

BENTHIC COMMUNITY MONITORING FOR THE LITTLE VENICE SEWAGE
COLLECTION AND TREATMENT PROJECT IN MARATHON, FLORIDA
PHASE II

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Summary

Benthic seagrass – macro-algal communities remain unchanged two years after implementation of the Little Venice Service area sewage treatment facility. Changes in nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) and N:P ratios in seagrass leaf tissues indicate that there has been some level of depletion in nutrient availability to seagrasses. Similarity in the pattern of change in the nutrient status of seagrasses from all surveyed sites suggest that the pattern is regional in nature, affecting nearshore, offshore, and reference sites equally

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Background

Prior to implementation of a treatment facility in June 2004, the ocean side area of Vaca key from Vaca Cut (east) to 94th Street (west), Marathon, Florida known locally as “Little Venice” was serviced by antiquated septic systems or cesspit disposals. Little Venice was selected for implementation of Phase I of wastewater improvements for the Marathon Service Area because of the large number of homes in the area (~540 residences), small average size of lots, and known water quality problems in the canals. Water quality of the 89th – 91st Street canals was thoroughly studied from 1984 to 1985 as part of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation’s Monitoring Study (FDER, 1987). The Phase I treatment facility, a low-pressure, vacuum wastewater collection system transmitting wastewater to a central treatment plant was brought online June 25, 2004.

Phase II, benthic community monitoring for the Little Venice Service area was designed to identify potential effects of nutrient abatement in the benthic seagrass dominated community of the Little Venice Service Area. For continuity with benthic monitoring data collected prior to implementation of the treatment facility all sites monitored in Phase II correspond to sites surveyed and monitored in Phase I (J.N. Boyer et al. 2004). These include 12 sites in the Little

Venice Service Area (sites 1-12) and four reference sites located west of the service area (sites 13-16; Fig. 1).

This report summarizes annual trends in macrophyte cover recorded during Phase I prior to implementation of the treatment facility and data from surveys 1 – 6 (1.5 years) ending two years after implementation of the treatment facility. Seagrass tissue nutrient analyses from the 1st through 6th quarter surveys are presented as a proxy for nitrogen and phosphorus abatement at increasing distances offshore from canals in the Little Venice service area and a reference canal located outside of the Little Venice service area. Isotopic signatures ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) were measured after the final survey for the purpose of identifying any change in sources of nutrients to the benthic community.

Methods

Site selection and rationale are detailed in Boyer et al., 2004 (<http://serc.fiu.edu/wqmnetwork/Report%20Archive/LVB2004FINALREPORT.pdf>). All sites were surveyed quarterly with the first and final surveys conducted April 4, 2006 and June 29, 2007, respectively.

Macrophyte (seagrass and macroalgae) cover was recorded using Braun-Blanquet scores for cover defined as follows: 0 = absent; 0.1 = solitary shoot < 5%; 0.5 = < 5 shoots < 5%; 1 = > 5 shoots < 5%; 2 = 5 to 25%; 3 = 25 to 50%; 4 = 50 to 75%; 5 = 75 to 100%. Cover data was analyzed for seasonal trends in the Phase II quarterly reports. In this final report the data are examined for longer term annual trends contiguous with Phase I monitoring.

Foliar tissue nutrient content was sampled from all seagrass species present at each site (nitrogen, and phosphorus content). Foliar nutrient content corresponds with site fertility (Atkinson and Smith 1983, Fourqurean and Zieman 2002), or in this case the persistence of nutrient loads. To determine nutrient source, terrestrial or marine, isotopic signatures of foliar nitrogen and carbon ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) were also collected from the first and final Phase II seagrass samples.

Results

Cover

Over the course of the six quarter surveys there has been no defined pattern of change in the seagrass – macro-algal community on an annual basis or relative to implementation of the treatment facility (Figure 2). Seasonal variations in cover occur within benthic macro-algal groups and have been summarized in quarterly reports, but these are inconsequential to the goal of this report.

The lack of change in the two years since implementation of the treatment facility is not surprising. Armitage et al. (2005) found responses in biomass and species composition after short-term nitrogen and phosphorus fertilizations in Florida Bay, and those changes persist two years after fertilizers were discontinued (D. Herbert personal observations, Armitage personal communication). Similarly, two years of fertilization by seabird feces caused changes in species composition at Cross Bank in Florida Bay (Powell et al., 1989). Affected sites showed the beginnings of a return to original species composition after six years (Fourqurean et al. 1995),

but remain functionally distinct after 23 years (Herbert and Fourqurean, *In review*). Clearly there has not been enough time since implementation of the treatment facility to expect much change.

Nutrient Status

Nitrogen and phosphorus concentrations in seagrass tissues vary seasonally, exhibiting higher concentrations during winter months when productivity is low and comparably low concentrations during periods of high productivity and biomass accumulation of summer months. This pattern is evident during the first four sampling periods (March to December 2006, Figure 3). In the last two sampling periods (March and June 2007) tissue nutrient concentrations were lower than in the previous year indicating some level of depletion in nutrient availability to the seagrasses.

An increase in the molar nitrogen to phosphorus ratio (N:P) in the last 3 to 4 sampling periods indicates that there is a limiting supply of P to seagrass growth. This limitation by P is typical for the area (Fourqurean and Zieman, 2002). Continued increases in N:P with time provide an early indication of nutrient abatement (Figure 3).

It is interesting to note that the patterns of nutrient depletion and P limitation to seagrass growth are regional in nature. Patterns of change near canal mouths are nearly identical to changes 200 m offshore from canals. Furthermore, sites on the reference canal transect (91 street canal) are indistinguishable in N and P content and N:P ratio. This is not so surprising considering circulation associated with tidal currents that run east to west along canal mouths.

Isotopic Signatures

Isotopic signatures ($\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$) measured in April 2006 and June 2007 failed to show any clear trend that could be associated with a change in sources of nutrients to the benthic community. However, because of the short interval over which these data were collected confidence in the use of $\delta^{15}\text{N}$ and $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ as indicators of change in nutrient source is limited (See Appendix 2).

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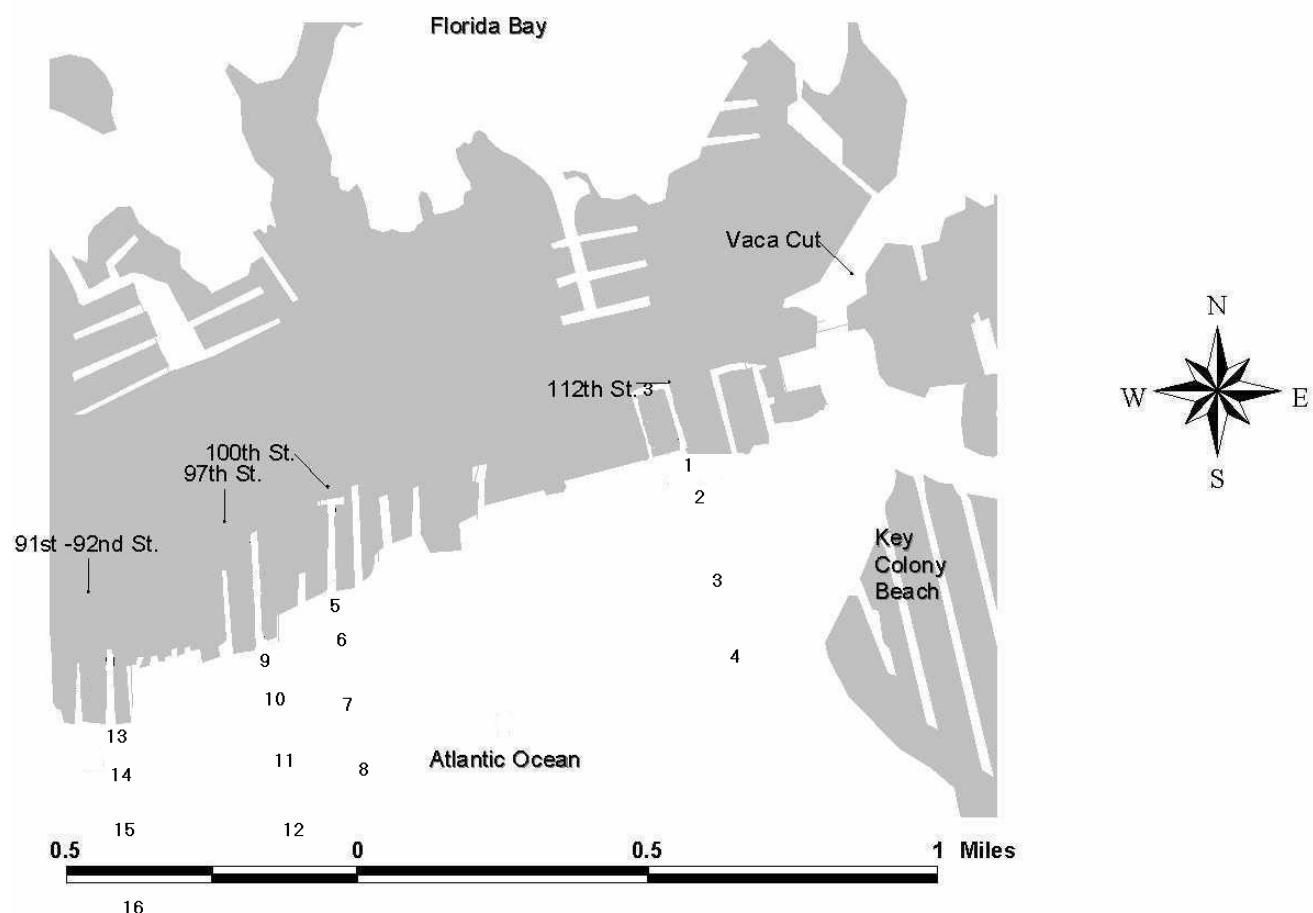


Figure 1: Little Venice Service Area sampling stations.

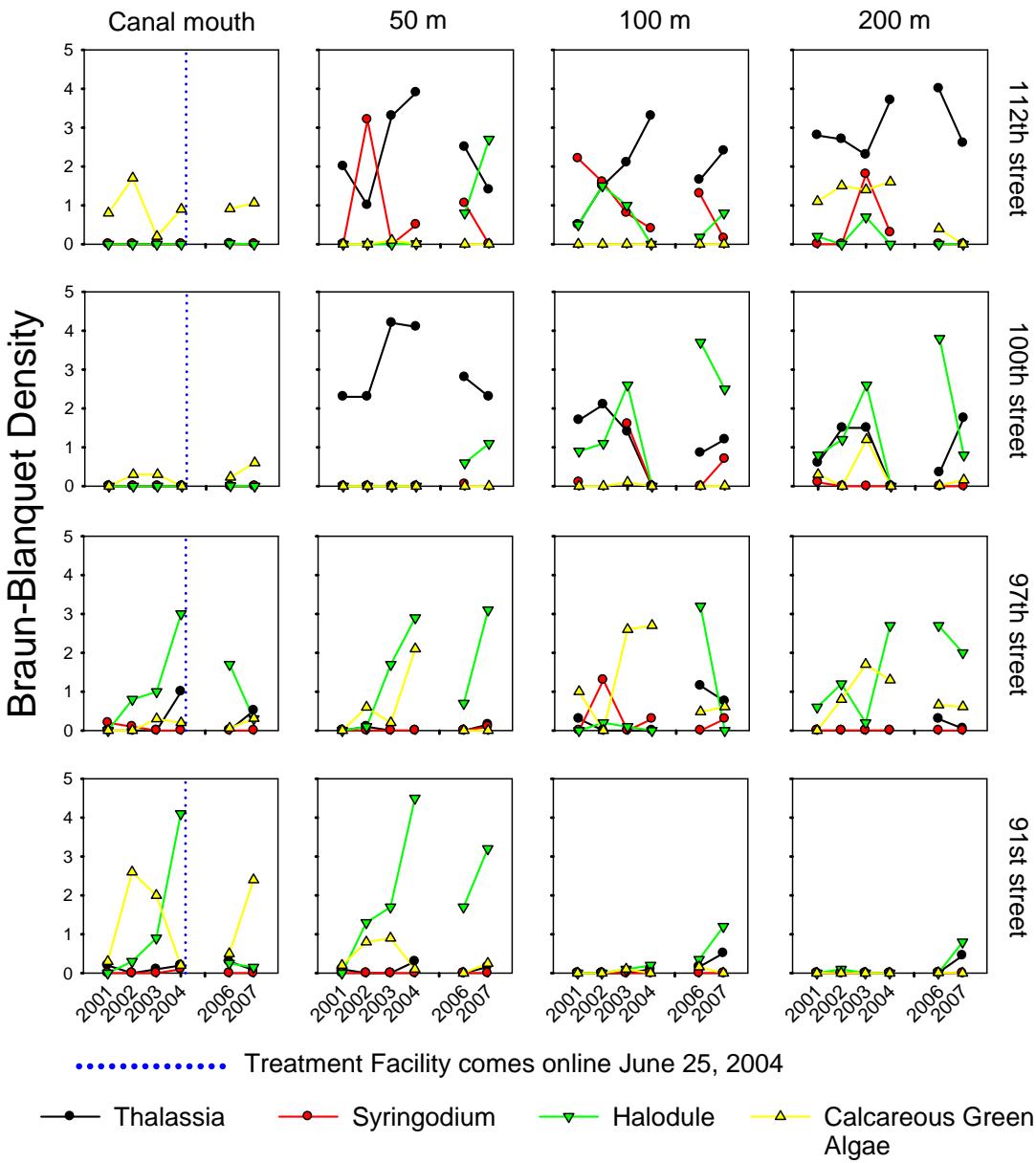


Figure 2: Seagrass and calcareous green algal cover at increasing distance from canal mouths from 2001 to present. Symbols represent mean cover by species. Values represent summer (June) sampling periods. Braun-Blanquet cover scores are as follows: 0 = absent; 0.1 = solitary shoot < 5%; 0.5 = < 5 shoots < 5%; 1 = > 5 shoots < 5%; 2 = 5 to 25%; 3 = 25 to 50%; 4 = 50 to 75%; 5 = 75 to 100%.

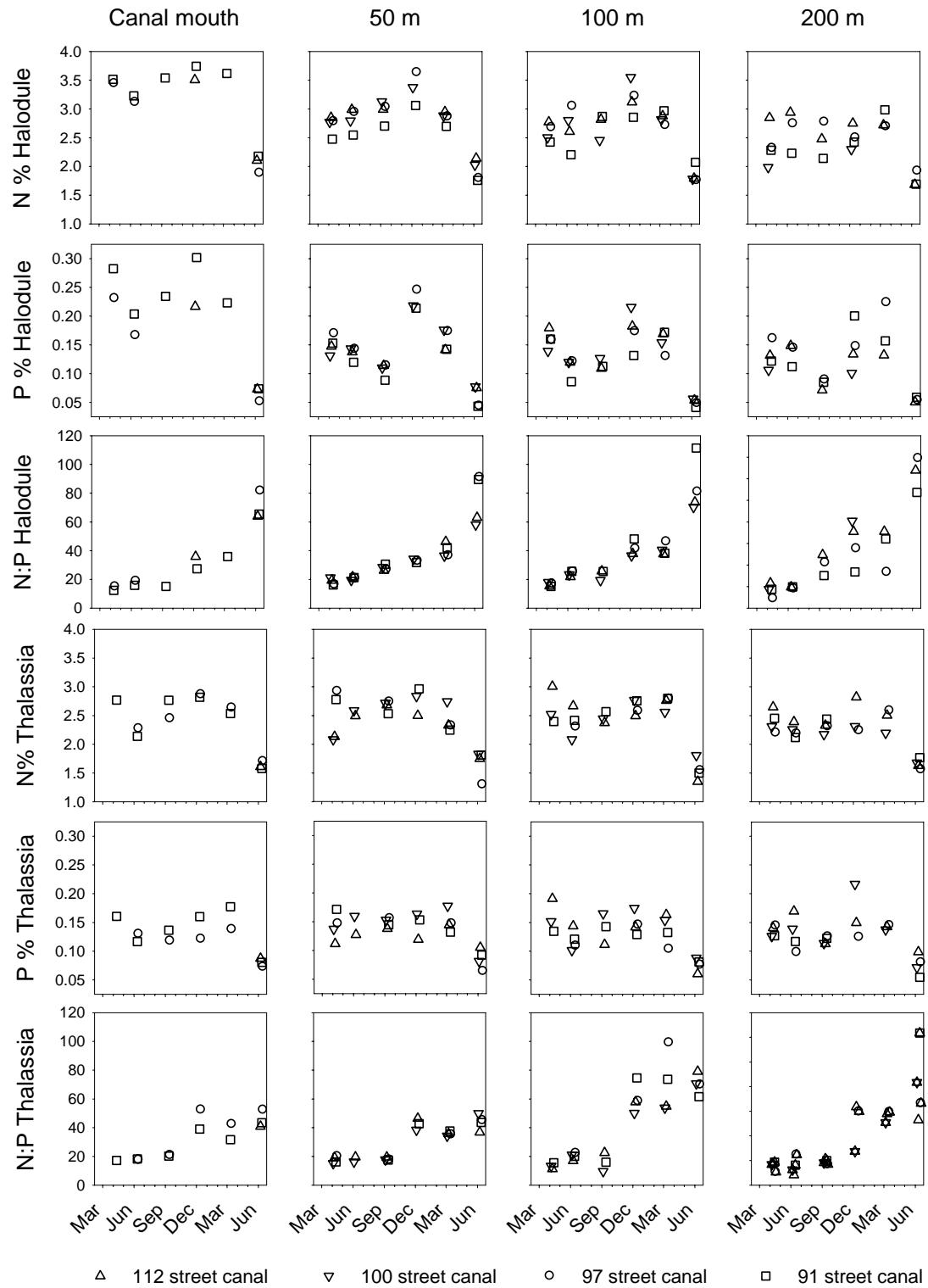


Figure 3: Seagrass leaf tissue nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) concentrations and molar N:P ratios. Panels indicate changes over time with increasing distance from canal mouths. Symbols denote transect. The 91 street canal is the reference transect located outside of the immediate Little Venice Service area.

Appendix 1. Little Venice seagrass nutrient data. Nutrient ratios are expressed as molar values.

Sample Date	Transect origin canal	Distance from canal mouth (m)	Plot ID from figure 1	Thalassia leaf P (%)	Halodule leaf P (%)	Thalassia leaf N (%)	Halodule leaf N (%)	Thalassia leaf C (%)	Halodule leaf C (%)	Thalassia molar C:N	Halodule molar C:N	Thalassia molar C:P	Halodule molar C:P	Thalassia molar N:P	Halodule molar N:P
Apr-06	112 street	0	1												
Apr-06	112 street	50	2	0.137	0.131	2.08	2.77	38.1	42.6	21.4	17.9	717	840	15.2	21.2
Apr-06	112 street	100	3	0.152	0.139	2.52	2.50	37.7	43.0	17.5	20.1	643	798	16.6	18.0
Apr-06	112 street	200	4	0.126	0.106	2.31	1.99	39.2	42.6	19.8	25.0	805	1038	18.4	18.7
Apr-06	100 street	0	5												
Apr-06	100 street	50	6	0.112	0.147	2.14	2.85	37.1	43.1	20.3	17.6	858	754	19.1	19.3
Apr-06	100 street	100	7	0.191	0.180	3.00	2.77	36.9	39.2	14.3	16.5	499	564	15.7	15.4
Apr-06	100 street	200	8	0.141	0.132	2.65	2.85	39.3	45.6	17.3	18.7	723	894	18.8	21.6
Apr-06	97 street	0	9	0.160	0.282	2.77	3.52	38.4	43.3	16.2	14.4	618	396	17.2	12.4
Apr-06	97 street	50	10	0.171	0.153	2.78	2.48	36.8	42.0	15.5	19.8	555	710	16.2	16.2
Apr-06	97 street	100	11	0.135	0.160	2.40	2.43	36.7	42.7	17.9	20.5	705	689	17.8	15.2
Apr-06	97 street	200	12	0.127	0.122	2.45	2.28	37.6	42.4	17.9	21.7	765	899	19.3	18.7
Apr-06	91 street	0	13												
Apr-06	91 street	50	14	0.147	0.170	2.92	2.78	37.5	43.1	15.0	18.1	660	657	19.9	16.4
Apr-06	91 street	100	15												
Apr-06	91 street	200	16	0.144	0.161	2.20	2.32	35.7	43.2	18.9	21.7	641	693	15.3	14.4
Jun-06	112 street	0	1												
Jun-06	112 street	50	2	0.159	0.143	2.59	2.79	37.4	40.8	16.9	17.0	605	735	16.2	19.5
Jun-06	112 street	100	3	0.101	0.120	2.08	2.80	38.5	43.2	21.6	18.0	980	932	20.5	23.4
Jun-06	112 street	200	4	0.139		2.26		38.4		19.8		715		16.3	
Jun-06	100 street	0	5												
Jun-06	100 street	50	6	0.127	0.138	2.49	2.99	40.1	42.8	18.8	16.7	813	804	19.6	21.7
Jun-06	100 street	100	7	0.144	0.120	2.67	2.61	39.7	42.5	17.4	19.0	713	917	18.5	21.8
Jun-06	100 street	200	8	0.169	0.149	2.39	2.94	38.5	43.6	18.8	17.3	588	757	14.1	19.8
Jun-06	97 street	0	9	0.117	0.204	2.14	3.23	37.3	41.9	20.3	15.1	826	532	18.3	15.8
Jun-06	97 street	50	10												
Jun-06	97 street	100	11	0.121	0.086	2.42	2.20	39.4	41.9	19.0	22.2	843	1255	20.0	25.6
Jun-06	97 street	200	12	0.117	0.112	2.12	2.23	34.8	41.2	19.2	21.6	770	948	18.1	19.9
Jun-06	91 street	0	13	0.130	0.166	2.27	3.12	41.2	43.7	21.1	16.4	821	678	17.5	18.7
Jun-06	91 street	50	14												
Jun-06	91 street	100	15	0.109	0.121	2.30	3.05	40.3	43.8	20.4	16.8	954	936	21.1	25.2
Jun-06	91 street	200	16	0.098	0.144	2.18	2.74	39.6	44.0	21.1	18.7	1043	787	22.3	19.0
Sep-06	112 street	0	1												
Sep-06	112 street	50	2	0.153	0.110	2.72	3.13	40.0	43.0	17.2	16.1	675	1011	17.8	28.4
Sep-06	112 street	100	3	0.165	0.127	2.44	2.46	36.1	41.7	17.3	19.8	565	849	14.8	19.4
Sep-06	112 street	200	4	0.114		2.17		37.0		19.9		840		19.1	
Sep-06	100 street	0	5												
Sep-06	100 street	50	6	0.138	0.114	2.68	2.99	35.9	42.9	15.6	16.7	671	972	19.4	26.3
Sep-06	100 street	100	7	0.111	0.109	2.37	2.82	36.0	42.1	17.7	17.4	834	996	21.3	25.8
Sep-06	100 street	200	8	0.113	0.071	2.33	2.48	39.1	42.1	19.6	19.8	895	1526	20.6	34.7
Sep-06	97 street	0	9	0.137	0.235	2.77	3.54	34.8	39.2	14.7	12.9	659	432	20.3	15.1
Sep-06	97 street	50	10	0.145	0.089	2.53	2.70	37.8	42.8	17.4	18.5	676	1249	17.5	30.5
Sep-06	97 street	100	11	0.143	0.113	2.57	2.87	35.4	44.1	16.1	17.9	641	1011	18.0	25.4
Sep-06	97 street	200	12	0.122	0.085	2.44	2.14	37.6	42.9	18.0	23.4	794	1301	19.9	25.1
Sep-06	91 street	0	13	0.118		2.45		35.5		17.0		780		20.8	
Sep-06	91 street	50	14	0.156	0.114	2.74	3.03	36.1	42.0	15.4	16.2	599	954	17.6	26.6
Sep-06	91 street	100	15												
Sep-06	91 street	200	16	0.125	0.089	2.31	2.77	40.1	43.7	20.3	18.4	828	1266	18.4	31.1

Appendix 1 (continued). Little Venice seagrass nutrient data.

Sample Date	Transect origin canal	Distance from canal mouth (m)	Plot ID from figure 1	Thalassia leaf P (%)	Halodule leaf P (%)	Thalassia leaf N (%)	Halodule leaf N (%)	Thalassia leaf C (%)	Halodule leaf C (%)	Thalassia molar C:N	Halodule molar C:N	Thalassia molar C:P	Halodule molar C:P	Thalassia molar N:P	Halodule molar N:P
Dec-06	112 street	0	1												
Dec-06	112 street	50	2	0.164	0.218	2.84	3.38	40.4	44.4	16.6	15.3	639	526	38.4	34.3
Dec-06	112 street	100	3	0.175	0.216	2.76	3.55	40.8	50.9	17.2	16.7	603	610	35.1	36.5
Dec-06	112 street	200	4	0.216	0.101	2.31	2.30	39.8	42.8	20.1	21.8	475	1098	23.7	50.4
Dec-06	100 street	0	5		0.217		3.51		44.1		14.7		526		35.9
Dec-06	100 street	50	6	0.119		2.50		39.8		18.6		864		46.4	
Dec-06	100 street	100	7	0.142	0.182	2.49	3.12	40.4	44.2	18.9	16.5	735	626	38.9	37.9
Dec-06	100 street	200	8	0.149	0.134	2.82	2.75	39.9	43.8	16.5	18.6	690	845	41.8	45.5
Dec-06	97 street	0	9	0.160	0.302	2.82	3.74	41.1	44.2	17.0	13.8	663	379	39.0	27.4
Dec-06	97 street	50	10	0.153	0.214	2.96	3.06	40.6	44.5	16.0	17.0	683	537	42.8	31.7
Dec-06	97 street	100	11	0.129	0.131	2.76	2.86	40.1	43.6	17.0	17.8	802	858	47.3	48.2
Dec-06	97 street	200	12		0.200		2.42		41.1		19.8		530		26.8
Dec-06	91 street	0	13	0.121		2.86		39.2		16.0		835		52.3	
Dec-06	91 street	50	14		0.246		3.63		44.6		14.3		470		32.8
Dec-06	91 street	100	15	0.146	0.173	2.58	3.22	33.6	42.7	15.2	15.4	596	637	39.2	41.2
Dec-06	91 street	200	16	0.124	0.147	2.24	2.50	38.5	41.8	20.1	19.5	799	733	39.8	37.6
Mar-07	112 street	0	1												
Mar-07	112 street	50	2	0.177	0.176	2.74	2.88	41.5	43.1	17.6	17.4	604	633	34.3	36.3
Mar-07	112 street	100	3	0.154	0.154	2.56	2.82	40.4	43.8	18.4	18.1	679	734	36.9	40.5
Mar-07	112 street	200	4	0.137		2.20		40.9		21.8		770		35.4	
Mar-07	100 street	0	5												
Mar-07	100 street	50	6	0.144	0.141	2.33	2.95	41.0	43.8	20.5	17.3	733	802	35.7	46.3
Mar-07	100 street	100	7	0.163	0.169	2.76	2.88	40.7	43.2	17.2	17.5	644	661	37.4	37.7
Mar-07	100 street	200	8	0.142	0.132	2.50	2.72	40.4	43.0	18.8	18.4	734	840	39.0	45.6
Mar-07	97 street	0	9	0.177	0.223	2.54	3.62	40.9	45.0	18.8	14.5	595	521	31.7	35.9
Mar-07	97 street	50	10	0.132	0.142	2.25	2.70	39.6	43.5	20.6	18.8	775	791	37.7	42.0
Mar-07	97 street	100	11	0.132	0.172	2.80	2.97	41.9	45.2	17.4	17.8	817	680	46.8	38.3
Mar-07	97 street	200	12		0.157		2.99		41.6		16.3		685		42.1
Mar-07	91 street	0	13	0.138		2.63		41.3		18.3		774		42.3	
Mar-07	91 street	50	14	0.147	0.174	2.32	2.86	41.5	45.1	20.8	18.4	731	672	35.1	36.6
Mar-07	91 street	100	15	0.104	0.130	2.79	2.72	41.6	45.3	17.4	19.5	1037	901	59.6	46.3
Mar-07	91 street	200	16	0.145	0.224	2.58	2.69	40.9	45.2	18.5	19.6	730	522	39.6	26.7
Jun-07	112 street	0	1												
Jun-07	112 street	50	2	0.081	0.077	1.83	2.03	29.4	27.6	18.7	15.9	934	925	49.8	58.1
Jun-07	112 street	100	3	0.088	0.056	1.81	1.78	29.4	31.3	19.0	20.5	860	1442	45.3	70.2
Jun-07	112 street	200	4	0.072		1.68		28.5		19.8		1026		51.7	
Jun-07	100 street	0	5	0.087	0.073	1.61	2.10	28.4	27.5	20.6	15.2	841	973	40.8	63.9
Jun-07	100 street	50	6	0.105	0.075	1.75	2.14	28.1	29.3	18.8	16.0	691	1006	36.8	63.0
Jun-07	100 street	100	7	0.060	0.054	1.35	1.79	28.1	26.7	24.2	17.4	1201	1278	49.5	73.7
Jun-07	100 street	200	8	0.099	0.051	1.63	1.69	31.1	29.8	22.3	20.7	813	1526	36.4	73.9
Jun-07	97 street	0	9	0.081	0.074	1.58	2.18	29.7	28.4	21.9	15.2	952	995	43.4	65.5
Jun-07	97 street	50	10	0.092	0.043	1.81	1.76	28.8	29.9	18.5	19.8	809	1775	43.6	89.6
Jun-07	97 street	100	11	0.081	0.041	1.50	2.07	28.3	31.7	22.0	17.8	899	1988	40.8	111.4
Jun-07	97 street	200	12	0.055	0.059	1.77	1.69	30.1	30.6	19.8	21.1	1424	1344	71.8	63.7
Jun-07	91 street	0	13	0.072	0.051	1.70	1.89	29.7	28.3	20.4	17.5	1065	1429	52.2	81.6
Jun-07	91 street	50	14	0.064	0.044	1.30	1.79	31.3	30.1	28.1	19.6	1267	1780	45.1	90.9
Jun-07	91 street	100	15	0.076	0.048	1.54	1.76	29.7	27.2	22.5	18.1	1008	1460	44.9	80.9
Jun-07	91 street	200	16	0.080	0.054	1.56	1.92	30.3	32.7	22.7	19.8	979	1577	43.2	79.5

Appendix 2. Little Venice seagrass carbon and nitrogen isotope data.

Transect origin canal	Distance from canal mouth (m)	Plot ID from figure 1	Species	April 2006	June 2007	April 2006	June 2007
				$\delta^{15}\text{N}$	$\delta^{15}\text{N}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$
112 street	0	1	<i>Thalassia</i>	-	-	-	-
112 street	50	2	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.63413041	1.89648379	-8.8642516	-7.7703403
112 street	100	3	<i>Thalassia</i>	-3.194549	2.9150961	-6.5149025	-6.3259246
112 street	200	4	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.44948596	2.27690567	-7.7821857	-5.7857894
100 street	0	5	<i>Thalassia</i>		1.17029546		-9.3719937
100 street	50	6	<i>Thalassia</i>	-2.634281	1.61715513	-8.8214752	-7.1358586
100 street	100	7	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.17127444	-0.2690606	-7.763839	-6.1763015
100 street	200	8	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.48115538	2.341999	-7.356708	-5.9089908
97 street	0	9	<i>Thalassia</i>	-0.0360728	0.92608555	-11.425576	-9.9300646
97 street	50	10	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.02161392	-0.5070186	-8.4613977	-7.0963189
97 street	100	11	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.04867243	2.34233315	-8.8442364	-6.6815468
97 street	200	12	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.50365534	1.38543054	-6.7313049	-6.1806163
91 street	0	13	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.59964373	1.34082755	-10.542161	-8.9686944
91 street	50	14	<i>Thalassia</i>	-3.0737407	2.76233936	-9.1260146	-6.6103565
91 street	100	15	<i>Thalassia</i>	-1.356186	2.56062084	-6.9979877	-6.8277126
91 street	200	16	<i>Thalassia</i>	2.46435096	1.40686257	-6.6754188	-5.4215051
112 street	0	1	<i>Halodule</i>	-	-	-	-
112 street	50	2	<i>Halodule</i>	0.28341516	-0.1106095	-9.4650247	-9.5111725
112 street	100	3	<i>Halodule</i>	-0.4442966	1.21109438	-8.723862	-7.7461465
112 street	200	4	<i>Halodule</i>	0.92195604	-	-8.6239749	-
100 street	0	5	<i>Halodule</i>	-	0.99649584	-	-10.336149
100 street	50	6	<i>Halodule</i>	-0.0117161	1.45605574	-9.5251778	-9.667297
100 street	100	7	<i>Halodule</i>	0.82148679	-1.3062448	-8.5103951	-8.9249738
100 street	200	8	<i>Halodule</i>	0.59449394	-2.8105828	-8.4292326	-7.1814431
97 street	0	9	<i>Halodule</i>	-3.573273	-3.4626068	-12.087657	-11.103334
97 street	50	10	<i>Halodule</i>	2.09416405	2.17287357	-9.4923032	-9.1219106
97 street	100	11	<i>Halodule</i>	2.35877566	0.84640489	-8.6230407	-8.6336928
97 street	200	12	<i>Halodule</i>	1.61773164	1.34804062	-8.1816749	-8.4419763
91 street	0	13	<i>Halodule</i>	-6.2811102	2.92902201	-10.252398	-9.1137736
91 street	50	14	<i>Halodule</i>	-0.6722323	2.55633504	-8.9973554	-9.1634877
91 street	100	15	<i>Halodule</i>	-1.4346107	-0.3883138	-8.5541241	-9.0396794
91 street	200	16	<i>Halodule</i>	0.50714859	-1.7277384	-8.4587033	-8.1505967

Appendix 3. Braun-Blanquet cover analysis summary for 112th street canal transect.

Distance from canal mouth (m)	Plot ID from figure 1	Species	April 4, 2006			June 8, 2006			September 12, 2006			December 8, 2006			March 6, 2007			June 29, 2008		
			Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.
0	1	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.6
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.5
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.8	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.3	0.7	0.2	1.0	2.7	2.7	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.1	0.8
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.8	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.4	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.1
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.7	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.1	2.0	0.2	1.0	1.1	1.1
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.9	1.7	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.2
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
50	2	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.6	1.3	0.8	0.7	3.6	2.5	0.8	1.3	1.1	0.6	3.0	1.8	0.4	2.5	1.0	0.9	1.6	1.4
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.4	2.6	1.1	0.3	2.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	3.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	1.0	3.3	3.3	0.5	1.6	0.8	0.8	3.8	3.0	0.9	2.6	2.3	0.7	3.1	2.2	0.9	3.0	2.7
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100	3	<i>Thalassia</i>	1.0	2.7	2.7	1.0	1.7	1.7	0.7	1.5	1.1	1.0	2.6	2.6	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.0	2.4	2.4
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.4	0.6	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.6	2.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.7	2.7	0.2	0.8	0.2
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.0	3.8	3.8	1.0	3.0	3.0	0.5	2.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.3	0.8
		<i>Halimeda</i>	1.0	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.8	1.0	0.8
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	1.0	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.0	0.3	0.9	1.3	1.2
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.9	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
200	4	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.9	3.2	2.9	1.0	4.0	4.0	1.0	3.1	3.1	1.0	3.8	3.8	1.0	1.9	1.9	1.0	2.6	2.6
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.3	2.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.6
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.8	1.6	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.8	1.6	1.3	0.4	1.0													

Appendix 4. Braun-Blanquet cover analysis summary for 100th street canal transect.

Appendix 5. Braun-Blanquet cover analysis summary for 97th street canal transect.

Distance from canal	Plot ID from	Species	April 4, 2006			June 8, 2006			September 12, 2006			December 8, 2006			March 6, 2007			June 29, 2006			
			Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	
0	9	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.0	0.5	
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.8	2.1	1.7	0.5	2.4	1.2	0.6	1.5	0.9	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.2	1.5	0.3	
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.5	0.3	
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.3	
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.7	0.5
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	2.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
50	10	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.2	
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.9	1.5	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	
		<i>Halodule</i>	1.0	4.0	4.0	0.2	3.5	0.7	0.9	3.8	3.4	0.6	3.8	2.3	0.6	2.7	1.6	1.0	3.1	3.1	
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	4.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
100	11	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.7	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.9	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.1	1.0	
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.5	2.1	1.1	1.0	3.2	3.2	0.9	3.9	3.5	0.6	2.8	1.7	0.5	2.0	1.0	1.2	2.0	2.0	
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.3	1.7	0.5	0.3	1.3	0.4	
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	2.5	0.5	0.7	1.7	1.2	0.8	2.1	1.7	0.5	0.8	0.4	
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.8	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.2	2.5	0.5	0.8	1.7	1.4	0.9	2.1	1.9	0.5	1.2	0.6	
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.4	1.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
200	12	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.2	1.6	0.3	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.5	0.1	

Appendix 6. Braun-Blanquet cover analysis summary for 91st street canal transect.

Distance from canal	Plot ID from	Species	April 4, 2006			June 8, 2006			September 12, 2006			December 8, 2006			March 6, 2007			June 29, 2006		
			Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.	Freq.	Abun.	Dens.
0	13	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	3.0	0.3	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.2
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.2
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.9	1.9	1.8	0.8	2.4	1.9	0.9	2.3	2.1	1.0	2.4	2.4
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.5	1.0	1.9	1.9	0.9	2.4	2.2	1.0	2.3	2.3	1.0	2.4	2.4
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
50	14	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.1	2.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	1.2	1.1
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.6	2.7	1.6	0.7	2.4	1.7	0.5	1.7	0.9	1.0	3.3	3.3	0.9	3.6	3.2	1.0	3.9	3.9
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.2
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
100	15	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.2	1.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.6	1.8	1.1
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.2	3.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.4	3.3	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.5	2.4	1.2	0.7	2.1	1.5
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Caulerpa</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Batophora</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Drift red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Laurencia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other red algae</i>	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Dictyota</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>other brown algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Coraline red algae</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Sponge</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Stony corals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Octocorals</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
200	16	<i>Thalassia</i>	0.2	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.7	2.4	1.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.8
		<i>Syringodium</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Halodule</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5	3.0	1.5	0.3	2.7	0.8	0.5	3.4	1.7
		<i>Halimeda</i>	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.1	1.0	0.1
		<i>Udotea</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Penicillllus</i>	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	1.2	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.8	1.4	1.1
		<i>Acetabularia</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
		<i>Total Calcareous Green</i>	0.3	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0												