### Supplementary material

# Strong seasonality in the cadmium and phosphate cycling at the subtropical convergence, south-eastern New Zealand

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## Table S1. Trace-metal concentrations obtained from solvent extraction followed by inductively coupled plasma-mass spectrometry (ICP-MS) for reference materials used during this study

The two international reference materials used were: SAFe (S-473, D1-555) and NASS-5. The data of Ellwood (2008) measurements of SAFe

surface CRM (S1 403) are included for comparison. Three samples of each were analysed to verify the methodology employed. NV, there was no

certified value reported for that analyte. Cd, cadmium concentration. Zn, zinc concentration. Fe, iron concentration. Co, cobalt concentration.

Obtained data are those obtained in this work: the result is the mean of three measurements and the uncertainty is the standard error. Accepted data

are the internationally accepted concentration data. SAFe accepted value was obtained from

http://es.ucsc.edu/~kbruland/GeotracesSaFe/kwbGeotracesSaFe.html (accessed 26 September 2019)

| Reference material                 | Cd (pM)           |                 | Zn (              | nM)               | Fe (            | nM)               | Co (pM)            |                 |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|
|                                    | Obtained Accepted |                 | Obtained          | Accepted          | Obtained        | Accepted          | Obtained           | Accepted        |  |
| SAFe Surface S 473                 | $5.2 \pm 1.2$     | 1-6             | $0.081\pm0.015$   | $0.068 \pm 0.014$ | $0.095\pm0.018$ | $0.094 \pm 0.008$ | $2.8 \pm 0.8$      | $2.7 \pm 1.3$   |  |
| SAFe Surface (S1 403) <sup>A</sup> | $6\pm 2$          | NV              | $0.09\pm0.02$     | NV                | 0.10±0.03       | NV                | $5\pm 6$           | NV              |  |
| SAFe Deep (D1 555)                 | $996 \pm 7$       | $1027 \pm 55$   | $7.16\pm0.10$     | $7.22\pm0.62$     | $0.65\pm0.04$   | $0.65\pm0.10$     | $27.9\pm0.9$       | $26.9\pm4.7$    |  |
| NASS-5 Surface ( $\mu g L^{-1}$ )  | $0.024\pm0.001$   | $0.023\pm0.003$ | $0.112 \pm 0.001$ | $0.102\pm0.039$   | $0.172\pm0.040$ | $0.207 \pm 0.039$ | $0.010 \pm 0.0001$ | $0.011\pm0.003$ |  |

<sup>A</sup>Data from (Ellwood 2008).

### Table S2. Geochemical data collected from the Otago Munida transect, July 2007 to March 2010

Chlorophyll-*a* samples were collected only at the outermost station for each of SC and SA (SC1, station SC1 is modified with neritic water; ns, no sample; con, sample contamination). Date, the date of sample collection. Station, station identifier (cf. Fig. 1).  $PO_4^{3-}$ , phosphate concentration

( $\mu$ M; cf. Fig. 2, 5, 6). NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, nitrate concentration ( $\mu$ M; Fig. 2). Si(OH)<sub>4</sub>, silicate concentration ( $\mu$ M; cf. Fig. 2, 7). DCd, dissolved-cadmium

concentration (nM) for a filtered sample (0.4-µm pore; cf. Fig. 4–7). TCd, the total cadmium concentration (nM) determined by acid solubilisation

 $(1 \text{ mL qHNO}_3 \text{ L}^{-1})$  of an unfiltered sample. PCd, particulate cadmium concentration (nM) where particles were collected on acid-cleaned

polycarbonate filters digested in nitric acid (HNO3; cf. Fig. 7). DZn, dissolved zinc concentration (nM) for a filtered sample (0.4-µm pore; cf. Fig.

4, 7). DFe, dissolved iron concentration (nM) for a filtered sample (0.4- $\mu$ m pore; cf. Fig. 4). DCo, dissolved cobalt concentration (nM) for a filtered sample (0.4- $\mu$ m pore; cf. Fig. 4). PON, particulate organic nitrogen ( $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>) where particles were collected on GF/F filters, treated with acid to remove carbonate and analysed by Dumas combustion (cf. Fig. 3). POC, particulate organic carbon ( $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>) where particles were collected on GF/F filters, treated with acid to remove carbonate and analysed by Dumas combustion (cf. Fig. 3). POC, particulate organic carbon ( $\mu$ g L<sup>-1</sup>) where particles were collected on GF/F filters, treated with acid to remove carbonate and analysed by Dumas combustion (cf. Fig. 3). Chl-*a*, the chlorophyll-a concentration ( $\mu$ g C<sup>-1</sup>)

L<sup>-1</sup>) (cf. Fig. 3, 7)

| Date     | Station | $PO_4^{3-}$ | $NO_3^-$ | Si(OH) <sub>4</sub> | DCd   | TCd  | PCd  | DZn  | DFe  | DCo  | PON              | POC              | Chl-a            |
|----------|---------|-------------|----------|---------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|          |         | (µM)        | (µM)     | (µM)                | (nM)  | (nM) | (nM) | (nM) | (nM) | (nM) | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ |
| Jul-2007 | SC1     | 1.05        |          |                     | 0.030 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC2     | 1.07        |          |                     | 0.180 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC3     | 1.16        |          |                     | 0.120 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC4     | 1.05        |          |                     | 0.110 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA5     | 1.27        |          |                     | 0.140 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA6     | 0.99        |          |                     | 0.170 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA7     | 1.38        |          |                     | 0.160 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA8     | 0.86        |          |                     | 0.140 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
| Nov-2007 | SC1     | 0.91        |          |                     | 0.080 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC2     | 0.8         |          |                     | 0.110 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC3     | 0.91        |          |                     | 0.220 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SC4     | 1.11        |          |                     | 0.110 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA5     | 0.96        |          |                     | 0.170 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA6     | 1.07        |          |                     | 0.180 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA7     | 0.84        |          |                     | 0.170 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
|          | SA8     | 0.92        |          |                     | 0.130 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |
| Jan-2008 | SC1     | 0.51        |          |                     | 0.060 |      |      |      |      |      |                  |                  |                  |

| Date        | Station | PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup> | NO <sub>3</sub> - | Si(OH) <sub>4</sub> | DCd   | TCd   | PCd   | DZn  | DFe  | DCo   | PON              | POC              | Chl-a            |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|             |         | (µM)                          | (µM)              | (µM)                | (nM)  | (nM)  | (nM)  | (nM) | (nM) | (nM)  | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ |
|             | SC2     | 0.55                          |                   |                     | 0.030 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.76                          |                   |                     | 0.030 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.69                          |                   |                     | 0.020 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA5     | 0.76                          |                   |                     | 0.020 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.78                          |                   |                     | 0.010 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.57                          |                   |                     | 0.010 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.75                          |                   |                     | 0.010 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
| Apr-2008    | SC1     | 0.37                          |                   |                     | 0.060 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.55                          |                   |                     | 0.060 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.56                          |                   |                     | 0.050 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.82                          |                   |                     | 0.030 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA5     | 0.83                          |                   |                     | 0.040 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.87                          |                   |                     | 0.040 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.89                          |                   |                     | 0.030 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.85                          |                   |                     | 0.030 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
| May-2008    | SC1     | 0.64                          |                   |                     | 0.100 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.9                           |                   |                     | 0.100 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC3     | 1                             |                   |                     | 0.100 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC4     | 1.03                          |                   |                     | 0.140 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA5     | 1.15                          |                   |                     | 0.110 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 1.04                          |                   |                     | 0.110 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.91                          |                   |                     | 0.090 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.99                          |                   |                     | 0.130 |       |       |      |      |       |                  |                  |                  |
| 25-Mar-2009 | SC1     | 0.23                          | 0.71              | 1.32                | 0.034 | 0.120 | 0.086 | 0.52 | 2.70 | 0.089 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.29                          | 1.29              | 0.96                | 0.021 | 0.107 | 0.085 | 0.07 | 1.48 | 0.037 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.55                          | 6.57              | 0.43                | 0.014 | 0.091 | 0.077 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.005 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.65                          | 7.35              | 0.28                | 0.011 | 0.022 | 0.010 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.007 |                  |                  | 0.29             |
|             | SA5     | 0.65                          | 7.57              | 0.25                | 0.012 | 0.028 | 0.016 | 0.07 | con  | 0.006 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.68                          | 10.21             | 0.50                | 0.010 | 0.019 | 0.009 | con  | con  | 0.007 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.87                          | 12.85             | 1.00                | 0.019 | 0.052 | 0.032 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.007 |                  |                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.81                          | 10.14             | 0.89                | 0.043 | 0.065 | 0.022 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.012 |                  |                  | 0.39             |
| 14-Jul-2009 | SC1     | 0.65                          | 6.43              | 3.06                | 0.077 | 0.090 | 0.013 | 0.19 | 2.53 | 0.069 | 12.4             | 62.4             |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.84                          | 11.07             | 2.28                | 0.087 | 0.116 | 0.029 | 0.07 | 1.30 | 0.037 | 10.9             | 49.3             |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.94                          | 12.28             | 2.39                | 0.109 | 0.122 | 0.013 | 0.08 | 0.60 | 0.024 | 8.6              | 43.6             |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.84                          | 10.57             | 2.28                | 0.107 | 0.114 | 0.006 | 0.07 | 0.53 | 0.027 | 6.7              | 37.2             | 0.16             |
|             | SA5     | 0.84                          | 11.78             | 2.31                | 0.123 | 0.124 | 0.001 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.019 | 8.5              | 37.5             |                  |
|             | SA6     | 1.00                          | 14.14             | 2.14                | ns    | 0.120 | ns    | ns   | ns   | ns    | 4.3              | 20.3             |                  |
|             | SA7     | 1.10                          | 13.85             | 1.78                | 0.137 | 0.139 | 0.002 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.020 | 5.2              | 24.8             |                  |

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| Date        | Station | $PO_4^{3-}$ | $NO_3^-$ | Si(OH) <sub>4</sub> | DCd   | TCd   | PCd   | DZn  | DFe  | DCo   | PON              | POC                   | Chl-a            |
|-------------|---------|-------------|----------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
|             |         | (µM)        | (µM)     | (µM)                | (nM)  | (nM)  | (nM)  | (nM) | (nM) | (nM)  | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ | (µg L <sup>-1</sup> ) | $(\mu g L^{-1})$ |
|             | SA8     | 1.03        | 11.57    | 1.64                | 0.139 | 0.141 | 0.002 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.017 | 5.4              | 23.9                  | 0.17             |
| 29-Sep-2009 | SC1     | ns          | ns       | ns                  | ns    | ns    | ns    | ns   | ns   | ns    |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.52        | 4.36     | 1.82                | 0.058 | 0.074 | 0.015 | 0.10 | 2.03 | 0.055 |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.48        | 4.50     | 1.74                | 0.095 | 0.104 | 0.009 | 0.08 | 0.89 | 0.031 |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.81        | 10.71    | 2.74                | 0.121 | 0.142 | 0.021 | 0.14 | 0.27 | 0.024 |                  |                       | 0.18             |
|             | SA5     | 0.97        | 12.28    | 2.63                | 0.135 | 0.135 | 0.000 | con  | 0.54 | 0.026 |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.90        | 11.71    | 2.74                | 0.136 | 0.151 | 0.014 | 0.11 | 0.30 | 0.024 |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SA7     | 1.03        | 12.78    | 2.67                | 0.150 | 0.167 | 0.017 | 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.023 |                  |                       |                  |
|             | SA8     | 1.07        | 13.99    | 2.35                | 0.128 | 0.149 | 0.021 | con  | 0.16 | 0.021 |                  |                       |                  |
| 8-Dec-2009  | SC1     | 0.16        | 1.21     | 0.25                | 0.029 | 0.051 | 0.022 | 0.07 | 0.59 | 0.026 | 22.4             | 165.5                 |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.32        | 1.86     | 0.25                | 0.056 | 0.068 | 0.012 | 0.08 | 0.47 | 0.025 | 30.4             | 210.7                 |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.36        | 1.07     | 0.25                | 0.066 | 0.109 | 0.043 | 0.09 | 0.38 | 0.021 | 51.3             | 296.3                 |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.58        | 5.07     | 0.36                | 0.067 | 0.131 | 0.064 | 0.09 | 0.18 | 0.014 | 40.5             | 238.2                 | 2.43             |
|             | SA5     | 0.81        | 9.42     | 0.53                | 0.056 | 0.122 | 0.066 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.010 | 14.8             | 76.8                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.87        | 11.42    | 0.39                | 0.026 | 0.069 | 0.043 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.006 | 20.4             | 106.5                 |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.77        | 10.99    | 0.18                | 0.055 | 0.092 | 0.037 | 0.08 | 0.22 | 0.014 | 16.7             | 97.9                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.71        | 11.14    | 0.11                | 0.044 | 0.133 | 0.089 | 0.09 | 0.20 | 0.009 | 17.3             | 98.6                  | 0.43             |
| 15-Jan-2010 | SC1     | 0.29        | 0.64     | 1.57                | 0.044 | 0.047 | 0.003 | 0.07 | 4.22 | 0.087 | 35.4             | 181.8                 |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.16        | 0.14     | 1.17                | 0.021 | 0.054 | 0.033 | 0.04 | 3.62 | 0.055 | 42.0             | 208.7                 |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.13        | 0.07     | 1.25                | 0.021 | 0.062 | 0.041 | 0.03 | 3.39 | 0.046 | 37.4             | 192.7                 |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.45        | 3.93     | 0.57                | 0.024 | 0.060 | 0.036 | 0.02 | 1.59 | 0.017 | 21.0             | 108.8                 | 0.69             |
|             | SA5     | 0.68        | 4.85     | 0.14                | 0.013 | 0.054 | 0.041 | 0.01 | 0.16 | 0.006 | 7.1              | 40.0                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.68        | 9.50     | 0.28                | 0.009 | 0.030 | 0.021 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.005 | 8.9              | 47.9                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.68        | 8.28     | 0.36                | 0.009 | 0.025 | 0.016 | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.004 | 10.7             | 61.2                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.77        | 10.28    | 0.53                | 0.007 | 0.022 | 0.015 | 0.04 | 0.19 | 0.005 | 9.3              | 48.5                  | 0.40             |
| 5-Mar-2010  | SC1     | 0.32        | 1.14     | 1.39                | 0.024 | 0.055 | 0.031 | 0.04 | 1.99 | 0.047 | 25.9             | 111.3                 |                  |
|             | SC2     | 0.39        | 3.28     | 0.57                | 0.023 | 0.062 | 0.039 | 0.02 | 0.29 | 0.010 | 23.1             | 111.0                 |                  |
|             | SC3     | 0.65        | 5.50     | 0.71                | 0.028 | 0.071 | 0.044 | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.010 | 23.0             | 111.3                 |                  |
|             | SC4     | 0.61        | 4.64     | 0.18                | 0.019 | 0.065 | 0.046 | 0.03 | 0.15 | 0.006 | 22.8             | 113.8                 | 0.60             |
|             | SA5     | 0.58        | 7.00     | 0.50                | 0.019 | ns    | ns    | 0.01 | 0.12 | 0.003 | 18.9             | 93.0                  |                  |
|             | SA6     | 0.71        | 8.57     | 0.36                | 0.018 | 0.031 | 0.013 | 0.02 | con  | 0.003 | 19.7             | 95.6                  |                  |
|             | SA7     | 0.68        | 8.57     | 0.53                | 0.028 | 0.034 | 0.006 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.005 | 18.6             | 94.9                  |                  |
|             | SA8     | 0.68        | 6 85     | 0.53                | 0.013 | 0.036 | 0.023 | 0.05 | 0.16 | 0.002 | 19.0             | 96.2                  | 0.46             |

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