0.97            | <b>-6.21</b>   | <b>-2.35</b> | <b>0.02</b>     | <b>8.37</b>              | <b>2.42</b>  | <b>0.02</b>     | -1.48                      | -1.34        | 0.18            |
| <i>Lobophora</i>      | -0.21        | -1.12        | 0.26            | 0.40            | 0.50          | 0.62            | <i>-0.55</i>   | <i>-1.70</i> | <i>0.09</i>     | <b>1.22</b>              | <b>2.06</b>  | <b>0.04</b>     | <b>-1.05</b>               | <b>-3.60</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Padina</i>         | -0.21        | -0.69        | 0.49            | 1.06            | 1.57          | 0.12            | 0.10           | 0.24         | 0.81            | <b>2.05</b>              | <b>2.86</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-1.67</b>               | <b>-4.18</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Spatoglossum</i>   | -18.42       | -1.29        | 0.20            | 22.17           | 0.57          | 0.57            | <i>29.59</i>   | <i>1.80</i>  | <i>0.07</i>     | <b>14.77</b>             | <b>1.80</b>  | <b>0.07</b>     | <i>-6.56</i>               | <i>-1.88</i> | <i>0.06</i>     |
| <i>Sargassum</i>      | <b>-1.57</b> | <b>-3.15</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 0.53            | 0.72          | 0.47            | -0.19          | -0.37        | 0.71            | 1.67                     | 1.64         | 0.10            | <b>-1.59</b>               | <b>-3.60</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Turbinaria</i>     | 0.37         | 0.89         | 0.37            | -1.35           | -1.20         | 0.23            | <b>2.12</b>    | <b>3.00</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-0.44</b>             | <b>0.35</b>  | <b>0.73</b>     | -0.02                      | -0.03        | 0.98            |
| All Green Macroalgae  | <b>0.36</b>  | <b>4.10</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>1.11</b>     | <b>2.72</b>   | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | -0.15          | -1.22        | 0.22            | <b>-0.54</b>             | <b>-2.42</b> | <b>0.02</b>     | -0.05                      | -0.40        | 0.70            |
| <i>Bryopsis</i>       | 1.30         | 0.83         | 0.41            | <b>-2.19</b>    | <b>-2.99</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 3.61           | 1.61         | 0.11            | <b>-5.31</b>             | <b>-4.21</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>4.91</b>                | <b>7.14</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Chlorodesmis</i>   | 0.00         | 0.01         | 0.99            | -12.05          | -0.67         | 0.50            | 0.39           | 0.41         | 0.68            | -1.26                    | -0.75        | 0.45            | 1.32                       | 1.83         | 0.07            |
| <i>Caulerpa</i>       | <i>0.44</i>  | <i>1.81</i>  | <i>0.07</i>     | 1.02            | 0.94          | 0.35            | 0.18           | 0.40         | 0.69            | -0.69                    | -0.99        | 0.32            | 0.34                       | 0.47         | 0.48            |
| <i>Cladophoropsis</i> | 0.52         | 0.18         | 0.86            | <b>-11.47</b>   | <b>-3.53</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 2.23           | 0.68         | 0.50            | -5.27                    | -0.97        | 0.33            | -2.30                      | -0.62        | 0.54            |
| <i>Dictyosphaeria</i> | 0.35         | 1.19         | 0.24            | 0.70            | 0.29          | 0.77            | <b>-1.18</b>   | <b>-3.68</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 0.82                     | 1.21         | 0.23            | <b>1.52</b>                | <b>3.11</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Halimeda</i>       | -0.11        | -0.30        | 0.76            | -0.35           | 0.21          | 0.83            | <b>-1.50</b>   | <b>-2.85</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>2.31</b>              | <b>2.60</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-1.23</b>               | <b>-2.60</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Microdictyon</i>   | 0.12         | 0.33         | 0.74            | -71.56          | -1.27         | 0.21            | <b>-1.41</b>   | <b>-2.36</b> | <b>0.02</b>     | 1.86                     | 1.05         | 0.30            | -0.73                      | -1.02        | 0.31            |
| <i>Neomeris</i>       | -0.33        | -0.32        | 0.75            | 2.46            | 0.34          | 0.73            | -0.03          | -0.03        | 0.97            | -2.20                    | -1.28        | 0.20            | 0.66                       | 0.79         | 0.43            |
| <i>Udotea</i>         | <b>2.51</b>  | <b>3.71</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-58.79</b>   | <b>-58.00</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-4.26</b>   | <b>-6.30</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 1.93                     | 0.87         | 0.38            | 0.18                       | 0.11         | 0.92            |
| All Red Macroalgae    | -0.11        | -0.63        | 0.53            | <b>1.77</b>     | <b>4.76</b>   | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <i>-0.37</i>   | <i>-1.70</i> | <i>0.09</i>     | 0.35                     | 1.01         | 0.31            | <i>-0.33</i>               | <i>-1.70</i> | <i>0.09</i>     |
| <i>Amansia</i>        | -7.52        | -1.39        | 0.16            | -11.65          | -1.05         | 0.29            | -1.00          | -0.27        | 0.90            | -1.43                    | -0.12        | 0.90            | 3.86                       | 0.48         | 0.63            |
| <i>Asparagopsis</i>   | <b>-2.05</b> | <b>-2.25</b> | <b>0.03</b>     | -11.51          | -0.56         | 0.58            | 1.15           | 1.63         | 0.11            | -0.16                    | -0.12        | 0.90            | -0.42                      | -0.68        | 0.50            |
| <i>Ceratodictyon</i>  | -3.79        | -1.55        | 0.12            | 1.25            | 0.91          | 0.37            | <b>-4.20</b>   | <b>-2.49</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | 1.66                     | 0.66         | 0.51            | 0.08                       | 0.06         | 0.96            |
| <i>Galaxaura</i>      | <b>1.41</b>  | <b>2.83</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | -0.52           | -0.16         | 0.87            | <i>1.85</i>    | <i>1.82</i>  | <i>0.07</i>     | <b>-4.43</b>             | <b>-2.24</b> | <b>0.03</b>     | <i>1.53</i>                | <i>2.00</i>  | <i>0.05</i>     |
| <i>Halymenia</i>      | 0.45         | 0.43         | 0.67            | 1.47            | 1.10          | 0.27            | -0.64          | 0.33         | 0.74            | -0.30                    | -0.18        | 0.86            | 1.64                       | 1.06         | 0.29            |
| <i>Hypnea</i>         | <b>-3.07</b> | <b>2.52</b>  | <b>0.01</b>     | <b>2.59</b>     | <b>3.43</b>   | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-1.80</b>   | <b>-2.27</b> | <b>0.02</b>     | <b>5.14</b>              | <b>2.86</b>  | <b>0.01</b>     | <b>-2.36</b>               | <b>-3.70</b> | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| <i>Laurencia</i>      | 0.10         | 0.14         | 0.89            | <b>-14.49</b>   | <b>-3.04</b>  | <b>&lt;0.01</b> | <b>-2.99</b>   | <b>-2.60</b> | <b>0.01</b>     | -1.63                    | -0.74        | 0.46            | 1.18                       | 1.45         | 0.15            |