Effects of temperature increase and oxygen decrease on behavior and physiology of marine benthic invertebrates

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Oxygen solubility in water vs. temperature



Warming and Hypoxia



Praetorius et al. (2015) Nature



Physical stressors within estuaries such as Elkhorn Slough vary over multiple time-scales and act upon differing life stages of resident species.

Cheng et al. (2015) Global Change Biology

Net SST Change in Large Marine Ecosystems



Belkin (2009)

Hypoxic zones around the world



From NASA

What is the effect of increase in temperature and deficiency in DO on behavior and physiology of marine benthic invertebrates?



Temperature & DO controlling experiment (2x2 factorial design)

	Low DO (3-4 mg/L, 40~50% saturation)	Normoxia (7-8 mg/L, 85~ 100% saturation)
High temp (23-24°C)	High temp. & Low DO	High temp. & Normoxia
Control temp (18.5- 20°C)	Control temp. & Low DO	Control temp. & Normoxia







Regulation of DO and temperature



Temp & DO sensor monitor

Temperature and DO change schedule





Case study 1. Manila clams 바지락 (Venerupis philippinarum)





Mortality of juvenile Manila clams





Kim et al. (2018) Ecology and Evolution

Emerging behavior





Kim et al. (2018) Ecology and Evolution

Oxygen consumption rates





Loligo systems® Respirometer

30 min. duration



Kim et al. (2018) Ecology and Evolution

Case study 2. Pacific abalone 참전복 *Haliotis discus hannai*







Light (predation) avoidance experiment



High temperature had a positive effect on light avoidance but low oxygen had a negative effect



Foraging experiment



High temperature had a positive effect, but low oxygen had a negative effect on foraging



Case study 3. Sea urchins 둥근성게 *Mesocentrotus nudus*















Foraging experiment



Food (Laminaria)

Racing to approach food





All P > 0.05

Catch me if you can





All *P* > 0.05

Time to get up!



All *P* > 0.05



Feeding experiment



Food intake



Summary

- Responses of benthic invertebrates to increased temperature and decreased DO vary depending on species.
- Increase in temperature and decrease in DO have additive negative effects on juvenile Manila clams in terms of mortality.
- Temperature increase is beneficial but low DO is detrimental to juvenile Pacific abalone in terms of foraging and predation avoidance.
- ➤Adult sea urchins are tolerant to increase in temperature and decrease in DO in terms of foraging behavior and righting ability but their feeding amount was reduced by high temperature and low DO.

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Coming soon (Next PICES meeting)! How ocean freshening and acidification influence marine benthic animals in the Antarctica?







