

## **Supplementary Material**

### **Evidence for the non-influence of salinity variability on the coral Sr/Ca paleothermometer**

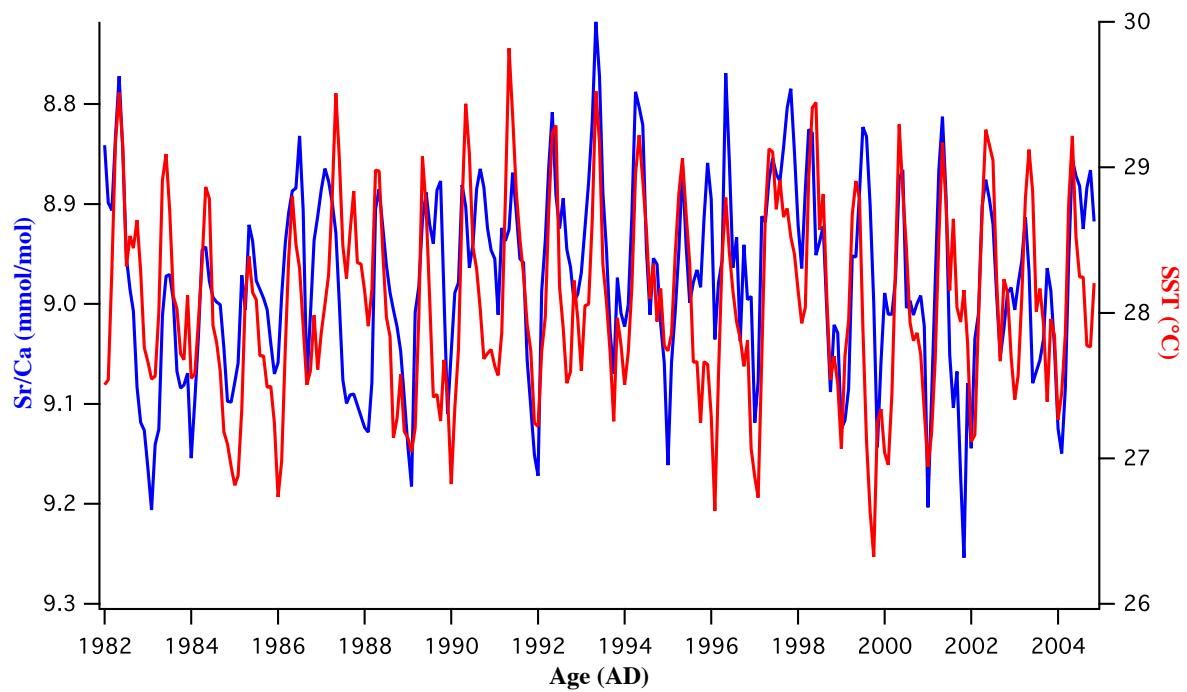
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**Fig. S1.** Sr/Ca record from Clipperton atoll (blue curve) and the instrumental SST record [Reynold *et al.*, 2002] at this location (red curve).



**Table S1.** Summary of the coefficients of determination ( $R^2$ ) and the corresponding Student's t-test (p) between residual temperatures and salinity at the different locations used in this study, at monthly and interannual resolution. n is the number of values for each record.  
 $R^2$  and the corresponding p in bold are the significant correlations discussed in the paper.

| Reference              | Location   | $R^2$ and p<br>(monthly) | $R^2$ and p<br>(interannual)    | Period and n<br>(monthly<br>and<br>interannual) |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Kilbourne et al., 2004 | E.Santo, Vanuatu<br>(15°7'S-167°2'E)                       | 0.06<br>p<0.01           | 0<br>p<0.01                     | (1981-1992)<br>128 and 104                      |
| Alibert et al., 2008   | Kavieng, Papua New Guinea<br>(2°5'S-150°5'E)               | 0<br>p>0.01              | 0.02<br>p>0.01                  | (1981-1997)<br>186 and 162                      |
| Quinn et al., 2006     | Rabaul, Papua New Guinea<br>(4°S-152°E)                    | 0<br>p>0.01              | 0.05<br>p<0.01                  | (1981-1997)<br>189 and 165                      |
| DeLong et al., 2012    | Amédée, New Caledonia<br>(22°28'S-166°28'E)                | 0.06<br>p<0.01           | 0.2<br>p<0.01                   | (1981-1999)<br>216 and 192                      |
| Linsley et al., 2000   | Rarotonga<br>(21°14'S-159°49'E)                            | 0.01<br>p>0.01           | 0.06<br>p>0.01                  | (1981-1996)<br>121 and 96                       |
| Nurhati et al., 2010   | Christmas Island,<br>Kiribati<br>(1°52'N-157°24'W)         | 0.05<br>p>0.01           | <b>0.37</b><br><b>p&lt;0.01</b> | (1981-1998)<br>199 and 175                      |
| Nurhati et al., 2010   | Fanning, Kiribati<br>(3°51'N-159°21'W)                     | 0<br>p>0.01              | 0.06<br>p<0.01                  | (1981-2005)<br>285 and 261                      |
| Nurhati et al., 2010   | Palmyra, Central Pacific<br>(5°53'N-162°5'W)               | 0.05<br>p<0.01           | 0.07<br>p<0.01                  | (1981-1998)<br>198 and 174                      |
| This paper             | Clipperton, East Pacific<br>(10°18'N-109°13'W)             | 0.04<br>p<0.01           | 0<br>p>0.01                     | (1982-2005)<br>275 and 251                      |
| Sun et al., 2004       | Xisha, China Sea<br>(16°51'N-112°20'E)                     | 0.05<br>p<0.01           | 0.13<br>p<0.01                  | (1981-1994)<br>151 and 127                      |
| Zinke et al., 2004     | Madagascar<br>(23°8'S-43°34'E)                             | 0<br>p>0.01              | <b>0.34</b><br><b>p&lt;0.01</b> | (1981-1994)<br>79 and 66                        |
| Zinke et al., 2009     | Mayotte<br>(12°39'S-45°06'E)                               | 0.06<br>p>0.01           | 0.05<br>p>0.01                  | (1981-1994)<br>75 and 62                        |
| Delong et al., 2011    | Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic<br>Siderastrea<br>(24°7'N-82°8'W) | 0.02<br>p>0.01           | 0.07<br>p<0.01                  | (1991-2009)<br>212 and 188                      |
| Delong et al., 2011    | Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic<br>Montastraea<br>(24°7'N-82°8'W) | 0.07<br>p<0.01           | <b>0.33</b><br><b>p&lt;0.01</b> | (1991-2008)<br>212 and 188                      |
| Felis et al., 2004     | Aqaba, Red Sea<br>(29°27'N-34°58'E)                        | 0.1<br>p>0.01            |                                 | (1991-1996)<br>32                               |

**Table S2.** Summary of the SST (Reyn\_SmithOIv2 monthly SST product) and SSS (Carton-Giese SODA v2p2p4 monthly SSS product) grid point for each location.

| Locations                  | SST grid point | SSS grid point   |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| E.Santo, Vanuatu           | 15°5'S-167°5'E | 15°75'S-167°25'E |
| Kavieng, Papua New Guinea  | 2°5'S-150°5'E  | 2°27'S-150°25'E  |
| Rabaul, Papua New Guinea   | 4°5'S-151°5'E  | 4°25'S-151°75'E  |
| Amédée, New Caledonia      | 22°5'S-166°5'E | 22°25'S-166°25'E |
| Rarotonga                  | 16°5'N-112°5'E | 16°75'N-122°25'E |
| Christmas Island, Kiribati | 1°5'N-157°5W   | 1°75'-157°25'W   |
| Fanning, Kiribati          | 3°5'N-159°5'W  | 3°75'N-159°25'W  |
| Palmyra, Central Pacific   | 5°5'N-162°5'W  | 5°75'N-162°75'W  |
| Clipperton, East Pacific   | 10°5'N-109°5'W | 9°75'N-109°25'W  |
| Xisha, China Sea           | 16°5'N-112°5'E | 16°75'N-112°25'E |
| Madagascar                 | 23°5'S-43°5'E  | 23°25'S-42°75'E  |
| Mayotte                    | 12°5'S-44°5'E  | 12°25'S-45°25'E  |
| Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic   | 24°5'N-82°5'W  | 24°75'N-82°75'W  |
| Aqaba, Red Sea             | 29°5'N-34°5'E  | 28°25'N-34°75E   |

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