

Appendix S1

Fish feces reveal diverse nutrient sources for coral reefs

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Table S1. Macronutrient content in feces of 26 coral reef fish species arranged by trophic guild with mean \pm standard deviation and sample size in parentheses. “NA” indicates no feces of that species were measured for that nutrient. DW = dry weight.

Species	Family	Water (%)	Protein (% DW)	Carbohydrate (%DW)	Lipid (% DW)	Ash (% DW)
<i>Corallivore</i>						
<i>Amanses scopas</i>	Monacanthidae	41.07 \pm 6.71 (10)	1.78 \pm 1.41 (8)	0.51 \pm 0.67 (8)	1 \pm 0 (4)	89.49 \pm 8.5 (10)
<i>Chaetodon ornatissimus</i>	Chaetodontidae	72.77 \pm 10.34 (25)	14.8 \pm 7.58 (19)	1.11 \pm 0.67 (19)	4.69 \pm 2.1 (13)	51.89 \pm 14.12 (13)
<i>Chaetodon pelewensis</i>	Chaetodontidae	62.34 \pm 14.44 (10)	9.84 \pm 4.35 (7)	1.52 \pm 0.69 (4)	7 \pm 10.44 (3)	NA
<i>Chaetodon quadrimaculatus</i>	Chaetodontidae	80.15 \pm 7.99 (11)	10.52 \pm 4.68 (10)	1.94 \pm 1.48 (5)	5.2 \pm 2.77 (5)	NA
<i>Chaetodon reticulatus</i>	Chaetodontidae	76.66 \pm 3.51 (21)	13.66 \pm 6.02 (18)	1.28 \pm 0.57 (18)	6.88 \pm 2.59 (8)	49.92 \pm 5.43 (12)
<i>Detritivore</i>						
<i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>	Acanthuridae	60.14 \pm 5.64 (5)	1.36 \pm 0.3 (5)	0.64 \pm 0.28 (5)	2.6 \pm 1.82 (5)	84.9 \pm 4.83 (5)
<i>Ctenochaetus binotatus</i>	Acanthuridae	55.92 \pm 8.2 (4)	2.25 \pm 0.6 (4)	0.55 \pm 0.1 (4)	5 \pm 6.75 (5)	83.02 \pm 3.66 (5)
<i>Ctenochaetus flavicauda</i>	Acanthuridae	46.65 \pm 14.54 (19)	2.25 \pm 0.98 (18)	0.75 \pm 0.33 (18)	1.43 \pm 1.02 (14)	83.17 \pm 6 (13)
<i>Ctenochaetus striatus</i>	Acanthuridae	52.84 \pm 6.95 (15)	1.83 \pm 0.96 (14)	0.61 \pm 0.37 (14)	1.91 \pm 1.45 (11)	78.43 \pm 20.72 (12)
<i>Herbivore</i>						
<i>Acanthurus nigricans</i>	Acanthuridae	81.32 \pm 4.3 (5)	6.12 \pm 1.53 (5)	4.74 \pm 2.3 (5)	3.33 \pm 0.58 (3)	56 \pm 7.64 (2)
<i>Acanthurus nigrofuscus</i>	Acanthuridae	78.95 \pm 10.71 (8)	6.89 \pm 4.48 (8)	6.29 \pm 3.87 (8)	4.43 \pm 2.7 (7)	82.5 \pm 5.8 (2)

<i>Chlorurus spilurus</i>	Labridae	49.47 ± 13.3 (29)	2.42 ± 1.04 (27)	1.08 ± 0.54 (27)	3.33 ± 4.54 (18)	82.14 ± 7.07 (18)
<i>Melichthys vidua</i>	Balistidae	80.21 ± 4.74 (8)	6.47 ± 4.69 (10)	1.61 ± 2.15 (10)	4.2 ± 1.69 (10)	58.71 ± 11.55 (10)
<i>Naso lituratus</i>	Acanthuridae	89.76 ± 1.5 (15)	45.65 ± 11.48 (15)	5.75 ± 2.06 (14)	8 ± 3.08 (13)	31.54 ± 13.42 (5)
<i>Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus</i>	Balistidae	66.17 ± 22.44 (16)	4.62 ± 3.57 (11)	5.66 ± 3.42 (9)	4 ± 3.56 (10)	49.5 ± 37.43 (5)
<i>Scarus psittacus</i>	Labridae	41.52 ± 7.02 (13)	1.47 ± 0.96 (12)	0.47 ± 0.39 (10)	1.6 ± 1.07 (10)	85.73 ± 6.24 (6)
<i>Stegastes nigricans</i>	Pomacentridae	74.51 ± 7.16 (11)	4.67 ± 1.71 (12)	1.87 ± 0.98 (12)	3.56 ± 1.81 (9)	67.53 ± 4.37 (3)
<i>Zebrasoma scopas</i>	Acanthuridae	86.98 ± 2.34 (10)	9.15 ± 3.61 (10)	3.57 ± 1.94 (10)	3.1 ± 1.29 (10)	48.38 ± 3.76 (5)

Invertivore

<i>Cantherhines sandwichiensis</i>	Monacanthidae	75.42 ± 5.07 (5)	2.72 ± 1.23 (5)	1.42 ± 0.92 (5)	1.6 ± 0.89 (5)	76.85 ± 13.33 (4)
<i>Paracirrhites arcatus</i>	Cirrhitidae	45.24 ± 30.04 (13)	3.24 ± 1.42 (7)	3.1 ± 4.17 (4)	5.67 ± 4.73 (3)	NA
<i>Sufflamen bursa</i>	Balistidae	66.96 ± 6.11 (13)	1.91 ± 1.01 (13)	0.82 ± 0.24 (13)	4.08 ± 3.82 (13)	73.81 ± 11.8 (13)
<i>Thalassoma hardwicke</i>	Labridae	63.81 ± 15.02 (8)	12.3 ± 8.32 (7)	1.38 ± 0.6 (6)	5 ± 5.93 (6)	52.07 ± 35.18 (4)

Piscivore

<i>Cephalopholis argus</i>	Serranidae	NA	2.7 ± 0.14 (2)	1.15 ± 0.07 (2)	3.5 ± 2.12 (2)	NA
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Planktivore

<i>Dascyllus flavicaudus</i>	Pomacentridae	67.03 ± 22.29 (9)	7.12 ± 1.51 (5)	2.96 ± 0.38 (5)	24 ± 7.81 (3)	NA
<i>Myripristis amaena</i>	Holocentridae	66.8 ± 21.29 (8)	8.32 ± 6.37 (4)	2.8 ± 0.46 (3)	24 ± 25.46 (2)	NA

<i>Odonus niger</i>	Balistidae	90.56 ± 4.65 (11)	5.55 ± 1.74 (7)	2.83 ± 1.6 (7)	9.43 ± 6.55 (7)	NA
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Table S2. Micronutrient concentration (ppm) in feces of 39 coral reef fish species with mean ± standard deviation and sample size in parentheses. “NA” indicates no feces of that species were measured for that nutrient.

Species	Family	Calcium	Copper	Iron	Magnesium	Manganese	Zinc
Corallivore							
<i>Amanses scopas</i>	Monacanthidae	398207.62 ± 10901.68 (4)	4.07 ± 2.85 (4)	24.13 ± 24.38 (4)	3115.83 ± 1010.63 (4)	0.55 ± 0.28 (4)	6.52 ± 3.11 (4)
<i>Chaetodon citrinellus</i>	Chaetodontidae	55051.47 ± 107067.92 (8)	9.53 ± 10.09 (5)	12386.83 ± 13956.68 (8)	25756.62 ± 12929.51 (8)	5.63 ± 3.94 (6)	30.39 ± 29.59 (5)
<i>Chaetodon ephippium</i>	Chaetodontidae	NA	15.13 ± 19.57 (4)	NA	16626.83 ± 7275.89 (5)	38.65 ± 19.61 (5)	84.14 ± 84 (6)
<i>Chaetodon ornatissimus</i>	Chaetodontidae	143017.66 ± 57251.75 (19)	13.64 ± 30.74 (19)	4951.15 ± 9975.24 (21)	34813.51 ± 11228.25 (14)	16.46 ± 7.59 (26)	39.95 (26)
<i>Chaetodon pelewensis</i>	Chaetodontidae	120199.17 ± 55728.14 (2)	24.49 ± 14.77 (4)	42562.13 ± 64630.51 (4)	45039.36 ± 19451.86 (2)	16.96 ± 1.56 (3)	842.85 (5)
<i>Chaetodon quadrimaculatus</i>	Chaetodontidae	101054.69 ± 27937.72 (7)	17.9 ± 10.79 (11)	5523.31 ± 7238.94 (12)	51831.01 ± 27629.89 (10)	12.08 ± 4.76 (11)	81.57 ± 53.15 (12)
<i>Chaetodon reticulatus</i>	Chaetodontidae	159752.79 ± 69411.13 (16)	4.75 ± 4.31 (21)	6019.26 ± 7151.37 (18)	30895.19 ± 9488.64 (16)	28.35 ± 12.8 (22)	± 53.54 (22)
<i>Chaetodon vagabundus</i>	Chaetodontidae	62298.4 ± 36974.04 (6)	8.51 ± 3.24 (6)	1422.91 ± 1012.67 (6)	27029.46 ± 11971.65 (6)	25.2 ± 11.29 (6)	29.18 (6)
<i>Heniochus chrysostomus</i>	Chaetodontidae	11234.31 ± 5201.34 (9)	4.27 ± 2.41 (4)	3298.97 (9)	11189.88 (9)	10.32 ± 14.34 (5)	66.05 (5)
Detritivore							
<i>Acanthurus olivaceus</i>	Acanthuridae	351116.26 ± 22512.88 (5)	9.62 ± 13.58 (10)	1168.71 ± 344.91 (5)	24427.25 ± 7471.41 (10)	20.88 ± 11 (10)	40.85 ± 43.19 (10)
<i>Acanthurus pyroferus</i>	Acanthuridae	89225.55 ± 74141.05 (8)	NA	43015.1 ± 59879.6 (8)	14973.01 ± 10818.69 (8)	6.77 ± 8.09 (5)	11.42 ± 1.06 (2)

		333622.24 ±					
<i>Ctenochaetus binotatus</i>	Acanthuridae	23568.84 (5)	1.38 ± 1.35 (5)	1449.31 ± 259.77 (5)	14939.29 ± 674.75 (5)	14.32 ± 1.79 (5)	11.73 ± 13.8 (5)
<i>Ctenochaetus flavicauda</i>	Acanthuridae	306482.23 ± 35064.37 (8)	0 ± 0 (8)	1227.94 ± 171.36 (8)	12507.85 ± 1803.39 (8)	13.69 ± 1.76 (8)	3.52 ± 2.95 (8)
<i>Ctenochaetus striatus</i>	Acanthuridae	298610.06 ± 30307.24 (14)	1.08 ± 1.53 (14)	1144.07 ± 430.93 (14)	14382.42 ± 3337.33 (14)	15.53 ± 10.29 (14)	10.9 ± 8.44 (14)

Herbivore

<i>Acanthurus achilles</i>	Acanthuridae	40481.9 ± 22829.82 (8)	13.84 ± 5.67 (2)	14239.67 ± 4766.17 (8)	23946.74 ± 11182.43 (8)	17.13 ± 30.51 (5)	84.85 ± 87.32 (2)
<i>Acanthurus guttatus</i>	Acanthuridae	62498.12 ± 38785.94 (9)	NA	21980.13 ± 10805.49 (9)	32302.83 ± 22318.39 (9)	3.32 ± 2.21 (5)	NA
<i>Acanthurus nigricans</i>	Acanthuridae	143151.31 ± 62239.73 (7)	4.81 ± 6.91 (8)	1288.28 ± 1297.67 (7)	18544.33 ± 11867.65 (5)	16.36 ± 7.17 (8)	44.59 ± 38.28 (8)
<i>Acanthurus nigrofuscus</i>	Acanthuridae	158352.24 ± 79591.39 (8)	9.25 ± 4.9 (8)	872.72 ± 110.97 (8)	18585.99 ± 4061.21 (8)	13.56 ± 2.06 (8)	17.96 (8)
<i>Acanthurus triostegus</i>	Acanthuridae	53860.61 ± 27070.46 (10)	6.65 ± 1.72 (7)	5743.12 ± 10321.52 (10)	23143.25 ± 13916.17 (10)	10.03 ± 6.49 (10)	31.84 ± 18.15 (8)
<i>Chlorurus spilurus</i>	Labridae	324310.19 ± 39660.44 (7)	0 ± 0 (7)	313.41 ± 124.47 (7)	14272.54 ± 2893.98 (7)	5.12 ± 1.54 (7)	1.91 ± 3.22 (7)
<i>Melichthys niger</i>	Balistidae	87842.17 ± 9640.95 (4)	NA	25559.3 ± 3684.1 (4)	50294.3 ± 7122.58 (4)	3.59 ± 3.19 (4)	NA
<i>Melichthys vidua</i>	Balistidae	114959.21 ± 83797.97 (14)	18.14 ± 18.13 (14)	579.9 ± 550.17 (14)	17026.1 ± 13792.54 (14)	28.87 ± 15.65 (14)	35.71 ± 22.61 (14)
<i>Naso lituratus</i>	Acanthuridae	53635.56 ± 62434.03 (18)	24.78 ± 19.9 (16)	1672.68 ± 4123.16 (18)	7611.19 ± 8467.28 (18)	24.93 ± 17.59 (18)	31.74 ± 17.13 (17)
<i>Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus</i>	Balistidae	222476.83 ± 58973.99 (8)	0.1 ± 0.27 (8)	1329.01 ± 143.23 (8)	19719.4 ± 3760.92 (8)	19.07 ± 3.62 (8)	5.1 ± 4.12 (8)
<i>Scarus psittacus</i>	Labridae	311540.88 ± 20678.35 (8)	0 ± 0 (8)	194.66 ± 211.54 (8)	11109.01 ± 2506.64 (8)	5.03 ± 2.65 (8)	0.44 ± 1.26 (8)
<i>Stegastes nigricans</i>	Pomacentridae	186740.15 ± 128778.46 (16)	0.77 ± 1.28 (13)	5037.94 ± 7424.82 (16)	15588.49 ± 7786.79 (16)	17.23 ± 13.26 (15)	12.31 ± 13.35 (15)
<i>Zebrasoma scopas</i>	Acanthuridae	70725.4 ± 43324.86 (34)	11.6 ± 16.56 (21)	8154.43 ± 8031.12 (34)	30240.28 ± 20456.34 (34)	20.14 ± 12.9 (34)	22.23 ± 15.39 (27)

Invertivore

		309691.23 ±			19598.85 ±		26.08 ±
<i>Cantherhines sandwichiensis</i>	Monacanthidae	50137.52 (5)	5.18 ± 5.87 (7)	995.25 ± 511.72 (5)	3448.17 (10)	12.64 ± 6.73 (8)	23.37 (10)
<i>Forcipiger flavissimus</i>	Chaetodontidae	30466.89 ± 18421.75 (7)	10.05 ± 8.26 (4)	14254.33 ± 5650.89 (7)	32499.04 ± 20159.08 (7)	7.89 ± 4.02 (7)	43.7 ± 35.83 (5)
<i>Paracirrhites arcatus</i>	Cirrhitidae	183842.19 ± 77961.06 (5)	0.18 ± 0.41 (5)	226.62 ± 255.28 (5)	13780.71 (5)	8.24 ± 7.61 (5)	50.45 ± 58.24 (5)
<i>Sufflamen bursa</i>	Balistidae	249814.7 ± 110509.07 (10)	14.84 ± 16.22 (9)	7638.83 (9)	33155.02 ± 9944.79 (9)	16.63 ± 1.66 (9)	51.97 ± 18 (9)
<i>Thalassoma hardwicke</i>	Labridae	0 ± 0 (8)	162.93 ± 100.43 (9)	876.68 ± 1513.63 (10)	4324.68 ± 9689.63 (11)	166.9 ± 96.77 (9)	± 98.97 (10)
<i>Piscivore</i>							
<i>Cephalopholis argus</i>	Serranidae	159184.85 ± 100371.89 (7)	50.96 ± 80.17 (6)	2552.41 ± 4174.88 (7)	32661.23 ± 14460.01 (7)	12.12 ± 11.63 (6)	166 ± 84.12 (6)
<i>Epibulus insidiator</i>	Labridae	128239.44 ± 71859.81 (7)	59.25 ± 30.04 (7)	996.5 ± 779.14 (7)	18005.18 ± 10268.15 (7)	5.31 ± 2.81 (7)	108.11 ± 37.4 (7)
<i>Lutjanus fulvus</i>	Lutjanidae	NA	68.83 ± 60.28 (4)	NA	29602.16 ± 5238.4 (4)	7.85 ± 4.91 (4)	58.14 (4)
<i>Planktivore</i>							
<i>Chromis xanthura</i>	Pomacentridae	23048.16 ± 28355.22 (13)	34.14 ± 42.14 (4)	17866.66 ± 39795.03 (16)	65863.24 ± 73898.21 (16)	66.82 ± 111.19 (3)	274.56 ± 290.02 (6)
<i>Dascyllus flavicaudus</i>	Pomacentridae	42041.28 ± 42165.61 (9)	1.76 ± 3.93 (5)	2529.51 ± 4260.87 (9)	14134.76 ± 10494.76 (9)	13.42 ± 6.75 (5)	35.37 ± 19.81 (5)
<i>Myripristis violacea</i>	Holocentridae	NA	99 ± 45.83 (9)	18097.9 ± 2275.72 (3)	31712.11 ± 5027.92 (4)	15.98 ± 12.39 (9)	± 92.53 (9)
<i>Odonus niger</i>	Balistidae	10706.06 ± 20729.19 (14)	105.96 ± 113.17 (14)	5881.38 ± 11363.2 (14)	11398.85 ± 21158.02 (14)	136.03 ± 101.52 (13)	168.88 ± 142.97 (13)

Content S3: Additional details on analytical methods.

Sample preparation: We freeze dried samples in a Labconco lyophilizer. To ensure full water loss, we removed five random samples after 32 h, weighed, and re-weighed the samples at 36 h, each which had <1% change in mass. Following 36 h, we removed and re-weighed all samples to calculate percent water loss. Samples were then covered with parafilm and stored in plastic freezer bags in -20°C until further use. Samples were prepared for proteins and carbohydrates within one month of freeze-drying.

Proteins: We measured protein using modifications from Mann and Gallager (1985), Barbarino and Lourenco (2005), and ThermoScientific BCA assay support. To ensure complete precipitation, we initially ran standards and a subset of samples in triplicate with and without TCA and confirmed its consistency. We only used standard curves with an $R^2 > 0.98$. For samples outside the standard curve, we re-ran samples with a 200-500 dilution and re-ran samples with triplicates measuring a covariance value $> 5\%$.

Carbohydrates: To confirm the presence of interfering substances, we initially followed the protocol with and without TCA precipitation in triplicate. We only used standard curves with an $R^2 > 0.98$ and re-ran samples with triplicates measuring a covariance value $> 10\%$.

Lipids: Samples were stored at -20°C for ~1 year and to ensure all water was removed before lipid assays, we again freeze-dried samples and manually homogenized samples. The methods are a modified micro version of the Folch method, which uses phase separation to quantify total lipid (Folch, 1957).

Table S4. Best fit generalized linear model outputs based on Bayesian Information Criterion ($\Delta\text{BIC} < 7$) and ANOVA parameters (χ^2 , P-value) with main effects (family, genus, species, body mass, and trophic guild) tested independently, additively, and interactively (family*log(mass), genus*log(mass), species*log(mass), trophic guild*log(mass)) for each macronutrient (ash, carbohydrate, protein, or lipid) with collection site as a random effect. Fixed effects with significant p-values (< 0.05) are bolded.

Nutrient	Model	BIC	ΔBIC	Fixed effect	χ^2 (df)	p-value	R ²	R ² conditional
Ash	log(ash) ~ genus + (1 site)	247.3	0	genus	164.94 (17)	< 0.0001	0.523	0.529
Carbohydrate	log(carbohydrate) ~ trophic guild + log(mass) + (1 site)	274.5	0	trophic guild log(mass)	46.03 (5) 13.86 (1)	< 0.0001 < 0.001	0.229	0.517
	log(Carbohydrate) ~ trophic guild + (1 site)	278.7	4.23	trophic guild	38.83 (5)	< 0.0001	0.191	0.437
Protein	log(protein) ~ genus + log(mass) + (1 site)	470.4	0	genus log(mass)	677.85 (18) 14.68 (1)	< 0.0001 < 0.0001	0.730	0.795
	log(protein) ~ genus + (1 site)	474.4	3.99	genus	666.89 (18)	< 0.0001	0.744	0.779
Lipid	log(lipid) ~ trophic guild + (1 site)	301.0	0	trophic guild	39.57 (5)	< 0.0001	0.228	0.283

Table S5. PairwiseAdonis results for macro- and micronutrient concentration differences across the trophic guilds, and across species within the Corallivore and Herbivore trophic guilds and *Acanthurus* and *Chaetodon* genus for micronutrients. ‘pairs’ indicates the groups (trophic guild, species) being compared, ‘Df’ = degrees of freedom, ‘SumsOfSqs’ = sums of squares, ‘F.model’ = F-values, ‘p.adjusted’ = p-values adjusted according to holm to account for multiple comparisons, and ‘sig’ indicating p adjusted significance < 0.05.

All fish: macronutrient ~ trophic guild							
pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
Herbivore vs Detritivore	1	1.108	25.105	0.189	0.001	0.01	*
Herbivore vs Corallivore	1	0.187	4.039	0.039	0.009	0.04	.
Herbivore vs Invertivore	1	0.279	5.589	0.052	0.005	0.03	.
Herbivore vs Planktivore	1	0.062	1.255	0.015	0.262	0.262	.
Detritivore vs Corallivore	1	0.742	29.849	0.388	0.001	0.01	*
Detritivore vs Invertivore	1	0.171	5.167	0.095	0.004	0.028	.
Detritivore vs Planktivore	1	0.441	19.205	0.368	0.001	0.01	*
Corallivore vs Invertivore	1	0.189	5.222	0.115	0.008	0.04	.
Corallivore vs Planktivore	1	0.057	2.337	0.089	0.071	0.142	.
Invertivore vs Planktivore	1	0.165	4.136	0.137	0.02	0.06	.
All fish: micronutrient ~ trophic guild							
pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
Herbivore vs Detritivore	1	0.463	8.586	0.067	0.005	0.04	.
Herbivore vs Corallivore	1	0.080	1.539	0.012	0.209	0.627	.
Herbivore vs Invertivore	1	0.185	2.630	0.022	0.094	0.38	.
Herbivore vs Piscivore	1	0.012	0.187	0.002	0.703	1	.
Herbivore vs Planktivore	1	0.845	11.499	0.098	0.001	0.015	.
Detritivore vs Corallivore	1	0.121	26.059	0.277	0.001	0.015	.
Detritivore vs Invertivore	1	0.735	21.266	0.268	0.001	0.015	.
Detritivore vs Piscivore	1	0.117	80.598	0.691	0.001	0.015	.
Detritivore vs Planktivore	1	1.530	48.035	0.516	0.001	0.015	.
Corallivore vs Invertivore	1	0.296	8.934	0.116	0.003	0.027	.
Corallivore vs Piscivore	1	0.031	4.651	0.092	0.012	0.084	.
Corallivore vs Planktivore	1	0.972	31.725	0.366	0.001	0.015	.
Invertivore vs Piscivore	1	0.015	0.270	0.007	0.655	1	.
Invertivore vs Planktivore	1	0.251	3.355	0.069	0.076	0.38	.
Piscivore vs Planktivore	1	0.266	4.305	0.158	0.032	0.192	.

Herbivores: micronutrient ~ species							
pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
A. nigricans vs A. nigrofuscus	1	0.009	6.812	0.382	0.004	0.1	
A. nigricans vs A. triostegus	1	0.012	7.620	0.432	0.006	0.138	
A. nigricans vs C. spilurus	1	0.018	11.554	0.536	0.007	0.147	
A. nigricans vs M. vidua	1	0.226	4.188	0.218	0.05	0.65	
A. nigricans vs N. lituratus	1	0.590	9.592	0.375	0.01	0.18	
A. nigricans vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.011	8.572	0.438	0.001	0.045	.
A. nigricans vs S. psittacus	1	0.033	21.172	0.658	0.002	0.06	
A. nigricans vs S. nigricans	1	0.009	1.166	0.072	0.348	1	
A. nigricans vs Z. scopas	1	0.249	3.961	0.234	0.088	0.968	
A. nigrofuscus vs A. triostegus	1	0.007	10.010	0.435	0.001	0.045	.
A. nigrofuscus vs C. spilurus	1	0.052	73.516	0.850	0.001	0.045	.
A. nigrofuscus vs M. vidua	1	0.151	3.384	0.158	0.089	0.968	
A. nigrofuscus vs N. lituratus	1	0.522	10.147	0.348	0.012	0.192	
A. nigrofuscus vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.023	39.227	0.737	0.002	0.06	
A. nigrofuscus vs S. psittacus	1	0.084	109.359	0.887	0.001	0.045	.
A. nigrofuscus vs S. nigricans	1	0.023	3.910	0.178	0.003	0.078	
A. nigrofuscus vs Z. scopas	1	0.166	3.274	0.170	0.093	0.968	
A. triostegus vs C. spilurus	1	0.054	63.606	0.841	0.002	0.06	
A. triostegus vs M. vidua	1	0.122	2.574	0.132	0.241	1	
A. triostegus vs N. lituratus	1	0.438	8.051	0.309	0.02	0.28	
A. triostegus vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.046	64.968	0.833	0.001	0.045	.
A. triostegus vs S. psittacus	1	0.081	89.748	0.873	0.001	0.045	.
A. triostegus vs S. nigricans	1	0.034	5.558	0.246	0.001	0.045	.
A. triostegus vs Z. scopas	1	0.131	2.418	0.139	0.205	1	
C. spilurus vs M. vidua	1	0.532	11.268	0.399	0.007	0.147	
C. spilurus vs N. lituratus	1	1.179	21.679	0.546	0.001	0.045	.
C. spilurus vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.018	25.672	0.664	0.001	0.045	.
C. spilurus vs S. psittacus	1	0.002	2.271	0.149	0.143	1	
C. spilurus vs S. nigricans	1	0.018	2.889	0.145	0.051	0.65	
C. spilurus vs Z. scopas	1	0.573	10.602	0.414	0.01	0.18	
M. vidua vs N. lituratus	1	0.137	1.777	0.072	0.21	1	
M. vidua vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.407	9.141	0.337	0.006	0.138	
M. vidua vs S. psittacus	1	0.632	14.148	0.440	0.004	0.1	
M. vidua vs S. nigricans	1	0.447	10.957	0.332	0.002	0.06	
M. vidua vs Z. scopas	1	0.002	0.026	0.001	0.97	1	
N. lituratus vs P. lacrymatus	1	0.992	19.277	0.504	0.001	0.045	.
N. lituratus vs S. psittacus	1	1.358	26.312	0.581	0.001	0.045	.
N. lituratus vs S. nigricans	1	1.134	24.283	0.514	0.001	0.045	.

N. lituratus vs Z. scopas	1	0.098	1.158	0.052	0.257	1	
P. lacrymatus vs S. psittacus	1	0.034	45.095	0.763	0.001	0.045	.
P. lacrymatus vs S. nigricans	1	0.005	0.782	0.042	0.56	1	
P. lacrymatus vs Z. scopas	1	0.441	8.721	0.353	0.007	0.147	
S. psittacus vs S. nigricans	1	0.036	6.032	0.251	0.014	0.21	
S. psittacus vs Z. scopas	1	0.669	13.177	0.452	0.001	0.045	.
S. nigricans vs Z. scopas	1	0.473	10.442	0.343	0.001	0.045	.

Corallivores: micronutrient ~ species

pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
A. scopas vs C. citrinellus	1	0.111	62.325	0.912	0.034	0.207	
A. scopas vs C. ornatissimus	1	0.078	33.307	0.769	0.002	0.04	.
A. scopas vs C. quadrimaculatus	1	0.107	118.360	0.929	0.004	0.056	
A. scopas vs C. reticulatus	1	0.112	67.849	0.860	0.002	0.04	.
A. scopas vs C. vagabundus	1	0.095	67.693	0.919	0.034	0.207	
A. scopas vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.123	60.670	0.910	0.027	0.207	
C. citrinellus vs C. ornatissimus	1	0.026	10.665	0.516	0.002	0.04	.
C. citrinellus vs C. quadrimaculatus	1	0.023	24.077	0.728	0.004	0.056	
C. citrinellus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.032	18.638	0.629	0.004	0.056	
C. citrinellus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.014	9.096	0.603	0.025	0.207	
C. citrinellus vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.001	0.554	0.085	0.611	0.611	
C. ornatissimus vs C. quadrimaculatus	1	0.006	3.651	0.219	0.007	0.07	
C. ornatissimus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.005	2.456	0.141	0.026	0.207	
C. ornatissimus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	2.679	0.211	0.079	0.207	
C. ornatissimus vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.028	10.951	0.523	0.003	0.045	.
C. quadrimaculatus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.013	11.252	0.446	0.001	0.021	.
C. quadrimaculatus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	8.842	0.496	0.002	0.04	.
C. quadrimaculatus vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.029	25.845	0.742	0.006	0.066	
C. reticulatus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	4.078	0.270	0.023	0.207	
C. reticulatus vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.032	17.411	0.613	0.002	0.04	.
C. vagabundus vs H. chrysostomus	1	0.014	8.089	0.574	0.032	0.207	

Acanthurus: micronutrient ~ species

pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
A. nigricans vs A. nigrofuscus	1	0.009	6.812	0.382	0.002	0.008	*
A. nigricans vs A. olivaceus	1	0.010	7.487	0.483	0.006	0.008	*
A. nigricans vs A. triostegus	1	0.012	7.620	0.432	0.002	0.008	*
A. nigrofuscus vs A. olivaceus	1	0.007	17.093	0.608	0.003	0.008	*
A. nigrofuscus vs A. triostegus	1	0.007	10.010	0.435	0.001	0.006	*
A. olivaceus vs A. triostegus	1	0.020	35.684	0.781	0.001	0.006	*

Chaetodon: micronutrient ~ species

pairs	Df	SumsOfSqs	F.Model	R2	p.value	p.adjusted	sig
C. citrinellus vs C. ornatissimus	1	0.026	10.665	0.516	0.003	0.021	.
C. citrinellus vs C. quadrimaculatus	1	0.023	24.077	0.728	0.002	0.018	.
C. citrinellus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.032	18.638	0.629	0.002	0.018	.
C. citrinellus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.014	9.096	0.603	0.033	0.096	
C. ornatissimus vs C. quadrimaculatus	1	0.006	3.651	0.219	0.008	0.04	.
C. ornatissimus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.005	2.456	0.141	0.027	0.096	
C. ornatissimus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	2.679	0.211	0.07	0.096	
C. quadrimaculatus vs C. reticulatus	1	0.013	11.252	0.446	0.001	0.01	*
C. quadrimaculatus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	8.842	0.496	0.003	0.021	.
C. reticulatus vs C. vagabundus	1	0.006	4.078	0.270	0.024	0.096	

Table S6. Best fit generalized linear model outputs based on Bayesian Information Criterion ($\Delta\text{BIC} < 7$) and ANOVA parameters (χ^2 , P-value) with main effects (family, genus, species, body mass, and trophic guild) tested independently, additively, and interactively for each micronutrient with collection site as a random effect. Fixed effects with significant p-values (< 0.05) are bolded.

Nutrient	Model	BIC	ΔBIC	Fixed effect	χ^2 (df)	P-value	R ²	R ² conditional
Calcium	$\log(\text{Ca}) \sim \text{trophic guild} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	685.6	0	trophic guild	76.92 (5)	< 0.0001	0.138	0.678
	$\log(\text{Ca}) \sim \text{trophic guild} + \log(\text{mass}) + (1 \mid \text{site})$	691.0	5.45	trophic guild log(mass)	69.34 (5) 3.65 (1)	< 0.0001 0.056	0.144	0.681
Copper	$\log(\text{Cu}) \sim \text{trophic guild} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	618.1	0	trophic guild	96.54 (5)	< 0.0001	0.334	0.499
	$\log(\text{Cu}) \sim \text{genus} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	624.1	5.99	genus	179.86 (18)	< 0.0001	0.510	0.585
	$\log(\text{Cu}) \sim \text{trophic guild} + \log(\text{mass}) + (1 \mid \text{site})$	624.9	6.78	trophic guild log(mass)	91.22 (5) 0.69 (1)	< 0.0001 0.407	0.336	0.503
Iron	$\log(\text{Fe}) \sim \text{genus} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	1063.9	0	genus	173.06 (22)	< 0.0001	0.209	0.748
	$\log(\text{Fe}) \sim \text{species} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	1068.8	4.86	species	290.78 (37)	< 0.0001	0.305	0.793
	$\log(\text{Fe}) \sim \text{genus} + \log(\text{mass}) + (1 \mid \text{site})$	1070.2	6.33	genus log(mass)	154.02 (22) 1.82 (1)	< 0.0001 0.177	0.209	0.748
Magnesium	$\log(\text{Mg}) \sim \text{family} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	609.3	0	family	67.11 (9)	< 0.0001	0.188	0.343
Manganese	$\log(\text{Mn}) \sim \text{genus} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	767.1	0	genus	249.04 (22)	< 0.0001	0.379	0.646
	$\log(\text{Mn}) \sim \text{genus} + \log(\text{mass}) + (1 \mid \text{site})$	773.2	6.09	genus log(mass)	252.82 (22) 2.91 (1)	< 0.0001 0.088	0.378	0.652
Zinc	$\log(\text{Zn}) \sim \text{genus} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	780.4	0	genus	277.96 (23)	< 0.0001	0.468	0.682
	$\log(\text{Zn}) \sim \text{genus} + \log(\text{mass}) + (1 \mid \text{site})$	785.9	5.53	genus log(mass)	282.79 (23) 2.73 (1)	< 0.0001 0.099	0.469	0.685
	$\log(\text{Zn}) \sim \text{trophic guild} + (1 \mid \text{site})$	786.1	5.67	trophic guild	116.33 (5)	< 0.0001	0.282	0.504