Data Article

Data on isotopic niche differentiation in benthic consumers from shallow-water hydrothermal vents and nearby non-vent rocky reefs in northeastern Taiwan

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Abstract

This paper presents data on carbon and nitrogen stable isotopes in benthos from shallow-water hydrothermal vents (SV) and nearby non-vent rocky reefs (NV) located in northeastern Taiwan, which is related to the article "Isotopic niche differentiation in benthic consumers from shallow-water hydrothermal vents and nearby non-vent rocky reefs in northeastern Taiwan" [1]. Field sampling work was conducted in July 2009 and July–August 2010 to collect sediment organic matters (SOM), zooplankton, and benthos for carbon and nitrogen stable isotopic analyses. Scuba divers collected macrobenthos, seawater, and surface sediments (0–2 cm). The collection of zooplankton was by a North Pacific standard net and trawled vertically. Testing samples were lyophilized before grounding by a mortar and pestle. For carbon and nitrogen isotope analyses, approximately 1 mg of powder was weighed and encapsulated in a tin capsule. Analyses were performed at the stable isotope laboratory at the University of California at Davis using an Integra Mass Spectrometer.

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Specifications Table

| Subject                           | Environmental science |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Specific subject area            | Marine ecology        |
| Type of data                     | Carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analysis |
| How data were acquired           | The samples were collected in the field, then lyophilized, and grounded in powder for stable carbon and nitrogen isotope analyses. Empirical data was measured by an Integra Mass Spectrometer elemental analyzer coupled with a PDZ Europa 20–20 isotope ratio mass spectrometer (Sercon Ltd., Cheshire, UK). |
| Data format                      | Raw                   |
| Parameters for data collection   | Sample collection date, latitude (°), longitude (°), temperature (°C), pH, depth (m), carbon stable isotope ratio (‰), and nitrogen stable isotope ratio (‰). |
| Description of data collection   | The sampling sites were in northeastern Taiwan, including shallow-water hydrothermal vents (SVs) off Kueishan (KS) Islet and nearby non-vent rocky reefs (NV). Scuba divers collected benthic organisms and surface sediments (0 – 2 cm). Zooplankton were trawled vertically by a North Pacific standard net. Analyses were conducted at the stable isotope laboratory at the University of California at Davis. Analytical accuracy was 0.2 ‰ for δ13C and 0.3 ‰ for δ15N. Analytical precision based on the standard deviation of replicates of internal standards was < 0.2 ‰ for both δ13C and δ15N. |
| Data source location             | Samples were collected from SV (shallow-water hydrothermal vent) sites and NV (non-vent rocky reef) sites. SV sites were White vent (WV, 24.83404 N, 121.96172 E) and Yellow vent (YV, 24.83553 N, 121.96361 E). NV sites were Tail (24.83404 N, 121.96172 E) and Dali (24.95743 N, 121.91960 E). The samples were analyzed at UC Davis Stable Isotope Facility, Department of Plant Sciences, University of California, Davis, CA 9516, United States of America. |
| Data accessibility               | With the article      |
| Related research article         | J.Y. Wu, S.Y. Lin, S.H. Peng, J.J. Hung, C.T.A. Chen, L.L. Liu. Isotopic niche differentiation in benthic consumers from shallow-water hydrothermal vents and nearby non-vent rocky reefs in northeastern Taiwan. Prog. Oceanogr. 195 (2021) 102596. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pocean.2021.102596. |

Value of the Data

- The data is helpful to determine the trophic structure and the contribution of different food sources to benthic consumers in the shallow-water hydrothermal vents and coastal rocky reefs in northeastern Taiwan.
- Other researchers can use the data to reference further comparative studies in vent ecosystems with or without endemic species.
- The data can be compared with inter-site and inter-regional studies related to trophic structure and isotopic niche width of consumers with different feeding guilds in other benthic ecosystems.
1. Data Description

Data reported in the present study are collected on the northeast coast of Taiwan (Fig. 1). Table 1 contains water depth, temperature, and pH of the collection sites; the carbon and nitrogen stable isotopic values of 240 samples. The samples include benthic consumers, primary producers, copepods, zooplankton, fishes, and sediment organic matters (SOMs) from sites of shallow-water hydrothermal vents and non-vent rocky reefs.

2. Experimental Design, Materials and Methods

2.1. Sampling sites

The SV sites included White vent (WV, 24.83404 N, 121.96172 E) and Yellow vent (YV, 24.83553 N, 121.96361 E) (Fig. 1), which are located southeast of KS Islet. At WV, white fluids are emitted from a 2 m wide hole surrounded by rocks. The ambient substrate is sand with deposited sulfur globules (< 0.1 cm in diameter). At YV, the yellow plume is composed of sulfur particles and form massive sulfur balls (> 97 % elemental S) [2]. The two NV sites are rocky reefs [3,4]; one is located southwest of KS Islet (Tail, 24.83404 N, 121.96172 E), and the other is located along the northeast coast of Taiwan (Dali, 24.95743 N, 121.91960 E). The sediment contained no sulfur globules at the Tail site. The Tail is located approximately 3 km away from the SV study sites and around 9 km away from Dali.

![Fig. 1. Map of the northeast coast of Taiwan showing sampling sites: A (White vent), B (Yellow vent), C (Tail of KS Islet), and D (Dali), modified from Wu et al. (2021).](image-url)
Table 1
The carbon and nitrogen stable isotopic values of all samples from sites of shallow-water hydrothermal vents and non-vent rocky reefs.

| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species | δ¹³C (‰) | δ¹⁵N (‰) | Sampling date |
|----------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|------------------------|----|---------|----------|----------|---------------|
| White vent | 24.83404 | 121.96172 | ~5 | 17 | 25-26 | 7.3 | Prionurus scalprum | -18.04 | 12.16 | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Alpheus lobidens | -18.33 | 10.24 | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Alpheus lobidens | -18.10 | 9.45  | 2010-August-25 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Anachis sp.     | -16.30 | 9.78  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Anachis sp.     | -18.19 | 8.69  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Anachis sp.     | -16.97 | 8.67  | 2010-August-25 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Anachis sp.     | -16.95 | 8.93  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Anachis sp.     | -17.47 | 8.94  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ergalatax contractus | -17.39 | 7.78  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ergalatax contractus | -16.26 | 10.05 | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ischnochiton comptus | -23.16 | 8.15  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ischnochiton comptus | -19.16 | 7.62  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ischnochiton comptus | -19.21 | 8.50  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ischnochiton comptus | -16.79 | 8.80  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Ischnochiton comptus | -17.12 | 6.02  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Thylacodes dentiferus | -17.34 | 7.16  | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Thylacodes dentiferus | -17.84 | 5.91  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Thylacodes dentiferus | -17.89 | 6.11  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Thylacodes dentiferus | -17.66 | 5.45  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Thylacodes dentiferus | -17.90 | 6.28  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -16.10 | -0.09 | 2009-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -17.79 | 3.62  | 2010-July-2 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -17.60 | 3.10  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -16.92 | 0.42  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -16.95 | 1.55  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -16.80 | 0.20  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -18.01 | 3.40  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -17.79 | 4.69  | 2010-August-04 |
|           |              |               |                             |          |                        |    | Bostrycapulus gravispinosus | -17.51 | 3.43  | 2010-July-2 |

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Table 1 (continued)

| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species | $\delta^{13}$C (‰) | $\delta^{15}$N (‰) | Sampling date |
|----------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|------------------------|----|----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
|          |               |                |                             |          |                        |    | Bostryxopulus gravispinosus | -16.95         | 1.63            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura sp. | -18.75        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura sp.            | -18.67         | 8.55            | 2010-August-04 |
| Anthopleura sp. | -19.45        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura sp.            | -19.61         | 8.19            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura sp. | -19.21        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura sp.            | -18.74         | 8.16            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura sp. | -19.66        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura aurea          | -19.27         | 8.05            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura aurea | -19.50        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura aurea          | -19.63         | 8.54            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura aurea | -19.80        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Anthopleura aurea          | -19.66         | 7.61            | 2010-July-2   |
| Cirriformia sp. | -19.66        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Glycera sp.                | -19.75         | 7.41            | 2009-July-2   |
| Anthopleura sp. | -19.09        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Platynereis sp.            | -22.17         | 7.97            | 2010-July-2   |
| Anthopleura sp. | -18.85        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Lanice sp.                 | -17.15         | 6.69            | 2010-July-2   |
| Harmothoe imbricata | -18.28        |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -18.20         | 8.44            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -18.20     |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -16.42         | 9.16            | 2009-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -14.84      |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -17.53         | 8.30            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.62      |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -17.72         | 8.34            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.89       |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -17.89         | 7.51            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -13.73       |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -18.97         | 7.40            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.76       |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -17.76         | 8.47            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.06       |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -18.92         | 8.70            | 2010-July-2   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.80       |                |                             |          |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus   | -17.80         | 7.73            | 2010-July-2   |

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| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species | δ\(^{13}\)C (‰) | δ\(^{15}\)N (‰) | Sampling date |
|----------|---------------|----------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----|----------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -19.20        | 8.18           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.80        | 7.67           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.52        | 7.35           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.92        | 6.38           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.48        | 7.60           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.26        | 7.54           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -19.23        | 8.78           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -18.28        | 8.34           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -18.24        | 8.54           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -19.69        | 8.27           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -18.80        | 8.27           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.03        | 7.41           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.70        | 7.51           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.54        | 6.98           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.82        | 7.53           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.44        | 7.72           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.99        | 7.94           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.77        | 7.13           | 2010-July-2   |
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -15.73        | 4.72           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.70        | 8.94           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.37        | 6.85           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.12        | 8.04           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.30        | 7.47           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.50        | 8.22           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -16.39        | 7.40           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.86        | 7.97           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.21        | 8.75           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -14.99        | 8.55           | 2010-August-04|
|          |               |                |                            |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus | -17.08        | 8.10           | 2010-August-04|

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| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species                        | δ¹³C (‰) | δ¹⁵N (‰) | Sampling date       |
|----------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----|--------------------------------|---------|----------|---------------------|
| X. testudinatus | -17.75 | 8.08            |                              |           |                        |    | Xenograpsus testudinatus       | 9.08    |          | 2010-August-04      |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -18.24 | 6.44            |                              |           |                        |    | Phascolosoma sp.               | 7.18    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -18.24 | 7.18            |                              |           |                        |    | Phascolosoma sp.               | 7.18    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -18.64 | 7.18            |                              |           |                        |    | Phascolosoma sp.               | 6.57    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -17.57 | 7.19            |                              |           |                        |    | Halichondrida sp1.             | 9.25    |          | 2010-August-23      |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -17.92 | 7.19            |                              |           |                        |    | Halichondrida sp2.             |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Phascolosoma sp. | -17.01 | 4.43            |                              |           |                        |    | Colpomenia sinuosa             | 4.00    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Sargassum sp.    | -22.05 | 5.03            |                              |           |                        |    | Gelidiopsis repens             | 3.64    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Gelidiopsis repens | -32.91 | 2.70            |                              |           |                        |    | Gelidiopsis repens             |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Gelidiopsis repens | -24.21 | 3.11            |                              |           |                        |    | Gelidiopsis repens             |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Gelidiopsis repens | -31.42 | 3.31            |                              |           |                        |    | Gelidiopsis repens             |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia | -20.74 | 3.11            |                              |           |                        |    | Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia | 3.09    |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia | -20.92 | 3.39            |                              |           |                        |    | Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia |          |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia | -20.62 | 3.39            |                              |           |                        |    | Caulerpa brachypus f. parvifolia |          |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Chaetomorpha spiralis | -20.07 | 3.13            |                              |           |                        |    | Chaetomorpha spiralis          |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Cladophora catenata | -24.97 | 3.73            |                              |           |                        |    | Cladophora catenata            |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Cladophora catenata | -23.25 | 3.89            |                              |           |                        |    | Cladophora catenata            |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Cladophora catenata | -19.65 | 5.58            |                              |           |                        |    | Cladophora catenata            |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Cladophora catenata | -17.66 | 5.00            |                              |           |                        |    | Cladophora catenata            |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Codium intricatum | -14.32 | 3.32            |                              |           |                        |    | Codium intricatum              |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1 | -20.87 | 3.59            |                              |           |                        |    | Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1  |          |          | 2009-July-2         |
| Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1 | -20.76 | 2.63            |                              |           |                        |    | Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1  |          |          | 2010-July-2         |
| Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1 | -14.72 | 2.06            |                              |           |                        |    | Ulva lactuca periphyton sp. 1  |          |          | 2010-August-2       |

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Table 1 (continued)

| Location     | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH  | Species            | δ¹³C (‰) | δ¹⁵N (‰) | Sampling date   |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|--------------------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Yellow vent  | 24.83553      | 121.96361      | ~5                          | 7         | 26-27                  | 7.8 | *Trachinotus baillonii* | -16.93   | 10.81     | 2009-July-2     |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -15.91   | 6.21      | 2010-August-25  |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -16.37   | 7.81      | 2010-August-25  |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -15.22   | 5.39      | 2010-August-25  |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -16.28   | 7.60      | 2010-August-25  |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -16.12   | 6.79      | 2010-August-25  |
|              |               |                |                             |           |                        |     | *Xenograpsus testudinatus* | -16.10   | 7.37      | 2010-August-25  |

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| Location                | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH  | Species              | $\delta^{13}$C (‰) | $\delta^{15}$N (‰) | Sampling date |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -15.71        | 6.27          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 6.27              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -16.51        | 7.03          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 7.03              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -16.77        | 7.18          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 7.18              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -15.79        | 6.50          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 6.50              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -17.00        | 8.00          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 8.00              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -14.99        | 4.40          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 4.40              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -17.96        | 8.57          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 8.57              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -16.74        | 7.41          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 7.41              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -16.97        | 6.53          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 6.53              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -16.84        | 7.29          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 7.29              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| Xenograpsus testudinatus| -15.71        | 3.89          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 3.89              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| periphyton sp. 1        | -19.29        | 0.45          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.45              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 1        | -23.85        | 1.60          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 1.60              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| periphyton sp. 1        | -22.74        | 0.18          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.18              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 1        | -21.05        | 0.27          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.27              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 2        | -18.68        | 0.12          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.12              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 2        | -18.39        | 0.78          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.78              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 2        | -20.45        | 1.62          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 1.62              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| periphyton sp. 2        | -20.97        | 0.81          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 0.81              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| periphyton sp.3-22.60   | 1.41          |               |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 1.41              |                   | 2010-August-25   |
| Copepod (mix)           | -21.30        | 5.97          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 5.97              |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| Copepod (mix)           | -21.09        | 4.86          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 4.86              |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| Copepod (mix)           | -21.68        | 9.49          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 9.49              |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| Zooplankton (mix)       | -20.21        | 6.77          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 6.77              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -24.00        | -2.46         |                            |           |                        |     |                      | -2.46             |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -18.64        | -7.29         |                            |           |                        |     |                      | -7.29             |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -24.99        | -6.13         |                            |           |                        |     |                      | -6.13             |                   | 2009-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -17.51        | -1.60         |                            |           |                        |     |                      | -1.60             |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -10.68        | 4.25          |                            |           |                        |     |                      | 4.25              |                   | 2010-July-2      |
| SOM (mix < 10 µm)       | -18.36        | -1.93         |                            |           |                        |     |                      | -1.93             |                   | 2010-July-2      |

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| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species | $\delta^{13}{\text{C}}$ (%) | $\delta^{15}{\text{N}}$ (%) | Sampling date |
|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----|---------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Tail of KS 24.83404 Islet | 121.96172 | > 3000 | 7-17 | 26 | 8.1 | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -19.17 | 0.22 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -17.49 | -0.95 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Diagremma pictum* | -17.64 | 11.07 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Flatheads sp. | -16.07 | 11.08 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Girella punctata* | -18.35 | 10.44 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Paraceros caerulea* | -16.73 | 11.37 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Drupella cornus* | -15.33 | 8.79 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Morula granulata* | -15.69 | 10.19 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Morula granulata* | -18.29 | 7.48 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Lygdamis japonicus | -17.73 | 8.11 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Clathria echinata* | -20.07 | 6.47 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Callyspongia fallax* | -19.19 | 6.28 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Dysidea etheria* | -20.20 | 6.62 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Sargassum sp.* | -16.82 | 5.47 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Meristotheca papulosa* | -16.04 | 4.81 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Codium intricatum* | -13.07 | 5.32 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | *Ulva lactuca* | -14.74 | 5.23 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Copepod (mix) | -21.46 | 4.62 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Copepod (mix) | -20.83 | 5.80 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Copepod (mix) | -21.21 | 6.33 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | Zooplankton (mix) | -20.28 | 6.44 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -13.79 | 4.05 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -16.68 | 6.69 | 2009-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -15.40 | 5.71 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -14.38 | 4.67 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -15.15 | 5.52 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -14.70 | -5.67 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -13.91 | 2.67 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -13.24 | 4.02 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -14.93 | 2.83 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -13.72 | 4.72 | 2010-July-2 |
| | | | | | | SOM (mix < 10 um) | -14.92 | 4.18 | 2010-July-2 |

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Table 1 (continued)

| Location | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°E) | Distance to vent center (m) | Depth (m) | Water temperature (°C) | pH | Species | δ¹³C (‰) | δ¹⁵N (‰) | Sampling date |
|----------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|------------------------|----|---------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Dali     | 24.95743      | 121.91960      | >14000                    | 7-17      | 8.1-8.2                |     | Choerodon azurio | -17.32   | 11.14    | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Diagramma pictum  | -17.38   | 11.78    | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Parupeneus ciliatus | -17.79   | 11.85    | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Prionurus scalprum | -18.18   | 10.99    | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Stenopus hispidus  | -16.51   | 10.09    | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Uroptychus sp.    | -14.40   | 8.9       | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Cronia margaritico | -15.98   | 6.96      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Drupella cornus    | -14.09   | 9.44      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Drupella cornus    | -14.74   | 9.37      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Drupella cornus    | -14.46   | 10.49     | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Ergalatax contractus   | -15.67   | 10.01     | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Morula granulata   | -15.40   | 11.25     | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Thais clavigera    | -14.51   | 10.65     | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Liolophura japonica| -4.50    | 5.57      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Liolophura japonica| -12.14   | 7.98      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Rhyssoplax komaiana| -18.65   | 7.80      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Thylacodes dentiferus| -15.93   | 5.70      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Bostryxapus gravispinosus| -17.49   | 2.18      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Clathria echinata  | -20.13   | 3.12      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Dictyonella funicularis| -18.78   | 7.00      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Halicarca tubifera  | -19.55   | 5.61      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | Ulva lactuca      | -15.53   | 5.37      | 2009-July-3   |
|          |               |                |                           |           |                        |     | SOM (mix<10um)    | -18.36   | 5.20      | 2009-July-3   |

2.2. Sample collection

Samples from YV and WV have gathered 5 m away from the emitting centers at depths of 7 and 17 m. At Tail and Dali, samples were collected between 7 to 17 m. The sampling periods were July 2009 and July–August 2010 at YV, WV, and Tail. In Dali, it was in July 2009. Seawater temperature and the depth of sampling sites were obtained from the records of dive computers (Table 1). For the measurements of pH, seawater was sampled with 25 mL sterile centrifuge tubes and determined by a portable pH meter (Radiometer, Copenhagen, Denmark).

Surface sediments (0–2 cm) were collected by hands and stored in 50 mL sterile centrifuge tubes for sediment organic matter (SOM) preparation. Zooplankton was obtained by trawling vertically using a North Pacific standard net. Fishes were sampled by line fishing, and macrobenthos was hand-collected by scuba divers. Sessile species, such as sea anemones, Thylacodes
snails, and periphyton, were gathered along with their substrates with a chisel and hammer. All samples were put in plastic bags and frozen at -20 °C until sample preparation.

2.3. Sample preparation for stable isotope determination

For SOM sample preparation, the collected surface sediments were thawed, ultra-sonicated for 10 min, and then filtered through a ten µ-mesh nylon membrane rinsed with phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) buffer. The filtrate was collected as a SOM sample (presumably microbial organisms) then lyophilized for further stable isotope measurements [5].

All collected organisms were identified to the lowest classification level, except for mixed samples (i.e., periphyton, copepods, and zooplankton). Identification of algae was based on external morphology and pigment color [6]. Copepods were the primary components of zooplankton samples (>70%). So copepods were treated as a mixed sample for carbon and nitrogen stable isotopic analysis and listed in Table 1.

Debris and epibionts were eliminated from samples before processed. Afterward, samples were rinsed with PBS buffer to avoid the potentially detrimental influence of acidic solutions [7–9] and distilled water in the cleaning process [7,10,11]. The knives and containers used for sample preparation were pre-cleaned by soaking in 1% hydrochloric acid (HCL) solution overnight and washing several times with distilled water. For macroalgae, thallus were used. Sessile organisms were scratched from their substrates with a knife. For large animals, tissue samples were taken from the dorsal muscle of fishes, the abdomen of shrimps, the leg muscle of crabs, and the foot muscle of snails. For small animals, whole samples (sea anemone, sipunculate, and polychaete) or pooled specimens (copepod, Anachis snail) were used.

The processed samples were lyophilized and grounded to powder by a pre-cleaned glass mortar and pestle. The powder was placed into 1.5 mL micro-centrifuge tubes. Approximately 1 mg of powder was weighed and encapsulated in a tin capsule, then stored in a 96-well sample collection plate ready for carbon and nitrogen isotope analyses.

2.4. Carbon and nitrogen stable isotope analyses

Analyses were conducted at the stable isotope laboratory at the University of California at Davis. Samples were combusted at 1020 °C then analyzed by a PDZ Europa ANCA-GSL elemental analyzer coupled with a PDZ Europa 20–20 isotope ratio mass spectrometer (Sercon Ltd., Cheshire, UK). Ratios were derived from the equation of \( \delta X (\%o) = [(R_{\text{sample}} / R_{\text{standard}}) - 1] \times 10^3 \). Where X is \(^{13}\)C or \(^{15}\)N, and R is the corresponding ratio of \(^{13}\)C/\(^{12}\)C or \(^{15}\)N/\(^{14}\)N. Stable isotope abundances were expressed in conventional delta (\( \delta \)) notation, and deviations in parts per thousand (‰) relative to the Pee Dee Belemnite and atmospheric N\(_2\) standards for carbon and nitrogen, respectively.

During analysis, samples were interspersed with several standards from at least two different laboratories (nylon with certified \( \delta^{13}\)C and \( \delta^{15}\)N values of -27.8 and -9.8‰; USGS40, L-glutamic acid with certified \( \delta^{13}\)C and \( \delta^{15}\)N values of -28.9 and -4.3‰, respectively). Carbon and nitrogen contents were calculated based on peak area versus sample weight ratio and calibrated with standards. Analytical accuracy was 0.2‰ for \( \delta^{13}\)C and 0.3‰ for \( \delta^{15}\)N by comparing measured values (mean ± 1 SD) for the known values of the included laboratory reference materials (e.g., acetanilide). Analytical precision was <0.2‰ for both \( \delta^{13}\)C and \( \delta^{15}\)N based on the standard deviation of measurements of internal standards.

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