

Supplementary Tab. 1. Mean or range of published CO<sub>2</sub> concentration values (% saturation) and CO<sub>2</sub> evasion rates (mmol m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup>) for different aquatic ecosystems. Saturation values and rates of CO<sub>2</sub> off-gassing measured in the present study are also reported.

	Study site	CO <sub>2</sub> (% sat.)			CO <sub>2</sub> evasion (mmol m <sup>-2</sup> d <sup>-1</sup> )		References
		Range	Mean	SD	Range	Mean	
Streams	Boreal streams	Quebec, Canada		641		260	Teodoru <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Walker Branch	Tennessee			157	373	Jones and Muhlolland, 1998 (in Hope <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
	Brocky Burn	Scotland	121	764		22	3823
	Havelse stream	Denmark					395
	Pøle stream	Denmark					495
Small rivers	Riviere a l'Eau Claire	Quebec. Canada		241		33	Teodoru <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Loecknitz River	Germany	2500	4000			Gelbrecht <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Lagan River	N. Ireland		778	416		Barth <i>et al.</i> , 2003
	Mincio River. N1	Italy		314	160	49	144
	Mincio River. N2	Italy		399	241	69	210
Lakes	Mincio River. S1	Italy		443	206	8	30
	Mincio River. S2	Italy		483	190	7	27
	Meech Lake	Canada		1980	2401		Wang and Veizer, 2000
Large rivers	Lakes	Quebec. Canada		174		6	Teodoru <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Pearl River	China		644			Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	Xijiang River	China	171	2057			Yao <i>et al.</i> , 2007 (in Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
	Changjiang China	China		371	257		Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2007
	Central Amazon	Brazil		1243	543		Richey <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Parana	Brazil		897	926		Depetris and Kempe, 1993
	Amazon River	South America		12571		170	520
	Amazonian rivers and streams	South America			352	508	Rasera <i>et al.</i> , 2013

	Colorado	USA			1227	56			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Illinois	USA			1263	69			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Mississippi	USA			1312	52			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Clark Fork River	USA						14	Lynch <i>et al.</i> , 2010
	USA rivers and streams	USA					358	724	Butman and Raymond, 2011
	Columbia	Canada			321	336			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Main channel of Upper St.Lawrence	Canada			109	27			Barth & Veizer, 1999
	St.Lawrence	Canada			371				Hélie <i>et al.</i> , 2002
	Eastmain	Quebec. Canada			175			16	Teodoru <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Upper Jordan	Jordan			703	174			Salinger <i>et al.</i> , 1983
	Niger River	Western Africa	346	1803					Martin and Prohst, 1991 (in Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009)
	Three tropical rivers		550	2741					Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Tanoé River (unregulated river)	Cote D'Ivoire						137	Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Comoé River (unregulated river)	Cote D'Ivoire						170	Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Bia River (dammed river)	Cote D'Ivoire						49	Koné <i>et al.</i> , 2009
	Weser	Germany			1256	847			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Spree River	Germany	500	900					Gelbrecht <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Elbe	Germany			1170	502			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Rhone	France			576	270			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Seine	France			566	223			Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Rivers in Sweden	Sweden						422	Humborg <i>et al.</i> , 2010 (in Rasera <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
	Artic rivers (1 <sup>st</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> order)	Alaska					11	114	Kling (pers. comm.) (in Hope <i>et al.</i> , 2001)
	Range worldwide rivers						20	1026	Cole and Caraco, 2001
	Estuaries worldwide		143	1714					Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Inner Tamar estuary	UK	109	629			90	120	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Inner Thames estuary	UK	133	1486			210	290	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
Estuaries	Inner Gironde estuary	France	126	817			50	110	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Inner Loire estuary	France	84	784					Bozec <i>et al.</i> , 2012
	Inner Douro estuary	Portugal	380	629				240	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Inner Sado estuary	Portugal	164	1629				760	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
	Inner Elbe estuary	Germany	166	314				180	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998

Inner Ems estuary	Germany/Netherlands	160	1073				190	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
Inner Rhine estuary	Netherlands	156	569			70	160	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
Inner Scheldt estuary	Netherlands/ Belgium	36	2693			260	660	Frankignoulle <i>et al.</i> , 1998
Scheldt estuary	Belgium/Netherlands	1629	2714					Abril <i>et al.</i> , 2000
Humber estuary	U.K	429	1714					Jarvie <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Satilla River Estuary	USA					200	250	Cai <i>et al.</i> , 1999
Hudson River estuary	USA			321	115	16	37	Raymond <i>et al.</i> , 1997