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In situ settlement rates and early survivorship of hard corals: a good year for a Caribbean reef

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Table S1: Dates of pre-conditioning, installation and examination of the tiles in each reef per season and period. Numbers in [ ] denote the number of tiles in each examination which decreased with time by being broken from waves or swell.

Season	Period	Reef	Pre-conditioning	Installation	E1	E2	E3	E4
S1	P1	GR	26 Jun 2007	1 Aug 2007	26-28 Aug 2007 [7]	7-9 Oct 2007 [6]	11-12 Nov 2007 [5]	19-20 Dec 2007 [5]
		PIR	26 Jun 2007	1 Aug 2007	25-26 Aug 2007 [13]	5-7 Oct 2007 [13]	9-11 Nov 2007 [13]	17-19 Dec 2007 [12]
		DMS	25 Jun 2007	1 Aug 2007	27-30 Aug 2007 [13]	1-3 Oct 2007 [12]	12-15 Nov 2007 [9]	15-16 Dec 2007 [7]
		AGU	25 Jun 2007	1 Aug 2007	27-30 Aug 2007 [15]	1-3 Oct 2007 [15]	14-15 Nov 2007 [10]	16-17 Dec 2007 [6]
	P2	GR	1 Aug	30 Aug 2007	7-9 Oct 2007 [15]	11-12 Nov 2007 [14]	19-20 Dec 2007 [13]	29-30 Jan 2008 [7]
		PIR	1 Aug	30 Aug 2007	5-7 Oct 2007 [15]	9-11 Nov 2007 [15]	17-19 Dec 2007 [13]	28-29 Jan 2008 [12]
		DMS	2 Aug	27 Aug 2007	1-3 Oct 2007 [15]	12-15 Nov 2007 [12]	15-16 Dec 2007 [8]	30-31 Jan 2008 [8]
		AGU	2 Aug	27 Aug 2007	1-3 Oct 2007 [15]	14-15 Nov 2007 [12]	16-17 Dec 2007 [10]	30-31 Jan 2008 [9]
S2	P3	GR	19 Dec 2007	1 Feb 2008	3-4 Mar 2008 [14]	3-4 Apr 2008 [9]	7-8 May 2008 [7]	15-16 Jun 2008 [7]
		PIR	19 Dec 2007	1 Feb 2008	5-6 Mar 2008 [14]	5-6 Apr 2008 [14]	5-6 May 2008 [13]	13-14 Jun 2008 [13]
		DMS	15 Dec 2007	2 Feb 2008	3-4 Mar 2008 [13]	1-2 Apr 2008 [13]	10-11 May 2008 [13]	10-11 Jun 2008 [11]
		AGU	15 Dec 2007	2 Feb 2008	2-3 Mar 2008 [14]	2-3 Apr 2008 [14]	8-10 May 2008 [11]	9-11 Jun 2008 [11]
	P4	GR	1 Feb 2008	4 Mar 2008	3-4 Apr 2008 [12]	7-8 May 2008 [9]	15-16 Jun 2008 [9]	19-20 Jul 2008 [7]
		PIR	1 Feb 2008	5 Mar 2008	5-6 Apr 2008 [13]	5-6 May 2008 [13]	13-14 Jun 2008 [12]	21-22 Jul 2008 [7]
		DMS	2 Feb 2008	3 Mar 2008	1-2 Apr 2008 [13]	10-11 May 2008 [13]	10-11 Jun 2008 [13]	27-28 Jul 2008 [13]
		AGU	2 Feb 2008	3 Mar 2008	2-3 Apr 2008 [15]	8-10 May 2008 [15]	9-11 Jun 2008 [14]	24-26 Jul 2008 [13]

Table S2: Pairwise test for differences in settlement rates between reefs at examination 1 unsing an analysis of variance based on permutations with the normalized Euclidean distance resemblance matrix.

Groups	t	p-value	Unique perms
GR, PIR	4.655	**0.001**	9836
GR, DMS	7.366	**0.001**	9849
GR, AGU	4.195	**0.001**	9852
PIR, DMS	4.281	**0.001**	9838
PIR, AGU	1.437	0.151	9845
DMS, AGU	2.220	**0.029**	9852

Groups: groups of reefs compared. t: t value. p-value: p values based on permutation methods. Unique perms: number of permutations performed. Significant p-values in bold.

Table S3: Pairwise test for differences in settlement rates between seasons in each reef at examination 1 unsing an analysis of variance based on permutations with the normalized Euclidean distance resemblance matrix. p-values were obtained using 9,999 Monte Carlo samples from the asymptotic permutation distribution.

Groups	t	p-value	Unique perms
GR S1:S2	12.06	**<0.001**	6
PIR S1:S2	2.00	0.179	6
AGU S1:S2	1.53	0.263	6
DMS S1:S2	1.82	0.209	6

Table S4: Kaplan-Meier model with the factors Reef and Season. Significant p-values in bold.

Factor	Df	Deviance	p-value
Reef	3	64.02	**0.000**
Season	1	0.01	0.926
Reef:Season	3	12.92	**0.005**

Table S5: Average cover per coral specie and of the different categories on each reef (mean ± SD).

Specie	GR	PIR	AGU	DMS
Brooders				
Agaricia agaricites	0.23 ± 0.46	0.95 ± 2.15	0.03 ± 0.10	
Agaricia fragilis		0.04 ± 0.20	0.03 ± 0.09	0.02 ± 0.08
Agaricia humilis		0.02 ± 0.10	0.38 ± 0.44	0.95 ± 1.51
Agaricia lamarki				0.02 ± 0.01
Eusmilia fastigiata			0.14 ± 0.67	
Favia fragum			0.02 ± 0.10	
Isophyllastrea rigida			0.01 ± 0.05	
Madracis mirabilis	0.01 ± 0.05		2.21 ± 3.95	1.54 ± 4.70
Meandrina meandrites			0.03 ± 0.10	
Mycetophyllia aliciae			0.05 ± 0.25	
Porites astreoides	0.13 ± 0.50	0.21 ± 0.41	0.43 ± 0.66	0.50 ± 0.98
Porites branneri	0.09 ± 0.30	0.05 ± 0.20	0.02 ± 0.08	
Porites porites	0.08 ± 0.28	0.12 ± 0.60	0.63 ± 1.52	0.20 ± 0.48
Broadcast spawners				
Acropora palmata	0.44 ± 1.53		3.92 ± 18.27	
Colpophyllia natans		1.05 ± 3.78	8.94 ± 13.92	1.81 ± 3.31
Diploria labyrinthiformis	0.24 ± 1.20	0.32 ± 1.41	0.13 ± 0.32	
Pseudodiploria clivosa	0.07 ± 0.24	0.92 ± 3.01		
Pseudodiploria strigosa	2.88 ± 5.37	3.66 ± 6.93		0.08 ± 0.40
Montastraea cavernosa			0.12 ± 0.60	
Orbicella annularis	4.4 ± 10.62	6.08 ± 7.93	34.89 ± 29.11	44.43 ± 31.37
Orbicella faveolata			4.01 ± 14.40	10.49 ± 27.26
Orbicella franksi			0.06 ± 0.25	
Siderastrea siderea	0.04 ± 0.20	0.36 ± 0.96	0.31 ± 0.85	
Hard coral cover	8.61±11.88	13.78±9.07	56.37±27.02	60.04±26.87
Number of hard coral species	11	12	20	10
Soft coral cover	30.89±28.52	0.18±0.52	0.36±0.84	0.34±0.82
Algae cover	0.36±1.34	1.2±5.41	28.08±28.06	23.57±25.95

Table S6: Tukey multiple comparison test of coral cover between reefs.

Reefs	Std. Error	z value	p-value
DMS-AGU	0.264	0.573	0.939
GR-AGU	0.377	-6.948	**0.001**
PIR-AGU	0.325	-6.429	**0.001**
GR-DMS	0.378	-7.328	**0.001**
PIR-DMS	0.326	-6.867	**0.001**
PIR-GR	0.423	1.249	0.590