Coastal Ocean Metagenomes and Curated Metagenome-Assembled Genomes from Marsh Landing, Sapelo Island (Georgia, USA)

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ABSTRACT Microbes play a dominant role in the biogeochemistry of coastal waters, which receive organic matter from diverse sources. We present metagenomes and 45 metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs) from Sapelo Island, Georgia, to further understand coastal microbial populations. Notably, four MAGs are archaea, with two Thaumarchaeota and two marine group II Euryarchaeota.

Coastal oceans receive carbon and nutrients from rivers and marshes, driving high productivity. The metabolism of coastal microbes largely determines how much of the resulting organic matter (OM) is exported (1). Metagenomic data can provide insights into how microbial diversity relates to metabolic potential and drives OM processing (2). Coastal microbial biogeochemistry has been well studied at Sapelo Island, Georgia (3–5). Furthermore, these waters host a summer “bloom” of Thaumarchaeota and have been studied extensively to understand thaumarchaeal ecology (e.g., references 6–9). The metagenomic data presented here will guide an understanding of the microbial taxa in these waters and complement existing data for the same communities.

Seawater was collected at Marsh Landing (31°25′4.08″N, 81°17′34.26″W) as part of the Sapelo Island Microbial Carbon Observatory (http://www.simco.uga.edu/) by filtering through a 3.0-μm-pore-size prefilter and a 0.2-μm-pore-size Supor filter (Pall), which was frozen in liquid nitrogen (10). Duplicate filters were collected in August 2008 and 2009, 1 h before both day and night high tide on consecutive days (11). DNA extraction was done using the PowerSoil kit (Mo Bio), as described previously (7). DNA was sheared to ~225 bp, and libraries were constructed with the TruSeq DNA kit (Illumina) at the Georgia Genomics and Bioinformatics Core. Replicates from day and night samples on consecutive days were pooled to make 4 libraries (08N, 08D, 09N, and 09D; see Table 1), which were sequenced on 25% of an Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform rapid lane (paired-end, 150-bp reads) at the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology.

Default software parameters were used, unless otherwise stated. The reads had adapters removed with Trim Galore (https://github.com/FelixKrueger/TrimGalore), were trimmed with PRINSEQ v.0.20.4 (12), and were joined using PEAR v.0.9.10 (13), using parameters described previously (14) (Table 1). Paired and high-quality orphaned/singleton reads were coassembled using metaSPAdes (“--meta”) within SPAdes v.3.7.0 (15), producing 83,626 contigs of >1,000 bp (N₅₀ 718 bp; L₅₀ 152,728; calculated with QUAST v.4.2 [16]).

Reads were mapped and indexed using Bowtie2 v.2.2.9 (17) and SAMtools v.1.3.1 (18), and contigs of ≥2.5 kbp (n = 18,714) were binned using anvǐo v.3 (19), following published protocols (20) (http://merenlab.org/data/tara-oceans-mags/). An anvǐo contig database was built to calculate k-mer frequencies, determine genes using Prodigal

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v.2.6.3 (21), and identify single-copy genes (22, 23) using HMMER v.3.1b2 (24). Bins generated by CONCOCT v.1.0.0 (25) were refined using the anvi’o interactive interface (26). Completeness and redundancy were assessed using anvi’o and CheckM v.1.0.12 (27); bins with <10% redundancy and ≥50% completeness were rerefined to minimize redundancy. Their resulting completeness and redundancy were estimated using anvi’o, CheckM, and the Microbial Genome Atlas (MiGA) Web server (28) (last accessed 18 August 2018). The resulting bins with completion of ≥50% were considered metagenome-assembled genomes (MAGs; n = 45) and were taxonomically annotated with MiGA. MAGs annotated below the order (genus) level included *Thaumarchaeota* (*Nitrosopumilus* spp., n = 2), marine group II *Euryarchaeota* (n = 2), *Synechococcaceae* (strain WH 8109, *Cyanobium* sp., n = 2), *Rhodobacteraceae* (*Phaeobacter* spp., n = 5), *Pelagibacteraceae* (n = 2), *Flavobacteriia* (n = 3), *Acidimicrobiaeae* (*llumatobacter* spp., n = 2), and *Haliiceae* (n = 1) (see https://figshare.com/articles/SIMO_MAG_table_v2/9791465/1).

**Data availability.** The reads, coassembly, and MAGs were deposited under GenBank BioProject number PRJNA552566. The reads are under SRA accession numbers SRX6421373 to SRX6421376. The coassembly and MAGs are under whole-genome sequencing (WGS) project numbers VMBT00000000 to VMDM00000000.

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