

**S4 Table. Significance values (p-values) of linear regression analyses between different abiotic parameters.**

	latitude	cor	annual mean air temperature	cor	annual mean water temp	cor	annual mean precipitation	cor	grain size	cor
sal_S	< 0.001	neg	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	neg	0.883	
sal_P	< 0.001	neg	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	neg	0.630	
TA_S	< 0.001	neg	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	pos	< 0.001	neg	0.431	
TA_P	0.167		0.165		0.260		0.087		0.226	
NH <sub>4</sub> _S	0.001	neg	0.001	pos	< 0.001	pos	0.004	neg	0.893	
NH <sub>4</sub> _P	0.848		0.853		0.993		0.674		0.393	
NO <sub>2</sub> _S	0.832		0.805		0.901		0.775		0.463	
NO <sub>2</sub> _P	0.750		0.741		0.674		0.851		0.192	
NO <sub>3</sub> _S	0.016	pos	0.017	neg	0.038	neg	0.003	pos	0.720	
NO <sub>3</sub> _P	0.614		0.578		0.774		0.376		0.608	
NO <sub>x</sub> _S	0.016	pos	0.016	neg	0.037	neg	0.003	pos	0.756	
NO <sub>x</sub> _P	0.616		0.577		0.754		0.398		0.855	
PO <sub>4</sub> _S	0.089		0.082		0.109		0.076		0.463	
PO <sub>4</sub> _P	0.653		0.658		0.511		0.831		0.177	

Salinity (sal), total alkalinity (TA) and nutrient concentrations (NH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, PO<sub>4</sub>) in pore (P) and sea (S) water samples.

cor = significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) negative (neg) or positive (pos) linear correlation.