

Protocol for 10 µl 18S zooxanthellae-specific PCR reactions:

- 1) Following DNA quantifications, dilute genomic DNA to a concentration between 5-15 ng.
- 2) Pipet 1 µl of diluted genomic DNA into labeled PCR tube.
- 3) Mix up the following soup:

| | <u>per tube</u> |
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| ddH ₂ O | 7.3 µl |
| 10X PCR buffer | 1.0 µl |
| 10 mM dNTPs | 0.2 µl |
| Taq | 0.2 µl |
| SS5/SS3Z primer mix (10 µM) | 0.3 µl |

- 4) Vortex and centrifuge soup briefly.
- 5) Aliquot 9 µl of soup per tube.
- 6) Place tubes in thermocycler and run appropriate PCR program (see “PCR Primers” document on The Santos Lab website).