

## Supporting Information

**S1 Table. Unpublished data from settlement plates at platform Gilda.** Mean number of *Watersipora* colonies on 15 x 15 cm ceramic tile settlement plates deployed and retrieved every three months at platform Gilda from June 2001 through May 2002. Mean number of colonies  $1 \pm \text{SE}$ , n = 4 plates.

Date	No. <i>Watersipora</i> colonies
June - August 2001	$28 \pm 7$
September - November 2001	$3 \pm 2$
December 2001 - February 2002	0
March - May 2002	0