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## Appendix S1



Figure S1: Visualization of where growth occurs specifically in the plant based on total nutrient uptake and current standing biomass during (1) Seagrass primary production subprocesses. Diamond-shaped boxes indicated if-else-statement in the model code and arrows of the corresponding cell fulfils the statement (green arrow) or not (blue arrow).


Biomass - Belowground -- Aboveground Midpoint $\tau$ — $0.25 — 0.5 — 0.75$
Figure S2: Sigmoid function that determines the ratios of how the remaining nutrient uptake are shared between belowground (solid lines) and aboveground biomass (dashed lines; after both belowground and aboveground biomasses were kept stable). Colors indicate different midpoint parameters $\tau=\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$, at which the allocation ratio between belowground and aboveground biomass is $50 \%-50 \%$.


Figure S3: Locations of five fish individuals over one year (A, B). Fish locations within the model environment are indicated by points, and points of the same color refer to the same individual at different moments in time. The total excretion in each grid cell of the model environment (C, D) are depicted by the color, where purple colors correspond to lower total excretion and red colors to higher total excretion values in a given cell. For simulating no influence of the AR, fish locations are randomly distributed in the model environment (A, C), whereas fish locations are clustered around the $A R$ for simulating attraction towards the reef $(B, D)$. Thus, excretion values are uniformly distributed throughout the model environment when there is no aggregation (C) and excretion is higher around the AR when fish aggregate (D). The model environment is $100 \times 100$ grid cells, and each cell is $1 \times 1 \mathrm{~m}$. The artificial reef (AR) in the center of the model environment covers five cells in total.


Figure S4: Main (blue) and total (orange) effect of the Sobol' sensitivity analysis. Only parameters that resulted in a relative change of the model output larger than $5 \%$ for a parameter change of $5 \%$ or $10 \%$ were included in the analysis (Appendix Table 1). The parameter space was sampled using Latin hypercube sampling ( $\mathrm{n}=250$ ).


Figure S5: Log response ratios of the random movement and attracted movement scenario for aboveground, belowground, and total standing biomass in distance to the artificial reef. Distances were classified into 5 m classes. Initial biomass capacities are indicated by colors and fish densities increase across the panels from left to right


- Biomass \& Production

Figure S6: Log response ratios of random movement and attracted movement scenario for aboveground, belowground and total standing biomass (blue) and production (red) for an allocation midpoint parameter $\tau=\frac{1}{2}$. Initial biomass capacities increase along the x -axis and fish densities increase across the panels from left to right. The percentage value describes the relative difference between the random movement and the attracted movement scenario of biomass (blue) and production (red). If percentage values are written in grey, the log response ratios overlapped zero, i.e., no significant difference was present.





- Biomass @ Production

Figure S7: Log response ratios of random movement and attracted movement scenario for aboveground, belowground and total standing biomass (blue) and production (red) for an allocation midpoint parameter $\tau=\frac{3}{4}$. Initial biomass capacities increase along the x -axis and fish densities increase across the panels from left to right. The percentage value describes the relative difference between the random movement and the attracted movement scenario of biomass (blue) and production (red). If percentage values are written in grey, the log response ratios overlapped zero, i.e., no significant difference was present.

Table S1: Model parameters for which the relative model output changed more than $5 \%$ in comparison to the default parameters. Parameters were one-at-a-time increased and decreased by $5 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively. If the relative model output changes were below $5 \%$ for a given parameter change, no results are reported.

| Model output | Parameter | Increased 5\% | Increased $10 \%$ | Decreased -5\% | Decreased -10\% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aboveground biomass | Maximum aboveground standing biomass | - | 9.68 | - | -9.65 |
| Aboveground production | Nutrient content percent of standing biomass | - | -5.38 | - | 6.44 |
|  | Length-weight relationship (a) | - | 5.05 | - | -5.14 |
|  | Length-weight relationship (b) | 30.70 | 78.30 | -19.70 | -32.30 |
|  | Maximum length of fish individuals | 9.06 | 18.50 | -8.57 | -16.00 |
|  | Nutrient proportion of individuals' body mass | - | 6.33 | - | -5.95 |
|  | Intercept of respiration function | - | 6.24 | - | -6.00 |
|  | Slop of respiration function | - | -7.08 | - | 7.76 |
|  | Rate at which respiration increases over low water temp | - | $-5.23$ | - | 5.46 |
|  | Optimum water temperature for respiration | - | 16.40 | 7.13 | 16.00 |
| Belowground biomass | Maximum belowground standing biomass | - | 7.67 | - | -7.69 |


| Belowground production | Maximum belowground standing biomass | -7.37 | -7.45 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Proportion of biomass that is sloughed to detrital biomass | - | -71 |

Table S2: Total standing biomass and biomass production after 50 simulation years for all different fish density treatments and biomass capacities treatments. Values are presented for aboveground and belowground separately for the random movement (Rand) and attracted movement scenario (Attr). The relative difference (Diff) describes the relative increase (positive value) or decrease (negative value) for the attracted movement scenario. A relative difference of $0 \%$ means that the relative change was $-1 \%<\operatorname{Diff}<1 \%$. The response ratio column (RR) indicates if the confidence interval of the bootstrapped response values included zero (n.s.), were above zero (Attr) or below zero (Rand).

| Fish density | Biomass capacity [\%] | Aboveground value |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Belowground value |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Biomass |  |  |  | Production |  |  |  | Biomass |  |  |  | Production |  |  |  |
|  |  | Rand | Attr | Diff [\%] | RR | Rand | Attr | Diff [\%] | RR | Rand | Attr | Diff [\%] | RR | Rand | Attr | Diff [\%] | RR |
| 1 | 25 | 511592 | 550990 | 8 | Attr | 209149 | 310819 | 49 | Attr | 4579926 | 4484269 | -2 | Rand | 2352378 | 2194266 | -7 | Rand |
|  | 50 | 1036766 | 1029181 | -1 | Rand | 1006566 | 1049339 | 4 | Attr | 6100693 | 6078780 | 0 | Rand | 5648611 | 5605011 | -1 | Rand |
|  | 75 | 1516902 | 1492236 | -2 | Rand | 2166819 | 2202598 | 2 | Attr | 7692993 | 7691117 | 0 | Rand | 10542482 | 10538034 | 0 | Rand |
| 2 | 25 | 576862 | 553442 | -4 | Rand | 303957 | 439672 | 45 | Attr | 4599660 | 4528609 | -2 | Rand | 2443148 | 2306915 | -6 | Rand |
|  | 50 | 1066155 | 1037114 | -3 | Rand | 1096350 | 1218144 | 11 | Attr | 6150776 | 6103272 | -1 | Rand | 5765819 | 5671204 | -2 | Rand |
|  | 75 | 1565505 | 1499617 | -4 | Rand | 2330127 | 2419902 | 4 | Attr | 7701951 | 7697718 | 0 | Rand | 10567105 | 10557345 | 0 | Rand |
| 4 | 25 | 728250 | 555466 | -24 | Rand | 553704 | 769947 | 39 | Attr | 4608874 | 4589762 | 0 | Rand | 2525402 | 2473688 | -2 | Rand |
|  | 50 | 1134384 | 1044157 | -8 | Rand | 1299275 | 1602326 | 23 | Attr | 6238707 | 6140445 | -2 | Rand | 5977800 | 5777649 | -3 | Rand |
|  | 75 | 1656141 | 1507430 | -9 | Rand | 2648633 | 2872383 | 8 | Attr | 7717190 | 7708961 | 0 | Rand | 10609839 | 10591405 | 0 | Rand |


|  | 25 | 992460 | 585456 | -41 | Rand | 1061724 | 1571485 | 48 | Attr | 4645002 | 4622265 | 0 | Rand | 2694118 | 2619059 | -3 | Rand |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 50 | 1359583 | 1048665 | -23 | Rand | 1881771 | 2445148 | 30 | Attr | 6256335 | 6191415 | -1 | Rand | 6123669 | 5935689 | -3 | Rand |
|  | 75 | 1829927 | 1514155 | -17 | Rand | 3308942 | 3788236 | 14 | Attr | 7742689 | 7725968 | 0 | Rand | 10683494 | 10646455 | 0 | Rand |
| 16 | 25 | 1133943 | 632391 | -44 | Rand | 1500256 | 3333430 | 122 | Attr | 4674668 | 4644834 | -1 | Rand | 2881613 | 2778152 | -4 | Rand |
|  | 50 | 1825780 | 1051347 | -42 | Rand | 3315347 | 4226041 | 27 | Attr | 6154730 | 6255234 | 2 | Attr | 5993901 | 6144537 | 3 | Attr |
|  | 75 | 1927775 | 1520365 | $-21$ | Rand | 4936843 | 5663263 | 15 | Attr | 7791260 | 7749820 | -1 | Rand | 10820574 | 10727826 | -1 | Rand |
| 32 | 25 | 1094010 | 683494 | -38 | Rand | 1482755 | 6986391 | 371 | Attr | 4762558 | 4671524 | -2 | Rand | 3103064 | 2981637 | -4 | Rand |
|  | 50 | 1928556 | 1050716 | -46 | Rand | 6260223 | 7883142 | 26 | Attr | 6439041 | 6330252 | -2 | Rand | 6706337 | 6405896 | -4 | Rand |
|  | 75 | 1928979 | 1524758 | -21 | Rand | 8594895 | 9489150 | 10 | Attr | 7893140 | 7780662 | -1 | Rand | 11116409 | 10839847 | -2 | Rand |

Table S3: Relative change \%diff between the random movement and the attracted movement scenario of mean aboveground and belowground biomass and production per $\mathrm{m}^{2}$ after 50 simulation years for all different fish density treatments and biomass capacity treatments at different distances to the artificial reef (AR). The 5 m columns include all cells within the distance $0<$ dist $<=3 \mathrm{~m}$ to the AR, the 30 m columns include all cells within the distance $27.5 \mathrm{~m}<$ dist $<=32.5 \mathrm{~m}$ to the AR. A positive value indicates an increased value, while a negative value indicates a reduced value for the attracted movement scenario. A relative difference of $\%$ diff < $1 \%$ means that the relative change was $0<\%$ diff $<1$, a relative difference of $\%$ diff $>-1 \%$ means that the relative change was $-1<\%$ diff $<0$.

| Fish density | Biomass capacity [\%] | Relative change aboveground value [\%] |  |  |  | Relative change belowground value [\%] |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Biomass |  | Production |  | Biomass |  | Production |  |
|  |  | 3 m | 30 m | 3 m | 30 m | 3 m | 30 m | 3 m | 30 m |
| 1 | 25 | 234 | -4 | 2338 | -18 | 40 | -4 | 195 | -14 |
|  | 50 | 63 | -5 | 612 | -14 | 16 | -1 | 47 | -2 |
|  | 75 | 11 | -4 | 325 | -9 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 0 |
| 2 | 25 | 215 | -21 | 4201 | -61 | 56 | -4 | 280 | -16 |
|  | 50 | 60 | -9 | 1179 | -24 | 24 | -2 | 74 | -4 |
|  | 75 | 8 | -7 | 618 | -15 | 6 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| 4 | 25 | 153 | -43 | 5463 | -89 | 72 | -4 | 369 | -18 |
|  | 50 | 51 | -16 | 2134 | -38 | 31 | -3 | 102 | -7 |


|  | 75 | 4 | -12 | 1126 | -26 | 9 | 0 | 22 | -1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25 | 86 | -57 | 6179 | -94 | 80 | -6 | 422 | -26 |
| 8 | 50 | 33 | -31 | 3357 | -59 | 35 | -3 | 124 | -9 |
|  | 75 | 0 | -20 | 1871 | -40 | 12 | -1 | 31 | -1 |
|  | 25 | 63 | -60 | 9245 | -93 | 86 | -7 | 450 | -35 |
| 16 | 50 | 2 | -49 | 4150 | -77 | 41 | -1 | 149 | -6 |
|  | 75 | 0 | -24 | 2635 | -59 | 14 | -1 | 40 | -3 |
|  | 25 | 69 | -53 | 18996 | -87 | 86 | -10 | 456 | -41 |
| 32 | 50 | 0 | -51 | 4504 | -87 | 37 | -5 | 140 | -15 |
|  | 75 | 0 | -21 | 3158 | -75 | 15 | -2 | 44 | -5 |

