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| **Site** | **Sampling Date** | **Summer/Winter** | **IBIS grid square sampled** | **Lat** | **Lon** | **Depth** |
| HangarA | 2013-01-30 | S |  | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 16.7 |
| SCoveC | 2013-02-21 | S |  | 67.34.152 | 68.08.019 | 19.7 |
| SCoveC | 2013-03-18 | S |  | 67 34.150\* | 68 08.016 | 20.4 |
| HangarA | 2013-04-29 | S |  | 67.33.819 | 68.07.522 | 19.2 |
| SCoveA | 2013-05-22 | S |  | 67.34.173 | 68.07.977 | 18.1 |
| HangarB | 2013-05-28 | S |  | 67.33.815 | 68.07.524 | 19 |
| SCoveA | 2014-01-08 | S |  | 67.34.168 | 68.07.968 | 18.1 |
| SCoveC | 2014-01-15 | S |  | 67.34.152 | 68.08.008 | 19.1 |
| SCoveA | 2014-01-21 | S |  | 67.34.172 | 68.07.978 | 19.3 |
| HangarA | 2014-01-27 | S |  | 67.33.818 | 68.07.541 | 17.9 |
| HangarA | 2014-02-04 | S |  | 67.33.830 | 68.07.539 | 16.4 |
| SCoveB | 2014-02-19 | S | C3 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 15.1 |
| HangarA | 2014-02-25 | S |  | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 14.9 |
| SCoveB | 2014-03-04 | S | B2 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.7 |
| SCoveA | 2014-03-11 | S |  | 67.34.169 | 68.07.976 | 20.4 |
| SCoveB | 2014-03-22 | S | F2 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 15 |
| SCoveC | 2014-03-26 | S | F2 | 67.34.153 | 68.08.045 | 22.2 |
| SCoveC | 2014-03-28 | S | D6 | 67.34.153 | 68.08.045 | 21.5 |
| HangarA | 2014-04-16 | S | B3 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 15.3 |
| SCoveC | 2014-04-26 | S | A1 | 67.34.154 | 68.08.046 | 21.6 |
| SCoveB | 2014-05-13 | S | C5 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.9 |
| SCoveB | 2014-05-20 | S | E5 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.3 |
| HangarB | 2014-05-22 | S | E2 | 67.33.820 | 68.07.524 | 19.9 |
| SCoveA | 2014-06-09 | W | E5 | 67.34.170 | 68.07.977 | 18.7 |
| SCoveC | 2014-06-16 | W | F6 | 67.34.156 | 68.08.048 | 22.2 |
| SCoveB | 2014-06-27 | W | A1 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.8 |
| SCoveC | 2014-07-15 | W | A5 | 67.34.155 | 68.08.047 | 21.6 |
| SCoveA | 2014-07-23 | W | A2 | 67.34.171 | 68.07.978 | 18.7 |
| HangarA | 2014-08-18 | W | F6 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 15.7 |
| HangarA | 2014-08-26 | W | E3 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 14.8 |
| HangarB | 2014-09-01 | W | A2 | 67.33.821 | 68.07.525 | 19.9 |
| HangarB | 2014-09-24 | W | E5 | 67.33.822 | 68.07.526 | 19.6 |
| SCoveA | 2014-09-26 | W | F3 | 67.34.172 | 68.07.979 | 18.6 |
| SCoveB | 2014-10-27 | S | A3 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.9 |
| SCoveA | 2014-11-24 | S | B1 | 67.34.169 | 68.07.976 | 17.6 |
| SCoveC | 2014-11-28 | S | D3 | 67.34.153 | 68.08.045 | 21.8 |
| SCoveC | 2014-12-03 | S | A3 | 67.34.153 | 68.08.045 | 21.8 |
| SCoveA | 2014-12-16 | S | A4 | 67.34.169 | 68.07.976 | 18.2 |
| HangarB | 2014-12-18 | S | B4 | 67.33.820 | 68.07.524 | 18.7 |
| SCoveB | 2015-01-21 | S | F4 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 14.5 |
| SCoveA | 2015-01-26 | S | F1 | 67.34.169 | 68.07.976 | 18.3 |
| SCoveB | 2015-02-02 | S | D4 | 67.34.153 | 68.07.956 | 13.6 |
| SCoveC | 2015-02-09 | S | B4 | 67.34.153 | 68.08.045 | 22.4 |
| HangarC | 2015-02-23 | S | E4 | 67.33.822 | 68.07.587 | 16.8 |
| HangarC | 2015-02-26 | S | A3 | 67.33.822 | 68.07.587 | 16.8 |
| HangarA | 2015-03-03 | S | A2 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 15 |
| HangarA | 2015-03-04 | S | C1 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 14.8 |
| HangarA | 2015-03-10 | S | A6 | 67.33.833 | 68.07.546 | 15.3 |
| HangarB | 2015-03-11 | S | E1 | 67.33.820 | 68.07.524 | 19.9 |
| HangarB | 2015-03-18 | S | E6 | 67.33.820 | 68.07.524 | 19.9 |
| HangarC | 2015-03-27 | S | D3 | 67.33.822 | 68.07.587 | 16.4 |

Table S2. The date, position and water depth of samples taken in summer and winter. The square of the IBIS (iceberg disturbance) grid associated with the sample, is also reported.\* indicates that the position was calculated from position from previous samples.



Figure S1. Non-metric multidimensional scaling (nMDS) plots based on the Bray-Curtis similarity matrix for abundance of Mollusca, identified to the genus level. Benthic assemblages at South Cove, circles (Sites A, B and C) and Hangar Cove, triangles (Sites D, E and F). The low stress value of 0.15 indicates this plot is a good two-dimensional representation of the community in multi-dimensional space. Clustering shown at a similarity level of 50%.

Description of outlier Hangar Cove, site E.

In terms of community composition, one sample from Hangar Cove, site E, sampled on 29/04/13 was clearly separated as an outlier (Fig. 2). This sample had relatively low abundance of the dominant infauna compared to the other samples from this cove, in particular the bivalves *Altenaeum charcoti* (Montacutidae) and *Aequiyoldia eightsi* (Yoldiidae), a low abundance of all polychaetes including a complete absence of Cirratulidae and Edwardsiidae burrowing anemones. In contrast it contained very high numbers of the amphipod *Cheirimedon femoratus* (family Lysianassidae); 80% of *Cheirimedon femoratus* found within the 51 samples collected for this study were found in this one sample (89 out of a total of 111 individuals). The sample also contained relatively high numbers of the urchin *Sterechinus neumayeri*. The sediment thickness of this quadrat was one of the shallowest, at only 25 mm. There was no evidence of recent iceberg disturbance close to this grid.

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| Location | Latitude | Density.m-3 | Mesh size | Water depth/m | Reference | Source |
| McMurdo Sound East | -78 | 118712 | 0.5 | 20 | 26 | 25 |
| McMurdo Sound East | -78 | 155573 | 0.5 | 20 | 26 | 25 |
| McMurdo Sound East | -78 | 145781 | 0.5 | 30 | 26 | 25 |
| McMurdo Sound West | -78 | 2184 | 0.5 | 30 | 26 | 25 |
| McMurdo Sound West | -78 | 45294 | 0.5 | 30 | 26 | 25 |
| Rothera Point, Atarctica | -67 | 5400 | 1 | 18 | Current Study |  |
| Brown Bay, Casey Antarctica | -66 | 20377.6 | 1 | 10 | 29 |  |
| Shanon Bay, Casey Antarctica | -66 | 17417.6 | 1 | 17.5 | 29 |  |
| O'Brien Bay, Casey, Antarctica | -66 | 18162.4 | 1 | 25 | 29 |  |
| Beall Island, Casey, Antarctica | -66 | 30856 | 1 | 25 | 29 |  |
| Arthur harbour, Anvers Island, Bismark strait | -64 | 36824 | 1 | 40 | 73 | 25 |
| Arthur harbour, Anvers Island | -64 | 36824 | 1 | 30 | 74 | 25 |
| Admiralty Bay, Antarctica | -62 | 9533 | 0.5 | 17 | 43 |  |
| Admiralty Bay, Antarctica | -62 | 41696.4286 | 0.5 | 25 | 75 |  |
| Admiralty Bay, Antarctica | -62 | 15000 | 0.2 | 22 | 76 |  |
| Admiralty Bay, Antarctica | -62 | 5800 | 0.5 | 10 | 29 |  |
| King Edward Cove, S. Georgia | -54 | 3236 | 1 | 11 | 27 | 25 |
| Bass Strait, Australia | -40 | 5794.03846 |  | 31 | 78 | 79 |
| Bass Strait | -40 |  | 1 | 31 | 78 | 27 |
| Port Phillip Bay | -38 | 3634.27907 |  | 13 | 78 | 79 |
| Port Philip Bay | -38 |  |  | 13 | 78 | 27 |
| Hinchinbrook Island, Australia | -18 | 2250 | 0.5 | 15 | 80 |  |
| Java | -6 | 360 | 0.5 | 30 | 81 |  |
| Topical, Kingston Harbour, Jamaica | 17 | 3840 | 0.5 | 11 | 82 | 79 |
| Subtropical Hong Kong | 22 | 101.42 |  | 18 | 79 |  |
| South Wales | 51 | 2284 | 0.5 | 14 | 81 |  |
| South Wales | 51 | 4231 | 0.5 | 13.5 | 81 |  |
| Lochs Linnhe and Eil | 56 | 3480 | 1 | 60 | 83 | 27 |
| Lochs Etive, Creran | 56 | 3363.63636 | 1 | 70 | 84 | 27 |
| Swedish fjords, above halocline | 58 | 10164.0909 | 1 | 11 | 85 | 79 |
| Swedish fjords, below halocline | 58 | 20242.5 | 1 | 30 | 85 | 79 |
| Frigg oilfield, Norway | 59 | 3872.01333 |  | 70 | 78 | 79 |
| Disk Bugt, shallow | 69 | 2598 | 1 |  | 86 | 25 |
| McBeth, Bafin Island | 69 | 836 | 2 | 20 | 87 |  |
| McBeth, Bafin Island | 69 | 4704 | 2 | 20 | 87 |  |
| Itirbilung, Bafin Island | 69 | 788 | 2 | 55 | 87 |  |
| Cambridge fjord, Bafin Island | 71 | 484 | 2 | 19 | 87 |  |
| E Greenland | 74 | 2700 | 0.5 | 20 | 28 |  |
| Spitzbergen | 77 | 3613.46154 | 1 | 63 | 88 |  |
| Spitzbergen | 78 | 8420 | 0.5 | 30 | 89 |  |

Table S3: Meta-analysis of the abundance (density, m-3) of sediment communities across latitudes. Abundance from samples using 1mm mesh were doubled to compare with those from 0.5mm mesh (following White [25]).

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