

# Energetic Value of Zooplankton and Nekton of the Southern Ocean: A Review

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### Foodwebs

• There is a variety of foodwebs



- See e.g. Rodhouse & White, 1995
- e.g. Thomas & Greene, 1998
- e.g. Hopkins et al., 1993







### Foodwebs

Phytoplankton Sedentary benthos

20. Antarctic silverfish 21. Cephalopods

22. Bathypelagic fish 23. Cod icefish 24. Other demensal fish

25. Mackeral icefish 26. Antarctic toothfish

30. Skuas 31. Emperor penguin 32. Adelie penguin

27. Patagonian toothfish 28. Other seabirds 29. Albatross

33. Chinstrap penguin 34. Gentoo penguin 35. Macaroni penguin

36. King penguin 37. Rockhopper penguins 38. Royal penguin 39. Sub-Antarctic fur seal

40. Antarctic fur seal 41. New Zealand sea lion 42. Elephant seal 43. Weddell seal

44. Ross seal 45. Crabeater seal 6. Leopard seal

Herbivorous benthos

Predatory benthos Eukaryotes Tintinnia Polychaeta Ostracods 10. Mysida 11. Pteropods 12. Amphipods 13. Chaetognatha 14. Coelenterata 15. Copepods 16. Salps 17. Other krill 18. Antarctic krill 19. Myctophids

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• <u>Stacev A. McCormack</u> et al. (in press)

> How Universal is the **Keystoneness of Krill in Southern Ocean Food** Webs?

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- 17:00-17:15

### What determines Energy content?





# SCAR Southern Ocean Diet and Energetics Database: Data types

### Sampled locations





#### **Bomb Calorimeter**





# Interspecies comparison





### Effects of size and season



## Conclusion

- large amount of data is available
- skewed towards a few large, abundant and relatively easily accessible taxa
- information on the seasonal and regional variability of energy densities is still limited
- small and gelatinous zooplankton

## How can I get involved?

- **Contribute data** (particularly from under-represented taxa, regions, or data types). If you have data from an unpublished paper, the data can be embargoed until publication.
  - templates: <u>https://github.com/SCAR/DietAndEnergetics</u>
  - or, particularly if you have a lot of data, we may be able to script a batch import
  - submit in parallel with journal papers?
- Join a group working on a paper
- Use the database and R packages, contribute analytical code (package or code snippets)
- Make suggestions so that this is more useful to the community
  - how you might use such data
  - what analytical functionality is needed
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# Data citation





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Smith J (2008) On the use of stable isotopes. Journal of Stable Isotope Stuff **123**:100–110. Data obtained from the SCAR Southern Ocean Diet and Energetics Database If you have used data from many individual sources, the overall

citation for this database is: Scientific Committee on Antarctic

Research (2018) Southern Ocean

Data and Energetics Database. However, you are encouraged to

cite all primary sources (possibly in supplementary material, if there are many).