

Supplementary information

## **Carbon mineralization pathways and bioturbation in coastal Brazilian sediments**

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Table S1: Summary of statistical analysis from variables with significant differences. Letters “a”, “b” and “c” represent significant difference within the factors “time” and “station” observed in Tukey post hoc tests.

<b>Two-way ANOVA</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>Tukey test</b>				
			September	February	St 5	St 6	St 7
<b>Bottom water O<sub>2</sub></b>							
Time	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 393.77	<0.001	a	b			
Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 0.70	0.515					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 0.90	0.431					
<b>Sediment Chlorophyll-a</b>							
Time	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 19.36	0.001	a	b	a	b	bc
Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 13.11	0.001					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 6.69	0.013					
<b>Sediment Phaeopigments</b>							
Time	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 21.33	<0.001	a	b			
Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 1.06	0.380					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,16</sub> = 2.41	0.136					
<b>TCO<sub>2</sub> efflux</b>							
Time	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 31.61	<0.001	a	b			
Station	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 0.53	0.591					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 1.98	0.149					
<b>O<sub>2</sub> flux</b>							
Time	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 319.05	<0.001	a	b			
Station	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 1.17	0.316					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,56</sub> = 1.34	0.270					
<b>NO<sub>x</sub> flux</b>							
Time	F <sub>1,36</sub> = 118.17	<0.001	a	b	a	b	a
Station	F <sub>1,36</sub> = 7.66	0.002					
Time X Station	F <sub>1,36</sub> = 1.36	0.272					

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Two-way ANOVA	F	p	Tukey test		
			September	February	St 5 St 6 St 7
<b>Macrofaunal abundance</b>					
Time	$F_{1,17} = 48.55$	<0.001	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.60$	0.563			
Time X Station	$F_{1,17} = 1.05$	0.379			
<b>Macrofaunal biomass</b>					
Time	$F_{1,17} = 6.28$	0.028	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.85$	0.453			
Time X Station	$F_{1,17} = 3.47$	0.065			
<b>Macrofaunal bioirrigation</b>					
Time	$F_{1,15} = 13.57$	0.004	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,15} = 0.63$	0.555			
Time X Station	$F_{1,15} = 1.38$	0.296			
<b>Surface diffusors</b>					
Time	$F_{1,17} = 11.84$	0.005	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.75$	0.493			
Time X Station	$F_{1,17} = 1.05$	0.381			
<b>Gallery diffusors</b>					
Time	$F_{1,17} = 17.80$	0.001	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.13$	0.88			
Time X Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.13$	0.88			
<b>Epifaunal diffusors</b>					
Time	$F_{1,17} = 17.80$	0.001	a	b	
Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.13$	0.88			
Time X Station	$F_{1,17} = 0.13$	0.88			

Table S2: Stoichiometry of carbon and nitrogen in porewater and jars and N mineralization processes at St 5, St 6 and St 7 during September 2012 and February 2014.

	St 5	St 6	St 7
<b>C:N in porewater</b>			
September 2012	7.2	7.8	5.5
February 2014	6.0	7.3	8.8
<b>C:N in jars*</b>			
September 2012	8.2	8.5	7.7
February 2014	6.4	7.7	9.4
<b>Total N mineralization (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)</b>			
September 2012	2.4	1.3	2.3
February 2014	3.6	3.2	2.4
<b>NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> production jars * (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)</b>			
September 2012	3.0	1.4	2.8
February 2014	1.8	1.1	2.4
<b>Nitrification (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)</b>			
September 2012	2.5	1.8	3.5
February 2014	2.5	2.0	0.9
<b>Denitrification (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>)</b>			
September 2012	3.1	2.2	3.9
February 2014	2.6	1.8	1.0

\* Corrected for NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> adsorption. C:N in porewater was determined by the slope of linear regression between TCO<sub>2</sub> and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> in the upper 10 cm of the sediment. Total N mineralization was determined by dividing the TCO<sub>2</sub> effluxes with the C:N in jars. Nitrification was estimated by subtracting NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> fluxes from the total N mineralization. Denitrification was estimated by nitrification minus NO<sub>x</sub><sup>-</sup> fluxes.