

# 1 **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

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Table S1: Bioerosion Model Selection with all carbonate parameters:  $k$  is the number of parameters in the model,  $-\log(\mathcal{L})$  is the negative log likelihood of the model,  $AIC_c$  is the Akaike Information Criterion corrected,  $\Delta AIC_c$  is the difference from the lowest  $AIC_c$  value,  $R^2$  is the proportion of total variance explained by the model, and Rank is the rank of the model with 1 representing the best fit. Each model is a linear regression of total bioerosion versus the means ( $\bar{X}$ ) and variances ( $Var(X)$ ) or covariance ( $Cov(X)$ ) of each parameter. The Resource Availability Model includes DIN:DIP and chlorophyll  $a$  concentration and the Full Model includes means and variances or covariances for all listed environmental parameters. Environmental data are the residuals from a regression between each parameter versus  $\log(\text{depth})$  and distance from shore. Bioerosion rates were square-root transformed to meet model assumptions. The ranges for each environmental parameter are included in Silbiger et al. 2014.

	<b>k</b>	<b><math>-\log(\mathcal{L})</math></b>	<b>AICc</b>	<b><math>\Delta AIC</math></b>	<b><math>R^2</math></b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>pH</b>	4.00	-13.24	-18.97	0.00	0.54	1
<b>pCO<sub>2</sub></b>	4.00	-12.02	-16.54	2.43	0.49	2
<b>TA</b>	4.00	-9.52	-11.55	7.43	0.34	3
<b>DIC</b>	4.00	-8.65	-9.79	9.18	0.28	4
<b>Depth &amp; Distance</b>	4.00	-6.35	-5.19	13.78	0.09	5
<b>Temperature</b>	4.00	-6.11	-4.71	14.26	0.07	6
<b>Resource Availability</b>	6.00	7.44	-0.60	18.38	0.21	7
<b>Full</b>	18.00	-37.25	265.50	284.47	0.99	8

## 8 Detailed Methods:

9 **Study site:** Our study site is located in Kāneʻohe Bay, Oʻahu on the windward (eastern) side of Moku o  
10 Loʻe (Coconut Island), adjacent to the Hawaiʻi Institute of Marine Biology; N21°25.975', W157°47.175'). This  
11 fringing reef is dominated by *Porites compressa* and *Montipora capitata*, with occasional colonies of *Pocillopora*  
12 *damicornis*, *Fungia scutaria*, and *Porites lobata*. Kāneʻohe Bay is a protected, semi-enclosed embayment; the  
13 residence time can be >1 month in the protected southern portion of Kāneʻohe Bay, where our study was located  
14 (Lowe et al., 2009a). Wave action is low (Smith et al., 1981; Lowe et al., 2009b,a), and currents are slow (5cm  
15 s<sup>-1</sup> maximum) and tidally driven (mean and maximum tidal ranges are 0.7 and 1.1m, respectively) (Lowe et al.,  
16 2009b,a). Daily averages in pH, temperature, and O<sub>2</sub> in the Kāneʻohe Bay waters just offshore our site ranged  
17 from 7.83 - 8.03, 21.84-27.86 °C, and 5.82-7.81 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, respectively, during our study period (Guadayol et al.,  
18 2014).

## 19 Environmental Parameters:

20 The discrete water samples were collected directly above each block within two days of spring tide at 08:00,  
21 14:00, 20:00, and 02:00 on September 10-11, 2011, December 12-13, 2011, and April 4-5, 2012. All discrete  
22 water samples were collected on snorkel or SCUBA using 60 and 120ml plastic syringes. Syringes and storage  
23 vials were all pre-cleaned in a 10% HCl bath for 24 hours and rinsed three times with MilliQ water; during sample  
24 collection and processing syringes were rinsed three times with sample water. The environment was sampled  
25 more continuously for temperature and depth (sampling rate of ~ 0.1 min<sup>-1</sup>) using one permanent and two mobile  
26 monitoring stations. Two mobile stations were deployed at a time, one on the reef flat and one on the reef slope,  
27 to get simultaneous measurements at two different blocks on the transect. Mobile stations (Sonde 600XLM,  
28 YSI Incorporated) were positioned 5 - 10cm above each block for a two-week period between May 2011 and  
29 March 2012. Blocks were sampled in random order, ensuring that the spatial gradient along the transect was not  
30 systematically confounded by temporal trends or seasonality (Guadayol et al., 2014). The permanent monitoring  
31 station (Sonde 6600-V2-4, YSI) was mounted to a pole a few meters away from the transect, downward facing at  
32 1.7m depth over a 3m deep bottom, with sensors for temperature, depth, conductivity, pH, and O<sub>2</sub> to characterize  
33 the background water column conditions for the duration of the experiment. All multi-parametric probes were  
34 calibrated periodically using standard procedures and calibration solutions. The permanent station was recovered,  
35 cleaned, calibrated, and re-deployed 3 times during the study, and the mobile station probes were calibrated 7  
36 times. Pre-calibration measurements of commercial standard solutions were conducted to detect sensor drift,  
37 although none was found for the period of study. Environmental data from the transect are reported in Silbiger  
38 et al. (2014)(Silbiger et al., 2014) and background water column data are reported in Guadayol et al. (2014)  
39 (Guadayol et al., 2014).

40 **Nutrients and Chlorophyll:** Water samples collected for nutrients were immediately filtered through com-  
41 busted 25 mm diameter glass fiber filters (GF/F 0.2 μm) and transferred into 50 ml plastic centrifuge tubes. Nutrient

42 samples were frozen and later analyzed for  $NO_3^-$ ,  $NO_2^-$ ,  $NH_4^+$ , and  $PO_4^{3-}$  on a Seal Analytical AA3 HR Nu-  
43 trient Analyzer at the UH SOEST Laboratory for Analytical Chemistry. GF/F filters were folded in half, wrapped  
44 in aluminum foil, and frozen for chlorophyll *a* analysis using a Turner Designs 10AU Benchtop Fluorometer. The  
45 ratio of dissolved inorganic nitrogen to dissolved inorganic phosphate (DIN:DIP) was used as a proxy for resource  
46 quality available to filter feeders (Hauss et al., 2012), assuming that elemental composition of planktonic prey  
47 will be influenced by elemental composition of the water column, and was calculated from  $([NO_3^-] + [NO_2^-] +$   
48  $[NH_4^+]):[PO_4^{3-}]$ .

49 **pH and TA:** Mean and variance in pH at each block was calculated from water samples along the transect.  
50 Water samples for pH were immediately transferred into 25 ml borosilicate glass vials, brought to a constant tem-  
51 perature of 25°C in a water bath, and immediately analyzed using an m-cresol dye addition spectrophotometric  
52 technique and calibrated against a Tris buffer of known pH from the Dickson Laboratory at Scripps Institution  
53 of Oceanography. TA was fixed with 100  $\mu$ L of  $HgCl_2$  and analyzed using open cell potentiometric titrations on  
54 a Mettler T50 autotitrator and calibrated against a Certified Reference Material following Dickson et al. (2007)  
55 (Dickson et al., 2007) protocols. *In situ* pH and all other carbonate parameters were estimated using CO2SYS  
56 (van Heuven et al., 2011) with the following parameters:  $pH_t$ , TA, temperature, and salinity. The K1K2 disso-  
57 ciation constants were from Mehrbach (1973) (Mehrbach, 1973) (refit by Dickson and Millero (1987) (Dickson  
58 and Millero, 1987)) and  $HSO_4^-$  dissociation constants were taken from Uppstrom (1974) (Uppström, 1974) and  
59 Dickson (1990) (Dickson, 1990). Accuracy for TA and pH was better than 0.8% and 0.04%, respectively, and the  
60 precision was 3.55  $\mu$ Eq and 0.004 pH units.

61 **Temperature:** Temperature sensors (YSI 6560) were thermistors with manufacturer-reported accuracy of  
62  $\pm 0.15^\circ C$  and resolution of  $0.01^\circ C$  (YSI Incorporated 2011). Average differences in temperature along the transect  
63 were small and measured as a relative anomaly from the permanent station:  $((\bar{x}_{mobile} - \bar{x}_{permanent})/\bar{x}_{permanent})$ .  
64 To measure relative variability in temperature across the transect, we calculated the covariance in temperature be-  
65 tween the mobile and permanent sensor arrays over a two-week period and compared this covariance across the  
66 transect.

67 **Depth and Distance from Shore:** Depth is the average depth measured at each block over the two week  
68 deployment of the mobile station. Distance from shore is the along-transect distance.

69 **Turbulent Kinetic Energy Dissipation Rate ( $\epsilon$ ):** Acoustic doppler velocimeters (Vectrino Field, Nortek A.S.)  
70 were deployed 5-10 cm above the blocks along with the multiparametric sondes measuring temperature and depth  
71 at 11 of the 21 stations. Unfortunately one of the velocimeters broke during deployment, and flow data could not  
72 be acquired for the rest of the stations and therefore was not included in the model selection. However, given the  
73 tight correlation between  $\epsilon$  and distance from shore ( $R^2 = 0.88$ ), distance from shore was used as a proxy for the  
74 hydrodynamic gradient.

75 Spikes were removed following a 3D phase-space thresholding technique Goring and Nikora (2002); Wahl

76 (2003) in the beam coordinates. Values with correlations  $<60$  were also removed McLelland and Nicholas (2000).  
77 Gaps were linearly interpolated when shorter than 10 measurements. Empirical orthogonal functions (EOF) were  
78 used to align coordinates to streamwise/cross-stream axes for the entire sampling period

79 Turbulent kinetic energy dissipation rates ( $\epsilon; m^2s^{-3}$ ) for each segment were estimated from the spectra using  
80 the inertial subrange dissipation method Bluteau et al. (2011). Briefly, data was partitioned in 10 minutes intervals,  
81 the same sampling period as the multiparameter Sonde measuring temperature and depth. For each segment, data  
82 was further partitioned into 180 second segments of uninterrupted data, from which the fast Fourier transforms  
83 were obtained. A smoothed spectra was generated by averaging all the raw spectra. The inertial subrange was  
84 identified in the log transformed spectra as the segment that best fit a  $-5/3$  model, with a minimum coefficient of  
85 determination ( $R^2$ ) of 0.75, and encompassing at least one order of magnitude of frequencies. Fits were evaluated  
86 using F statistics and  $R^2$ . To account for the effect of advection by current and waves on the turbulent spectra,  
87 we used a generalized frozen turbulence model Lumley and Terray (1983). All calculations were done using  
88 MATLAB.

89  $\mu$ CT: We used an eXplore CT120  $\mu$ CT (GE Healthcare Xradia, Inc) at the Cornell University Imaging Mul-  
90 tiscala CT Facility (Figure 2) to scan blocks before and after deployment (voltage = 100kV, current = 50mA).  
91 Angular projections were acquired in a full  $360^\circ$  rotation in  $0.5^\circ$  increments; two images at each angle were ac-  
92 quired and averaged creating a three-dimensional array of isotropic voxels at  $50 \mu m^3$  which was then averaged  
93 to  $100 \mu m^3$ . Pre- and post-deployment scans were aligned, or registered, using an intensity-based image regis-  
94 tration algorithm from the MATLAB Image Processing Toolbox. Mattes Mutual Information metric maximizes  
95 the number of corresponding pixels with similar intensity values (Mattes et al., 2001) which was used to describe  
96 the accuracy of the registration. We used the One Plus One Evolutionary Optimizer, an iterative algorithm that  
97 maximizes the best registration results by perturbing the parameters between iterations (Styner et al., 2000), as our  
98 optimization technique. A global threshold value was set at an intensity value of 200 to separate  $CaCO_3$  from air  
99 and remove any effects of partial volume averaging at the coral block-air interface Silbiger et al. (2014). Intensity  
100 values are directly correlated with skeletal density at each pixel. The number of voxels exceeding this thresh-  
101 old was used in calculating secondary accretion and bioerosion. After the images were registered, both pre- and  
102 post-deployment scans were converted to binary, such that any positive intensity value (a pixel with  $CaCO_3$ ) was  
103 assigned a one and all other values (air) were assigned a zero. The two images were then subtracted from one  
104 another giving a matrix of 1's, 0's, and -1's. In the subtracted matrix, all pixels with a value of one represented  
105 areas of new  $CaCO_3$  (accretion) and all values of negative one were areas where  $CaCO_3$  was removed (bioerosion).  
106 A value of zero meant there was no change at that pixel between the before and after scans. Converting images to  
107 binary is the most conservative way to calculate secondary accretion and bioerosion; it does not account for any  
108 change in skeletal density, but rather an absolute loss of  $CaCO_3$ . Subtracting the two raw images, without convert-  
109 ing to binary, would potentially over-estimate secondary accretion and bioerosion due to partial volume averaging

110 of surrounding pixels or a change in skeletal density due to chemical dissolution. To calculate secondary accretion  
111 and bioerosion rates, all positive and negative values were summed in the subtracted matrix and multiplied by the  
112 voxel size  $(100 \mu\text{m})^3$  to give the total volume of  $\text{CaCO}_3$  gained or lost, respectively. These values were then nor-  
113 malized to the surface area of the pre-deployment block and multiplied by the skeletal density and are expressed  
114 as  $\text{kg CaCO}_3 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for bioerosion and  $\text{mm CaCO}_3 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  for secondary accretion. Bulk skeletal density of  
115 pre-deployment blocks was calculated using the buoyant weight technique. Surface area was calculated following  
116 methods by Legland et al. 2011 Legland et al. (2011). Note that this volumetric analysis measures changes at the  
117 voxel scale of  $100 \mu\text{m}^3$ , and, therefore, may underestimate bioerosion by microborers, which make erosion scars  
118 between 1 and  $100 \mu\text{m}$  (Tribollet, 2008).

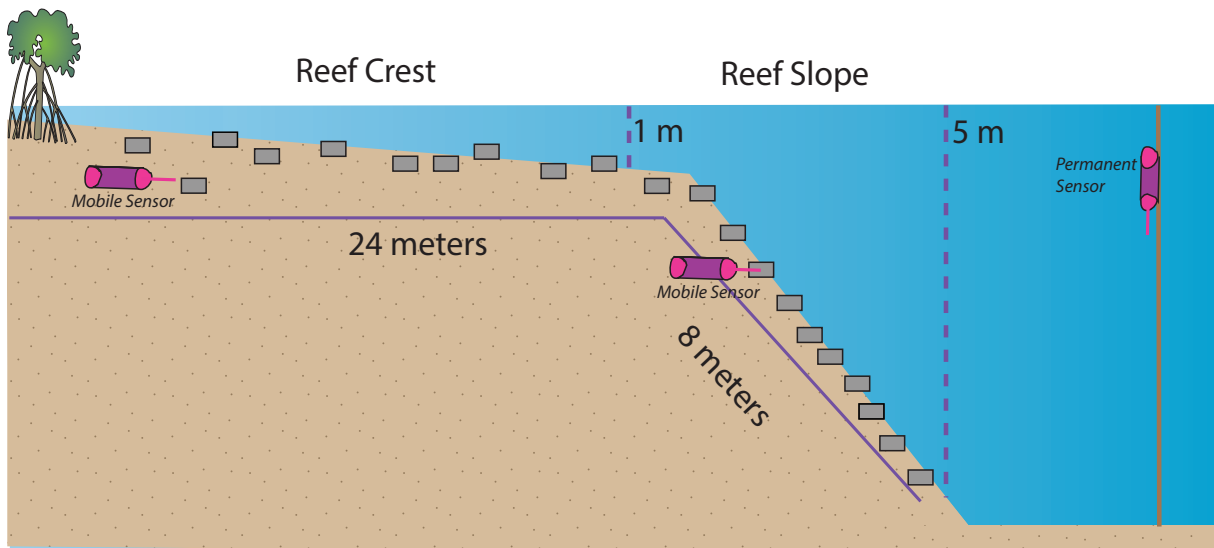


Figure S1: Schematic of reef transect. Experimental blocks (grey rectangles) were stratified between reef flat and reef slope along a 32 m transect and were deployed for one year. The depth ranged from 0.5 to 4.5 m. Discrete environmental samples were collected directly above each experimental block. Continuous sensors were stationed over each block for a minimum of two weeks (mobile sensors) and were normalized to a continuous time series from a permanent sensor station (Permanent sensors).

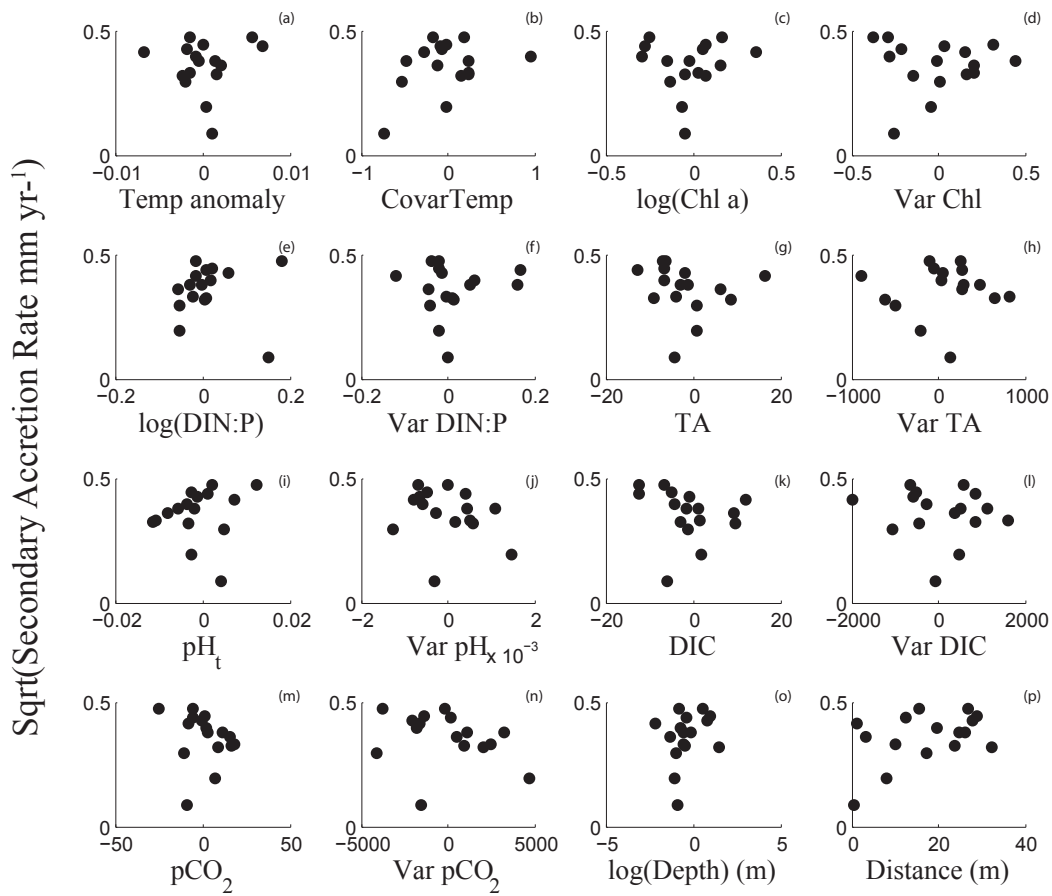


Figure S2: Secondary accretion versus the means and variances of all environmental parameters. Environmental parameters were regressed against log(depth) and distance from shore and the residuals from those regressions are used in this figure.



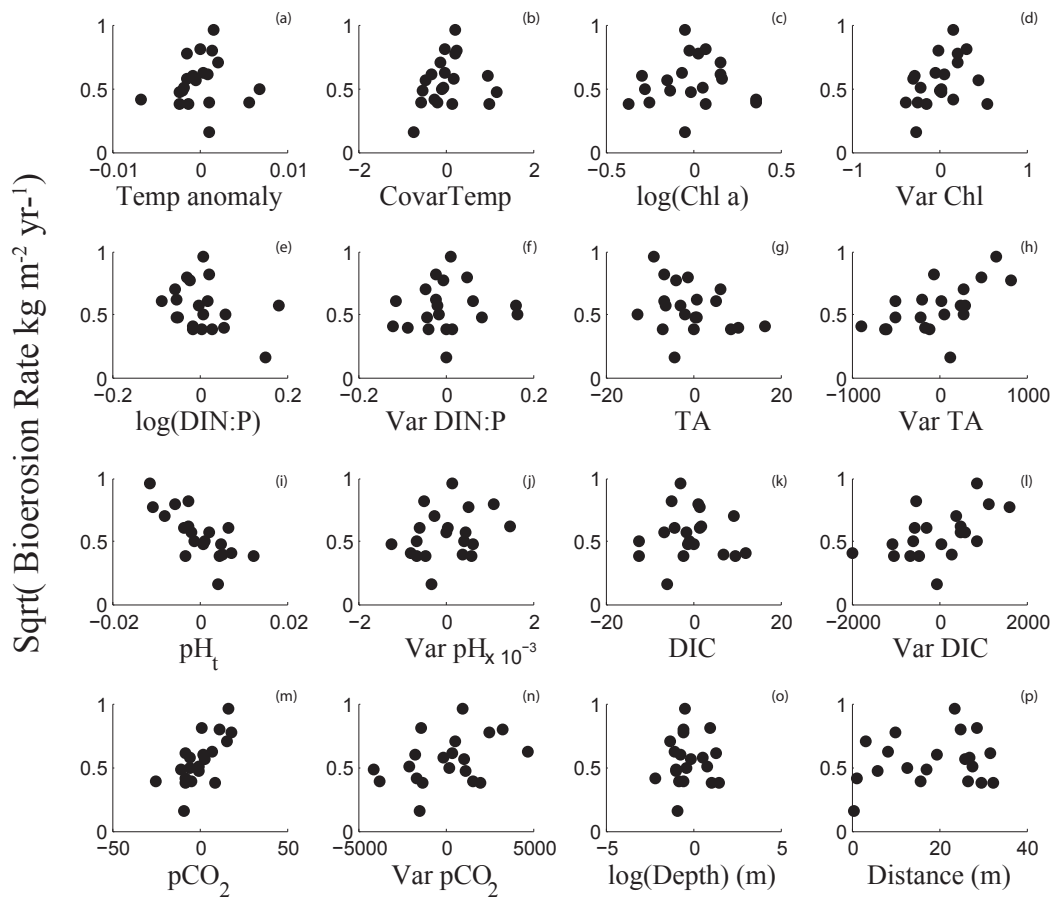


Figure S3: Bioerosion versus the means and variances of all environmental parameters. Environmental parameters were regressed against  $\log(\text{depth})$  and distance from shore and the residuals from those regressions are used in this figure.

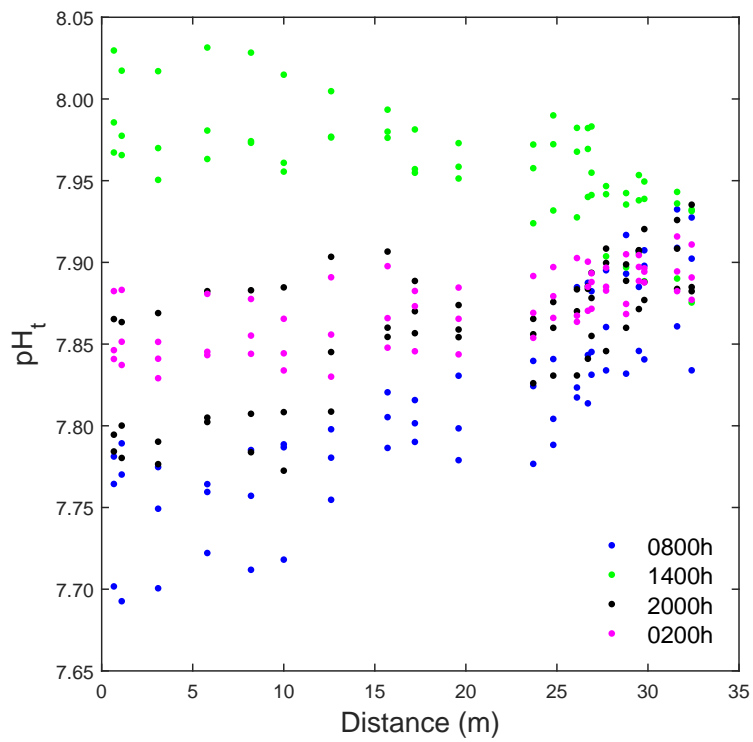


Figure S4: All discrete pH samples from September, December, and April sampling periods across the transect. In each sampling period, water samples were collected at 0800h (blue), 1400h (green), 2000h (black), and 0200h (magenta), resulting in 12 samples at each of the 21 blocks.

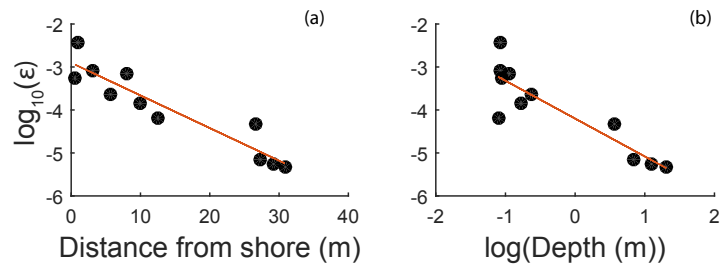


Figure S5: Turbulent kinetic energy dissipation rate ( $\epsilon$ ) ( $m^2 s^{-3}$ ) versus (a) distance from shore (b) and depth (n=11). Turbulence was measured at 11 of the 21 sites and there was a significant relationship between  $\epsilon$  and distance from shore ( $F_{11,9} = 63.1$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ,  $R^2 = 0.88$ ) and depth ( $F_{11,9} = 35.0$ ,  $p = 0.0002$ ,  $R^2 = 0.80$ ).

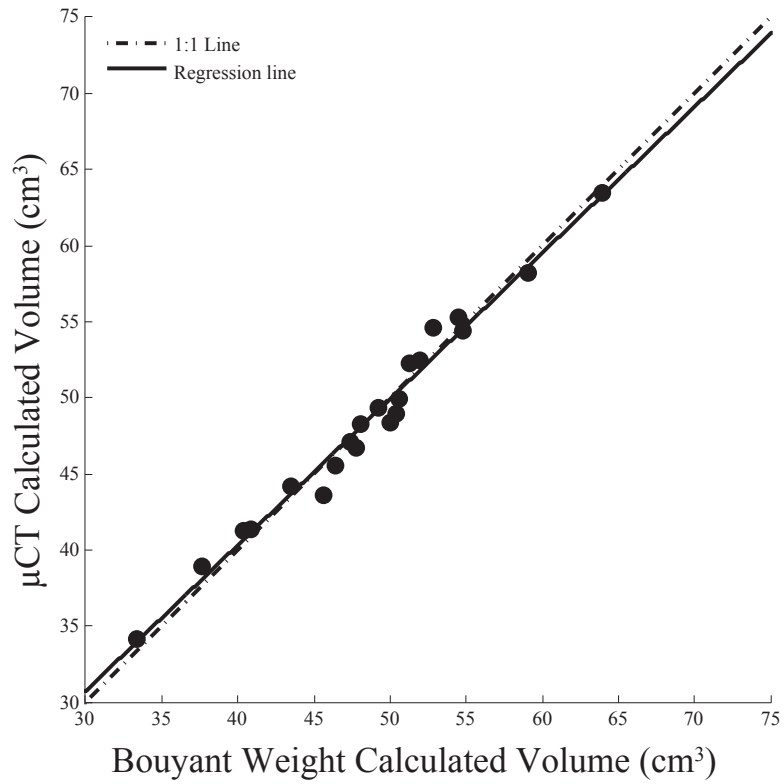


Figure S6: Comparison of calculated volumes ( $cm^3$ ) using the buoyant weight and  $\mu$ CT methods described in this paper. Black circles are volumes calculated from the pre-deployment experimental blocks. We used a linear regression to test the relationship between the buoyant weight and  $\mu$ CT methods. The pre-deployment volumes calculated from each method are highly co-linear ( $F_{19} = 859$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ,  $R = 0.98$ ,  $y = 0.96x + 1.9$ )

119 **Movie Legends**

120 MovieS1: 3D visualization of  $\mu$ CT scan highlighting secondary accretion onto a block.

121 MovieS2: 3D visualization of  $\mu$ CT scan highlighting bioerosion from a block.

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