

Supplementary material

Drivers of zooplankton dynamics in a small tropical lowland river

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Table S1. Locations of the sampling sites

| Site | Latitude (°S) | Longitude (°E) |
|------|---------------|----------------|
| 1 | 17.0958 | 145.8498 |
| 2 | 17.1625 | 145.8976 |
| 3 | 17.1799 | 145.9109 |
| 4 | 17.1818 | 145.9153 |
| 5 | 17.2119 | 145.9262 |
| 6 | 17.2141 | 145.9191 |
| 7 | 17.2172 | 145.9476 |
| 8 | 17.2259 | 145.9491 |

Table S2. Mean density (number of individuals m⁻³) of zooplankton taxa collected in the 80-μm mesh net from run habitat at each site over 13 months

| | Site | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Gastropoda | - | 5.8 | 9.5 | 4.2 | 103 | 93.6 | 109 | 35.8 |
| Bivalvia | - | - | 0.2 | - | 0.5 | 41.1 | 124 | 60.5 |
| Oligochaeta | 0.2 | - | 0.2 | 4.3 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | - |
| Polychaeta | - | - | - | 0.2 | 0.4 | 69.9 | 4.9 | 0.7 |
| Hydracarina | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.6 | - | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| Cladocera | 1.0 | 0.8 | - | - | 0.4 | 0.2 | 16.5 | 49.1 |
| Ostracoda | 0.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 0.6 | 0.9 |
| Harpacticoida | - | - | 0.2 | 0.4 | 10.7 | 162 | 265 | 301 |
| Cyclopoida | - | 2.6 | 2.4 | 11.2 | 243 | 865 | 3205 | 2171 |
| Calanoida | 73.2 | 888 | 956 | 1472 | 2901 | 2563 | 3312 | 1570 |
| Copepoda nauplii | 27.4 | 753 | 745 | 1204 | 1982 | 2274 | 2858 | 1530 |
| Cirripedia | - | - | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Brachyura | 2.2 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 15.6 | 31.9 | 40.6 | 34.9 | 43.5 |
| Other Decapoda | 85.5 | 39.8 | 19.0 | 32.7 | 22.9 | 25.0 | 26.7 | 22.8 |
| Appendicularia | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3.2 | 4.8 |
| Hydromedusae | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Siphonphora | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Ctenophore | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Mysidacea | - | - | - | 0.2 | 4.4 | 2.0 | 18.5 | 35.1 |
| Other Malacostraca | - | - | - | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 2.8 | 0.7 |
| Amphipoda | 1.2 | 0.9 | 14.5 | 28.2 | 67.0 | 131 | 85.5 | 23.2 |
| Isopoda | - | 0.2 | - | 0.3 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 25.4 | 6.6 |
| Ephemeroptera | 1.0 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| Corixidae | - | - | 0.3 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - |
| Elmidae | - | - | 0.2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Coleoptera | - | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | - | 0.5 | 0.2 |
| Chironomidae | 15.1 | 7.2 | 5.5 | 5.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | - | - |
| Ceratopogonidae | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Trichoptera | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | - | - | - |
| Terrestrial invertebrates | - | - | - | 0.2 | - | - | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Thaliacea | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.4 | - |
| Cephalochordata | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| Chaetognatha | - | - | - | - | 17.3 | 15.5 | 20.8 | 23.0 |
| Sergestidae | - | - | - | - | 2.1 | 1.7 | 5.1 | 4.1 |
| Conchostraca | - | - | - | - | 0.2 | 3.0 | - | 0.7 |

Table S3. Results of two-factor PERMANOVA of taxonomic richness, total density and density of selected taxa across 13 months and 8 sites

Residual d.f. = 104, total d.f. = 207

| | Month | Site | Month × Site |
|------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|
| | d.f. = 12 | d.f. = 7 | d.f. = 84 |
| Richness | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 11.494 | 65.740 | 1.472 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.032 |
| Total density | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 79.685 | 139.570 | 6.111 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Copepoda nauplii | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 24.127 | 47.381 | 2.599 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Harpacticoida | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 18.882 | 137.530 | 4.119 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Cyclopoida | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 13.362 | 134.650 | 3.796 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Calanoida | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 51.741 | 70.450 | 5.959 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Decapoda | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 16.707 | 3.169 | 2.578 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.006 | 0.001 |
| Brachyura | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 32.588 | 25.021 | 5.469 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |
| Amphipoda | | | |
| Pseudo- <i>F</i> | 7.795 | 20.991 | 2.156 |
| <i>P</i> | 0.001 | 0.001 | 0.001 |

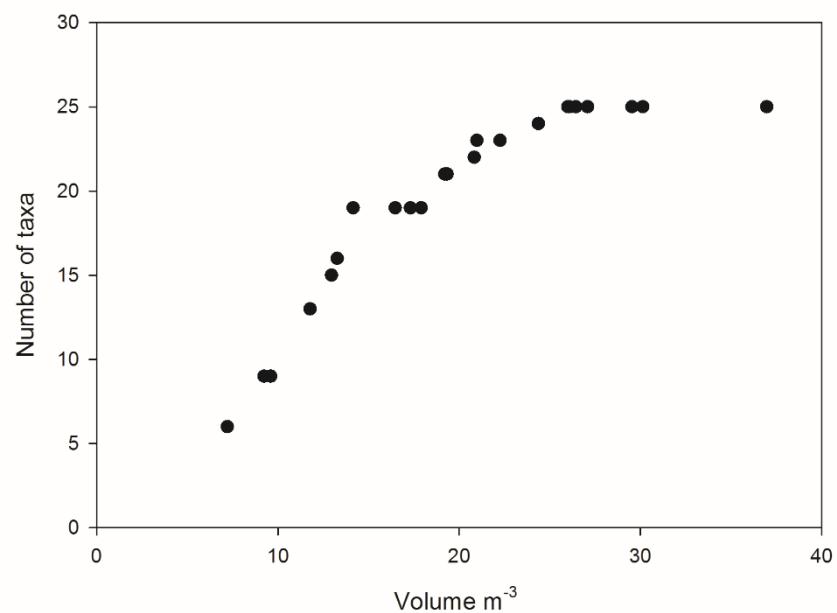


Fig. S1. Taxon accumulation curve from zooplankton samples collected using the coarse mesh (250 µm) net during pilot study investigations in the lower Mulgrave River, August 2005. Volume (m³) is volume of water filtered.

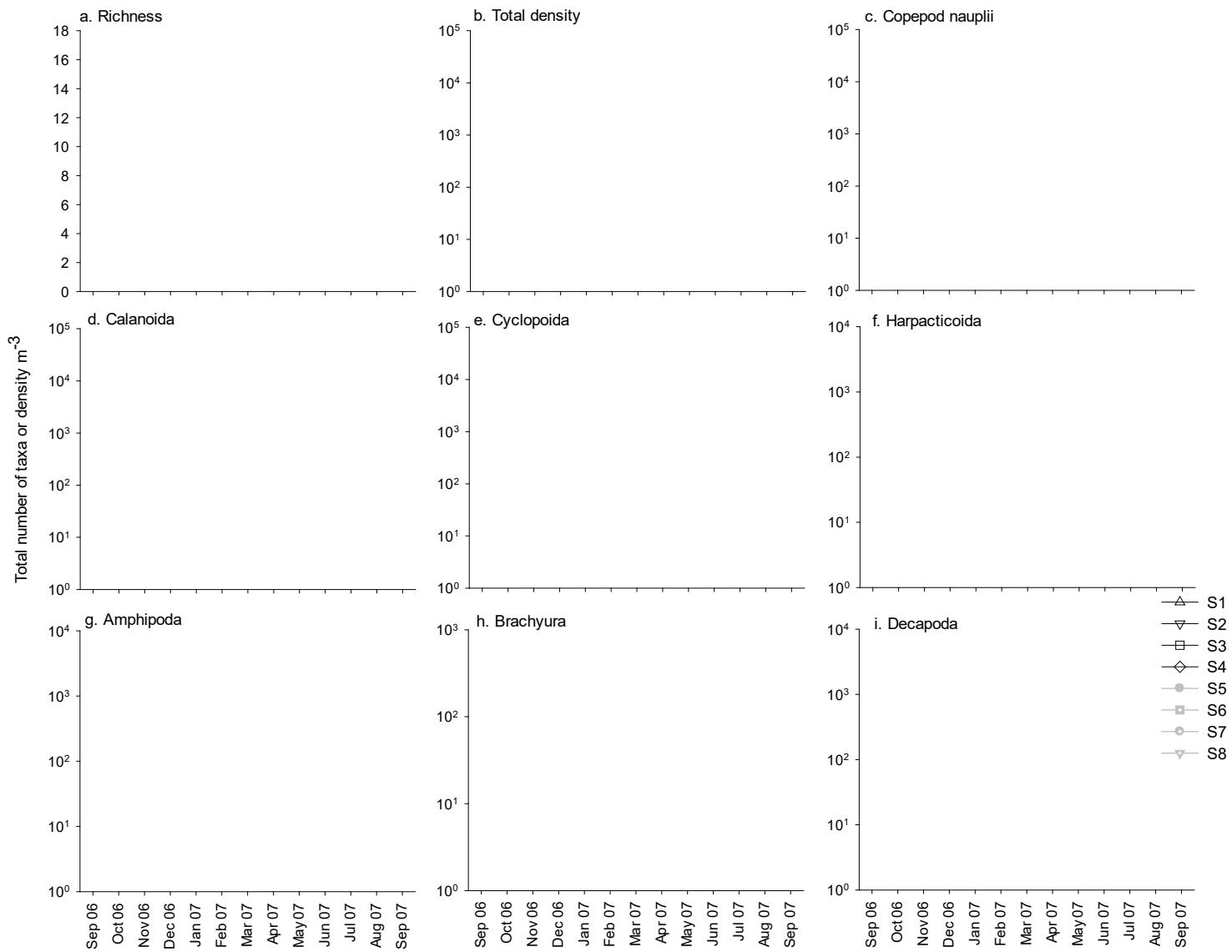


Fig. S2. Mean monthly taxonomic richness, total density of individuals and density of selected taxa at each site (S1–S8) between September 2006 and September 2007.

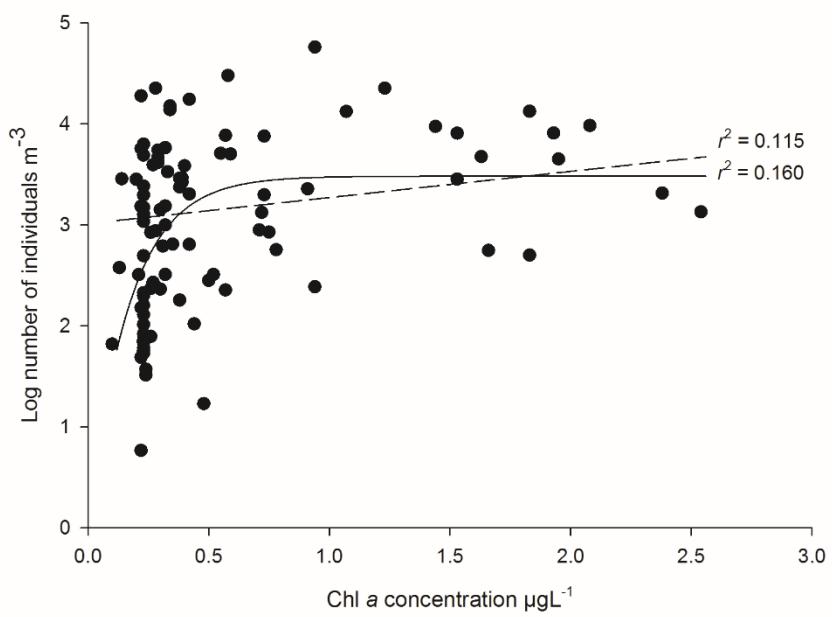


Fig. S3. Relationship between chlorophyll a concentration and density of zooplankton collected in run habitat with the 80- μm mesh net, September 2006 to September 2007. Regression lines and r^2 values represent exponential rise to maximum (solid line, $P < 0.001$) and linear (dashed line, $P = 0.025$) relationships.