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Supporting Information for

Surface distribution of dissolved trace metals in the oligotrophic ocean and their influence on phytoplankton biomass and productivity

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Introduction

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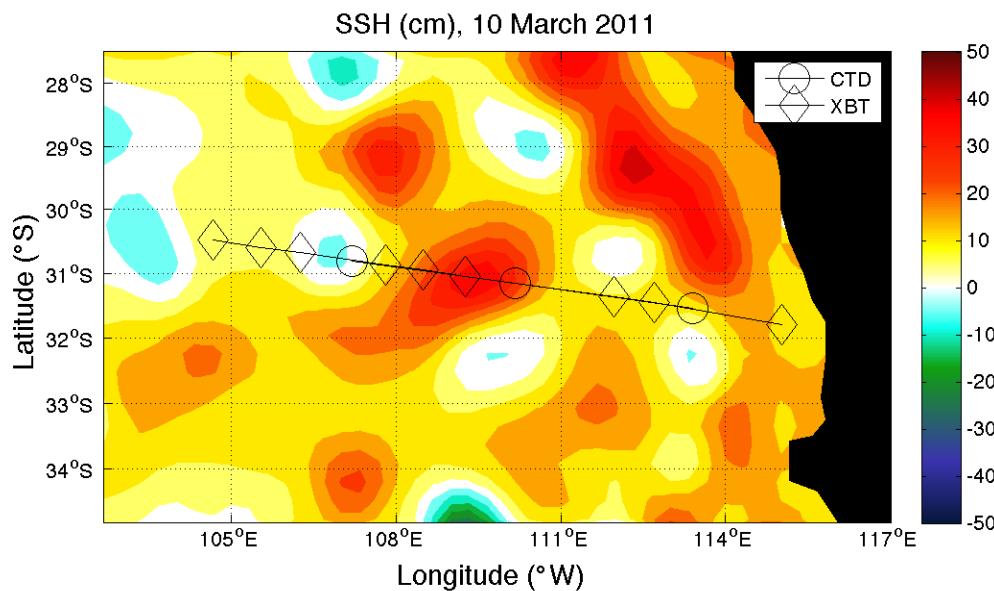


Figure S1. Vertical temperature field contour from the combined CTD and XBT data showing changes in the isotherms/isopycnals due to cyclonic and anticyclonic eddies developed from the Leeuwin current.

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| 1. Alaska Downwelling Coastal Province | 19. Red Sea, Persian Gulf Province | 37. Pacific Equatorial Divergence Province |
| 2. Australia-Indonesia Coastal Province | 20. Sunda-Arafura Shelves Province | 38. S. Atlantic Gyral Province |
| 3. Benguela Current Coastal Province | 21. SW Atlantic Shelves Province | 39. W. Pacific Warm Pool Province |
| 4. Brazil Current Coastal Province | 22. W. India Coastal Province | 40. Western Tropical Atlantic Province |
| 5. California Upwelling Coastal Province | 23. Antarctic Province | 41. Gulf Stream Province |
| 6. Canary Coastal Province | 24. Atlantic Arctic Province | 42. Kuroshio Current Province |
| 7. Central America Coastal Province | 25. Atlantic Subarctic Province | 43. Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea Province |
| 8. Chile-Peru Current Coastal Province | 26. Austral Polar Province | 44. N. Atlantic Drift Province |
| 9. China Sea Coastal Province | 27. Boreal Polar Province | 45. N. Atlantic Subtropical Gyral Province (east) |
| 10. E. Africa Coastal Province | 28. N. Pacific Epicontinental Province | 46. N. Atlantic Subtropical Gyral Province (west) |
| 11. E. India Coastal Province | 29. Archipelagic Deep Basin Province | 47. N. Pacific Polar Front Province |
| 12. E. Australia Coastal Province | 30. Caribbean Province | 48. N. Pacific Subtropical Gyre Province (west) |
| 13. Guianas Coastal Province | 31. Eastern Tropical Atlantic Province | 49. Pacific Subarctic Gyres Province (east) |
| 14. Guinea Current Coastal Province | 32. Indian Monsoon Gyres Province | 50. Pacific Subarctic Gyres Province (west) |
| 15. NE Atlantic Shelves Province | 33. Indian S. Subtropical Gyre Province | 51. S. Pacific Subtropical Gyre Province |
| 16. New Zealand Coastal Province | 34. N. Atlantic Tropical Gyral Province | 52. S. Subtropical Convergence Province |
| 17. NW Arabian Upwelling Province | 35. N. Pacific Equatorial Countercurrent Province | 53. Subantarctic Province |
| 18. NW Atlantic Shelves Province | 36. N. Pacific Tropical Gyre Province | 54. Tasman Sea Province |

Table S1. Complete list of Longhurst biogeographical provinces shown in Figure 1

Transect	Station number	Longitude	Latitude	Mo (nM)	Cd (pM)	V (nM)	Fe (nM)	Co (pM)	Ni (nM)	Cu (nM)	Salinity (psu)	Temperature (°C)	PO4 (µM)	NO3 (µM)	SiO4 (µM)	Chl (µg/L)	PPI (mgC/m² h)
S. Africa to Australia	1	27.5	-34.8	107.19	26.33	26.50	1.81	32.25	2.66	1.05	35.29	26.39	0.070	0.440	1.740	0.170	49.08
S. Africa to Australia	2	31.1	-34.4	95.31	24.81	20.81	1.53	30.09	2.06	0.76	35.52	23.70	0.010	0.310	0.940	0.090	3.94
S. Africa to Australia	3	33.7	-34.2	94.19	12.37	22.80	0.57	19.53	1.27	0.88	35.60	23.93	0.027	0.331	1.448	0.090	19.78
S. Africa to Australia	4	37.1	-33.9	83.83	20.94	25.37	0.38	26.90	2.19	0.84	35.63	23.86	0.080	0.310	1.470	0.110	10.16
S. Africa to Australia	5	39.9	-33.5	86.14	21.30	26.73	0.47	24.58	2.06	0.82	35.55	24.46	0.071	0.281	1.198	0.110	18.73
S. Africa to Australia	6	43.3	-33.2	113.18	16.34	28.93	0.62	24.76	1.81	1.17	35.51	23.71	0.260	0.370	1.380	0.080	15.55
S. Africa to Australia	7	63.6	-27.9	86.90	23.28	23.39	0.53	30.84	2.04	0.79	35.32	26.32	0.030	0.510	0.620	0.080	20.37
S. Africa to Australia	8	66.5	-28.2	83.13	21.33	25.09	0.52	28.54	2.05	0.79	35.40	25.78	0.030	0.410	1.133	0.070	14.65
S. Africa to Australia	9	69.9	-29.3	73.20	20.63	28.68	0.51	27.26	1.89	0.58	35.54	25.70	0.020	0.370	1.030	0.050	8.11
S. Africa to Australia	10	73.1	-29.6	78.59	20.94	20.31	0.50	25.97	1.74	0.95	35.77	24.92	0.010	0.390	2.380	0.040	7.30
S. Africa to Australia	11	76.2	-29.9	79.77	19.29	24.55	0.53	24.68	1.83	1.61	35.98	22.90	0.060	0.566	1.570	0.030	9.34
S. Africa to Australia	12	79.6	-29.8	83.75	16.30	18.32	0.70	19.24	1.66	0.68	36.01	23.55	0.070	0.410	1.700	0.060	8.95
S. Africa to Australia	13	97.2	-29.6	96.90	27.24	27.63	0.19	3.56	2.42	1.06	35.76	22.20	0.020	0.040	0.690	0.130	6.85
S. Africa to Australia	14	100.0	-29.9	104.59	22.70	29.18	0.30	22.40	1.84	0.89	35.55	22.12	0.020	0.090	1.550	0.070	3.90
S. Africa to Australia	15	103.9	-30.4	74.16	17.57	20.67	0.31	25.74	1.65	1.13	35.73	22.11	0.030	0.100	1.850	0.060	12.80
S. Africa to Australia	16	107.3	-30.8	80.08	23.21	21.68	0.52	21.52	2.46	0.98	35.52	23.43	0.050	0.120	1.340	0.100	13.53
S. Africa to Australia	17	130.9	-31.2	94.62	22.02	24.83	0.65	15.58	2.17	0.93	35.47	23.41	0.040	0.240	1.030	0.160	21.67
S. Africa to Australia	18	134.2	-31.6	105.09	24.04	31.75	0.81	27.95	2.09	1.14	35.32	25.20	0.030	0.840	2.050	0.100	10.31
Colombia to Spain	19	-74.7	11.9	79.73	25.79	17.87	1.19	54.03	1.99	1.38	35.70	28.90	0.061	0.506	2.443	0.130	18.97
Colombia to Spain	20	-72.3	13.7	76.03	25.39	15.36	1.02	26.57	1.19	1.64	35.56	29.21	0.071	0.569	1.258	0.145	26.72
Colombia to Spain	21	-69.9	14.8	92.51	17.94	19.62	0.67	23.54	1.68	0.94	35.45	29.31	0.068	0.340	1.513	0.091	13.05
Colombia to Spain	22	-67.8	15.4	90.79	23.93	23.91	0.49	23.84	1.74	1.23	35.53	29.64	0.038	0.569	1.451	0.193	38.50
Colombia to Spain	23	-59.8	17.4	115.40	23.69	25.99	0.93	25.54	2.05	1.25	35.52	29.43	0.025	0.342	1.160	0.267	34.36
Colombia to Spain	24	-58.6	17.8	104.78	20.21	11.85	0.70	28.63	1.92	1.30	35.65	29.03	0.006	0.379	1.247	0.307	19.96
Colombia to Spain	25	-55.9	18.7	86.53	17.65	15.07	0.55	23.75	1.26	1.27	36.66	28.52	0.088	0.446	1.086	0.054	18.35
Colombia to Spain	26	-53.2	19.9	79.38	20.52	22.44	0.55	30.45	1.98	1.19	36.83	28.08	0.054	0.506	1.368	0.073	20.41
Colombia to Spain	27	-50.3	20.7	93.46	26.51	19.76	0.82	29.83	1.96	1.05	37.07	27.63	0.049	0.598	0.840	0.056	19.34
Colombia to Spain	28	-48.5	21.4	107.30	29.20	23.32	0.73	29.39	2.42	1.36	37.07	27.49	0.053	0.402	0.832	0.058	21.50
Colombia to Spain	29	-38.7	24.9	83.24	14.14	28.94	0.61	35.28	1.90	1.12	37.56	25.67	0.085	0.288	0.819	0.077	19.66
Colombia to Spain	30	-35.3	26.1	76.70	18.30	25.93	0.45	45.23	1.14	0.76	37.63	24.88	0.069	0.442	0.987	0.049	15.99
Colombia to Spain	31	-32.9	26.9	79.54	19.43	26.73	0.54	43.47	1.12	0.45	37.47	24.39	0.088	0.342	0.567	0.045	13.00
Colombia to Spain	32	-30.0	27.8	81.64	17.47	26.49	0.62	47.14	1.69	0.67	37.33	23.31	0.062	0.412	0.554	0.044	9.45
Colombia to Spain	33	-27.0	28.9	75.74	15.52	19.00	0.41	41.92	1.67	0.61	37.37	23.00	0.057	0.472	1.099	0.099	17.11
Colombia to Spain	34	-24.1	29.8	110.11	10.30	28.53	0.56	44.52	1.55	0.60	36.95	21.62	0.131	0.564	0.586	0.065	27.61
Colombia to Spain	35	-20.6	31.0	80.18	8.34	20.65	0.90	38.75	1.12	0.74	36.88	21.52	0.100	0.453	0.583	0.075	29.33
Colombia to Spain	36	-17.3	32.1	100.41	6.35	20.15	1.12	36.97	1.35	1.38	36.86	21.88	0.093	0.437	0.507	0.066	27.81
Spain to Brazil	37	-9.2	35.3	115.67	27.63	26.12	1.59	59.97	1.85	2.17	36.52	18.95	0.074	0.646	0.874	0.145	6.98
Spain to Brazil	38	-17.2	29.8	92.39	21.37	23.04	1.00	24.26	1.58	0.78	36.93	21.19	0.084	0.646	0.874	0.114	8.01
Spain to Brazil	39	-18.8	28.7	79.87	26.12	21.75	1.49	40.29	2.08	1.04	37.08	22.19	0.022	0.259	0.890	0.094	9.99
Spain to Brazil	40	-20.8	25.4	72.07	18.87	25.38	1.46	34.02	2.60	1.04	36.95	22.20	0.009	0.731	0.626	0.151	9.50
Spain to Brazil	41	-22.1	23.5	76.91	24.92	26.36	1.63	33.23	2.13	1.12	37.06	23.81	0.022	0.623	0.874	0.222	9.74
Spain to Brazil	42	-23.4	21.5	88.30	22.60	24.01	1.54	18.00	1.51	0.97	36.69	26.88	0.078	0.263	1.001	0.179	20.58
Spain to Brazil	43	-24.3	20.3	110.51	27.76	25.47	1.89	22.39	1.74	1.12	36.61	25.57	0.084	0.646	0.874	0.140	18.26
Spain to Brazil	44	-26.0	16.6	95.78	22.78	26.12	1.75	10.00	1.72	1.12	36.40	27.00	0.084	0.208	0.849	0.201	38.26
Spain to Brazil	45	-26.0	7.3	81.15	19.58	20.09	0.55	9.71	1.75	0.90	35.40	28.27	0.017	0.344	1.549	0.245	31.19
Spain to Brazil	46	-27.3	-3.0	85.67	24.75	24.66	0.81	28.24	1.49	0.96	36.15	28.00	0.112	0.102	0.956	0.146	21.48
Spain to Brazil	47	-27.8	-4.1	87.57	15.73	24.58	0.91	27.25	1.00	0.94	36.35	27.75	0.148	0.232	0.956	0.109	15.08
Spain to Brazil	48	-29.3	-7.2	87.25	16.68	26.25	0.66	25.67	1.10	0.73	35.81	30.90	0.135	0.082	1.148	0.099	19.68
Spain to Brazil	49	-30.0	-8.7	85.18	13.54	19.78	0.72	28.95	0.98	0.83	36.65	27.65	0.215	0.083	0.400	0.058	20.91
Spain to Brazil	50	-31.0	-10.9	93.28	25.94	20.15	0.66	20.08	1.74	0.95	36.87	27.67	0.138	0.102	1.456	0.040	21.01
Spain to Brazil	51	-32.4	-13.7	81.10	22.70	23.74	0.67	29.61	0.93	1.05	37.13	27.43	0.130	0.102	0.956	0.047	13.47
Spain to Brazil	52	-33.1	-15.2	95.64	27.82	27.37	0.76	20.77	1.88	1.15	37.24	27.84	0.112	0.102	0.956	0.090	27.92
Spain to Brazil	53	-35.7	-20.6	133.96	27.31	33.23	0.64	27.13	1.97	1.19	36.99	27.40	0.110	1.588	0.804	0.125	15.64
Brazil to S. Africa	56	-33.5	-24.2	89.86	21.39	24.23	0.71	22.86	1.49	1.47	36.57	26.95	0.030	0.140	0.820	0.077	16.00
Brazil to S. Africa	57	-30.2	-25.4	80.24	23.31	18.40	0.82	23.60	1.57	1.31	36.58	26.04	0.000	0.350	0.930	0.097	27.02
Brazil to S. Africa	58	-28.4	-27.4	84.93	15.02	21.17	0.77	21.53	1.09	1.18	36.49	25.68	0.096	0.243	1.041	0.078	22.48
Brazil to S. Africa	59	-24.5	-26.4	71.11	17.31	22.17	0.72	27.30	1.96	1.45	36.41	24.62	0.060	0.340	1.330	0.047	17.81
Brazil to S. Africa	60	-22.2	-26.8	80.73	12.61	19.28	0.63	21.54	1.12	1.14	36.21	23.94	0.100	0.200	1.490	0.094	19.39
Brazil to S. Africa	61	-18.5	-27.5	81.19	26.11	19.04	0.53	26.50	1.94	1.45	36.21	23.82	0.100	0.100	1.390	0.036	11.45
Brazil to S. Africa	63	-9.9	-29.0	66.99	14.43	24.89	0.65	29.61	1.80	1.29	36.04	23.32	0.093	0.274	1.075	0.063	23.09
Brazil to S. Africa	64	-5.6	-29.7	75.92	17.95	19.20	0.59	35.94	1.81	1.92	36.10	22.74	0.150	0.330	0.770	0.040	12.40
Brazil to S. Africa	65	-3.1	-30.1	79.77	19.29	24.55	0.63	26.68	1.83	1.61	35.98	22.90	0.170	0.243	1.041	0.034	

Element	Certified value	Measurement result
Mo	9.59 ± 0.70	10.0 ± 0.06
Cd	0.0210 ± 0.0017	0.022 ± 0.0002
Pb	0.011 ± 0.002	0.0097 ± 0.0004
V	1.28 ± 0.14	1.30 ± 0.007
Fe	1.40 ± 0.11	1.47 ± 0.004
Co	0.093	0.10 ± 0.0002
Ni	0.322 ± 0.022	0.31 ± 0.003
Cu	0.371 ± 0.028	0.36 ± 0.001

Table S3. Analytical results of the analysis of nearshore seawater reference material for trace metals CASS-5.

Ratio	Dissolved Colombia to Spain		Dissolved Spain to Brazil		Dissolved Brazil to S. Africa		Dissolved South Africa to Australia			Dissolved NZ to Hawaii		Dissolved Hawaii to Panama		Laboratory culture	
	Section 1	Section 2	Section 1	Section 2	Section 1	Section 2	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 1	Section 2	Section 1	Section 2		
N:P	5.0 - 63	3.8 - 12.2	0.9 - 80	0.3 - 14	1.0 - 35.0	1.4 - 3.7	1.4 - 31	5.8 - 39	2.0 - 28	0.3 - 7.2	2.0 - 12	0.1 - 8.3	0.7 - 17	5.4 - 38	
(10.9)	(6.6)	(7.7)	(0.7)	(2.7)	(3.1)	(5.1)	(15)	(3.9)	(1.4)	(7.2)	(0.7)	(2.1)	(16)		
SiO ₄ :P	17 - 207	4.4 - 25.3	6.4 - 69	1.8 - 27	5.1 - 106	3.7 - 11.9	5.3 - 94	20.6 - 238	25 - 77	1.8 - 95	4.3 - 345	2.0 - 32	2.7 - 15	4.9 - 52.0	
(39.1)	(14.3)	(11.7)	(8.5)	(14.4)	(6.6)	(21)	(31)	(48)	(4.7)	(16)	(5.7)	(7.7)	(15)		
Fe:P	9.7 - 117	4.2 - 16.7	6.1 - 161	3.3 - 23	3.9 - 90.1	3.0 - 5.4	2.4 - 152	8.9 - 49	9.4 - 27	2.0 - 23	1.1 - 55	1.0 - 62	0.6 - 10	0.3 - 15.4	
(16.9)	(7.1)	(21)	(5.1)	(7.5)	(4.9)	(14)	(17)	(12)	(4.1)	(4.3)	(2.2)	(2.5)	(7.5)		
Cu:P	13.7 - 216	4.5 - 25.6	6.3 - 115	3.8 - 48	11.3 - 130	9.0 - 15.7	4.4 - 32	9.6 - 95	19 - 53	3.7 - 20	1.2 - 32	1.7 - 32	1.8 - 4.9	0.06 - 1.36	
(27.7)	(13.2)	(13)	(8.1)	(14.6)	(13.1)	(13)	(26)	(37)	(7.8)	(4.7)	(3.2)	(2.5)	(0.38)		
Co:P	0.35 - 4.77	0.27 - 0.76	0.12 - 1.8	0.13 - 0.7	0.22 - 2.3	0.16 - 0.3	0.09 - 3.0	0.2 - 2.5	0.17 - 1.1	0.06 - 0.36	0.04 - 0.9	0.007 - 1.2	0.03 - 0.1	0.01 - 0.46	
(0.75)	(0.56)	(0.2)	(0.19)	(0.29)	(0.28)	(0.4)	(0.9)	(0.6)	(0.11)	(0.11)	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.19)		
Cd:P	0.26 - 3.4	0.06 - 0.55	0.1 - 2.0	0.06 - 0.7	0.11 - 2.3	0.08 - 0.14	0.06 - 2.4	0.2 - 1.0	0.4 - 1.3	0.1 - 0.6	0.05 - 1.2	0.04 - 1.2	0.04 - 0.1	0.068 - 0.73	
(0.52)	(0.27)	(0.3)	(0.18)	(0.24)	(0.11)	(0.3)	(0.7)	(0.6)	(0.23)	(0.14)	(0.1)	(0.08)	(0.21)		
Mo:P	1070 - 17463	801 - 2024	590 - 7960	397 - 2995	506 - 8445	446 - 770	435 - 3527	261 - 1434	1601 - 5229	750 - 2745	237 - 4070	458 - 4070	400 - 841	0.009 - 0.11	
(1874)	(1316)	(1320)	(674)	(897)	(589)	(1368)	(2833)	(2987)	(1140)	(784)	(703)	(472)	(0.033)		
V:P	216 - 1975	171 - 440	165 - 2803	92 - 807	128 - 1983	112 - 169	111 - 2080	23 - 173	433 - 1459	200 - 743	92 - 1010	96 - 1010	68 - 187		
(461.1)	(378)	(312)	(194)	(265)	(152)	(376)	(807)	(873)	(330)	(239)	(220)	(114)			
Ni:P	16.7 - 319	11.2 - 45.7	6.7 - 287	4.5 - 49	11.2 - 156	10.7 - 18.6	6.9 - 205	20 - 238	49 - 120	11.0 - 42	7.8 - 104	6.6 - 104	4.5 - 12		
(39.2)	(27.2)	(20.8)	(12)	(19.4)	(15.6)	(33)	(68)	(62)	(20)	(16)	(10)	(6.9)			

Table S4 – Comparison of the range and median values (in parentheses) of dissolved nutrients with literature values from laboratory culture experiments, standardized to P.