



# Ocean acidification along the southeastern Pacific coastal ecosystems: biological responses, interactions with multiple stressors and human dimensions

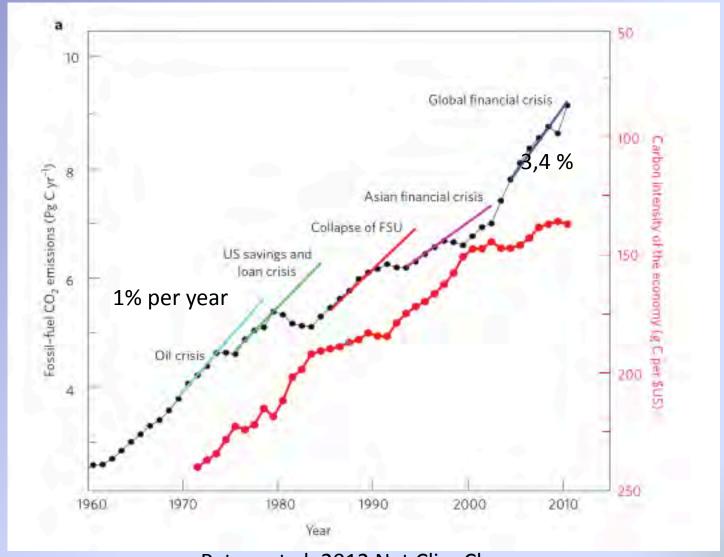
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## Presentation

- Climate change in the world oceans
- Variability of the Southern PAcific Coastal Ecosystems (SPACE)
- Results about biological responses to OA of selected species models/resources
- Describe ongoing ecological studies and research projects
- Other efforts to disseminate the message

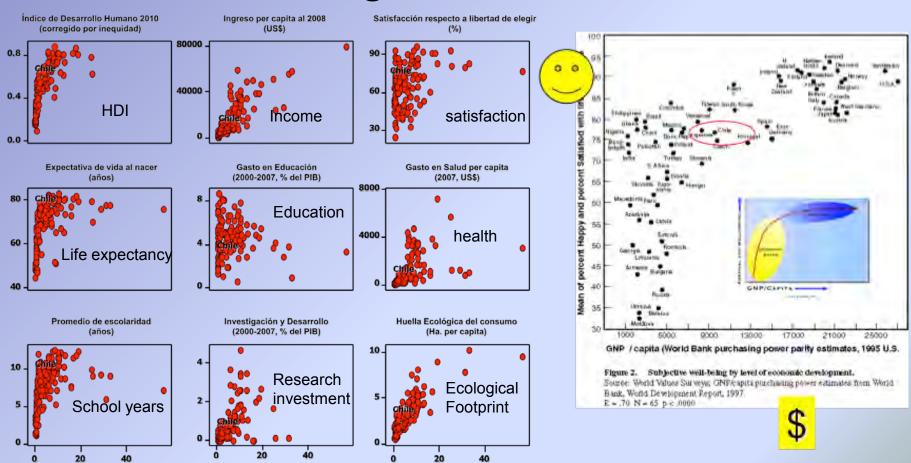
# Economy increase atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>



Peters et al. 2012 Nat Clim Change

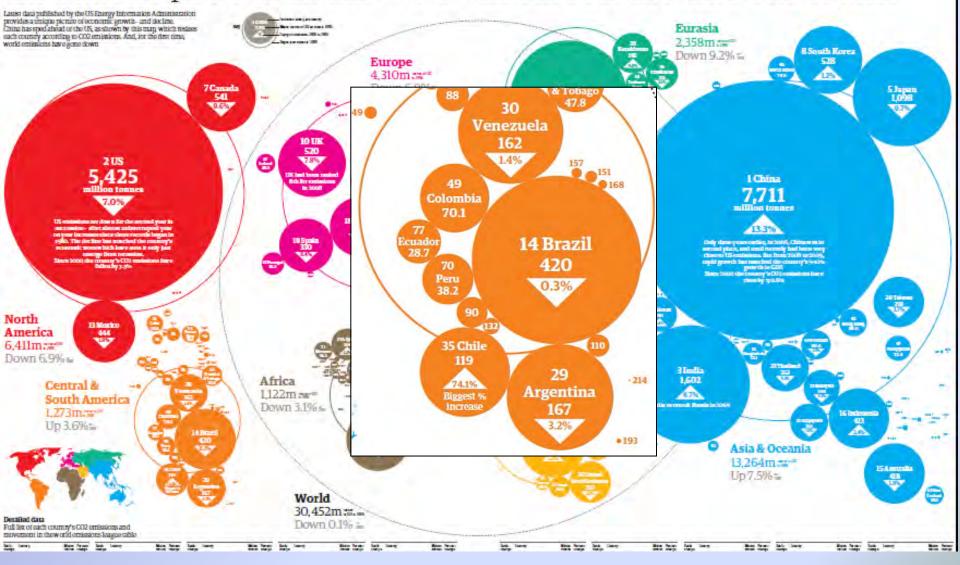
### Chile in the global scenario

CO2 per capita emissions at year 2006

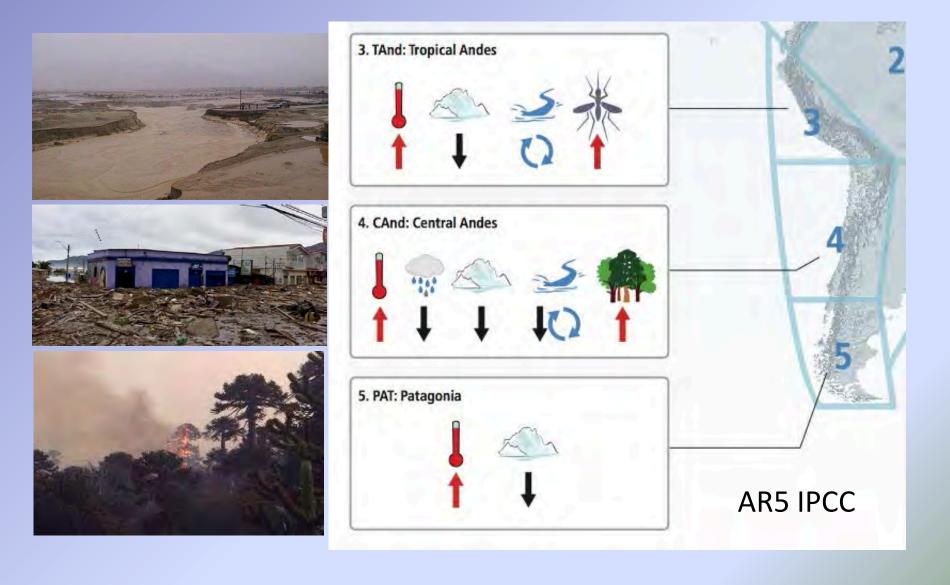




### An atlas of pollution: the world in carbon dioxide emissions



### In this moment: extreme events

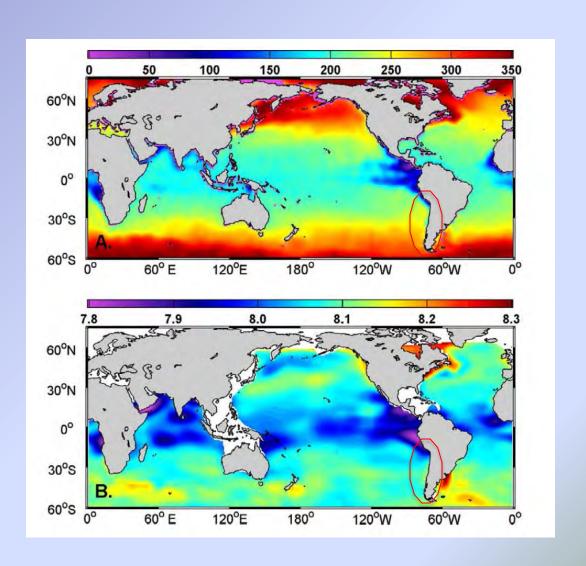




# The Humboldt current system

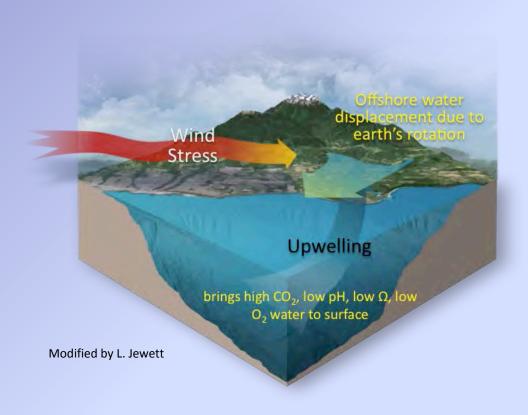
Oxygen (µmol/kg) at 50 m (modified from Conkright et al, 2002)

**pH** (modified from Key et al., 2004)



Chávez et al. 2008

# Upwelling ecosystems



# Upwelling areas are vulnerable to ocean acidification 2100



1850

REPORTS

#### Rapid Progression of Ocean Acidification in the California Current System

Nicolas Gruber, 1\* Claudine Hauri, 1 Zouhair Lachkar, 1 Damian Loher, 1 Thomas L. Frölicher, 2 Gian-Kasper Plattner 3

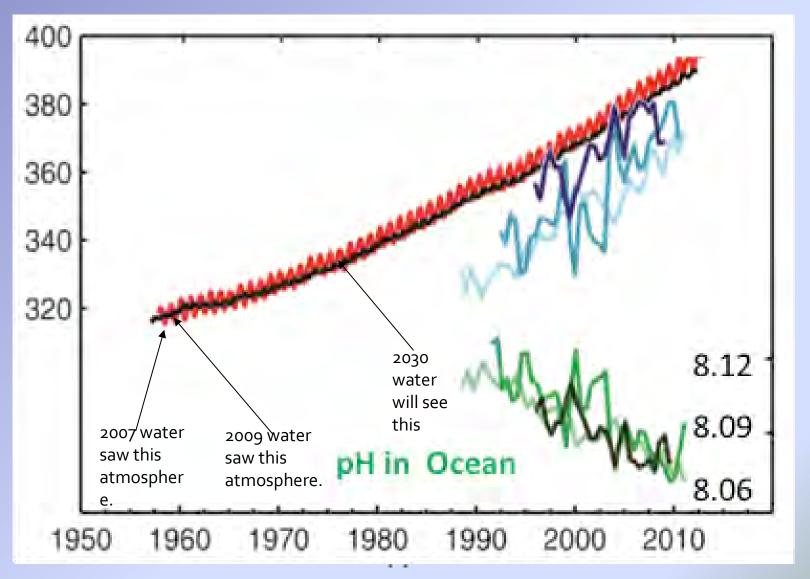
Nearshore waters of the California Current System (California CS) already have a low carbonate saturation state, making them particularly susceptible to ocean acidification. We used

**OCEAN ACIDIFICATION (pH)** 

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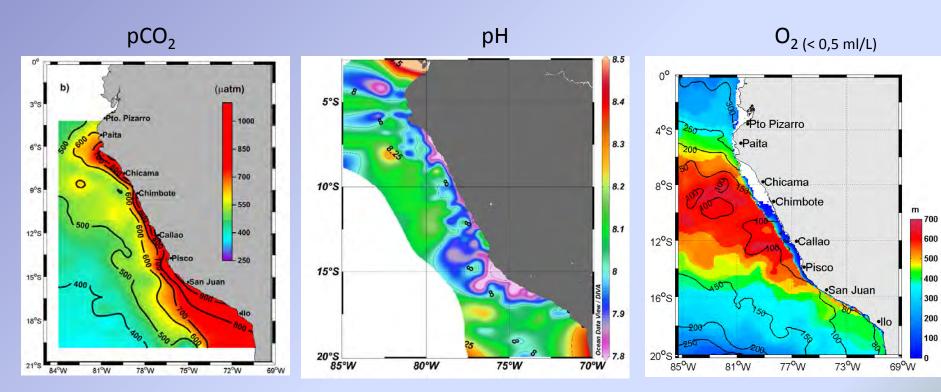
IGBP, IOC, SCOR (2013) Ocean Acidification
Summary for Policy Makers

# The progressive OA



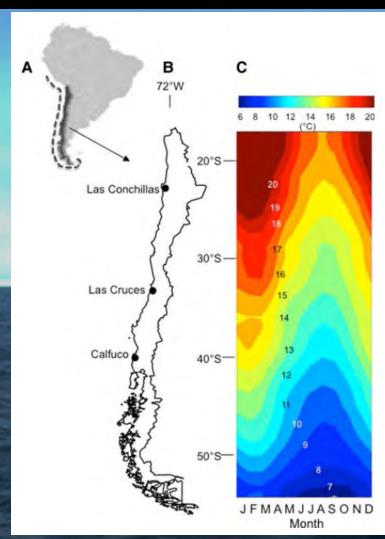
Doney et al 2009; IPCC (2013) WG I, Summary for Policymakers, modified by B. Hales (OSU);

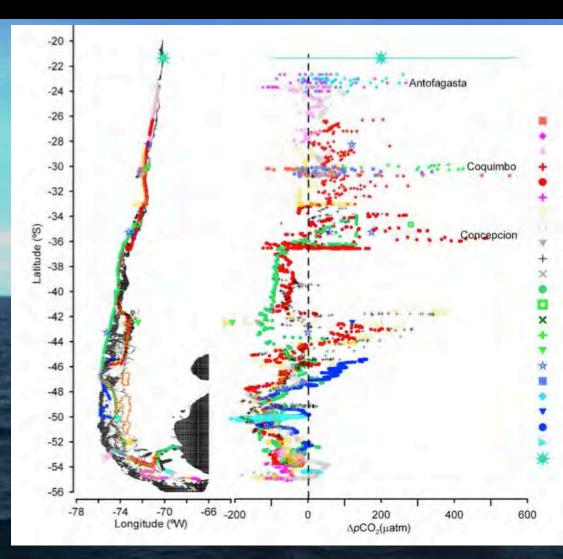
### Northern Humboldt Current System (Perú)



Friederich et al 2008 PIO, Libro de Oro de IMARPE 2014, J. Ledesma, M. Graco

# The SPACE is a region of intense variability in temperature, CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes, freshwater inputs

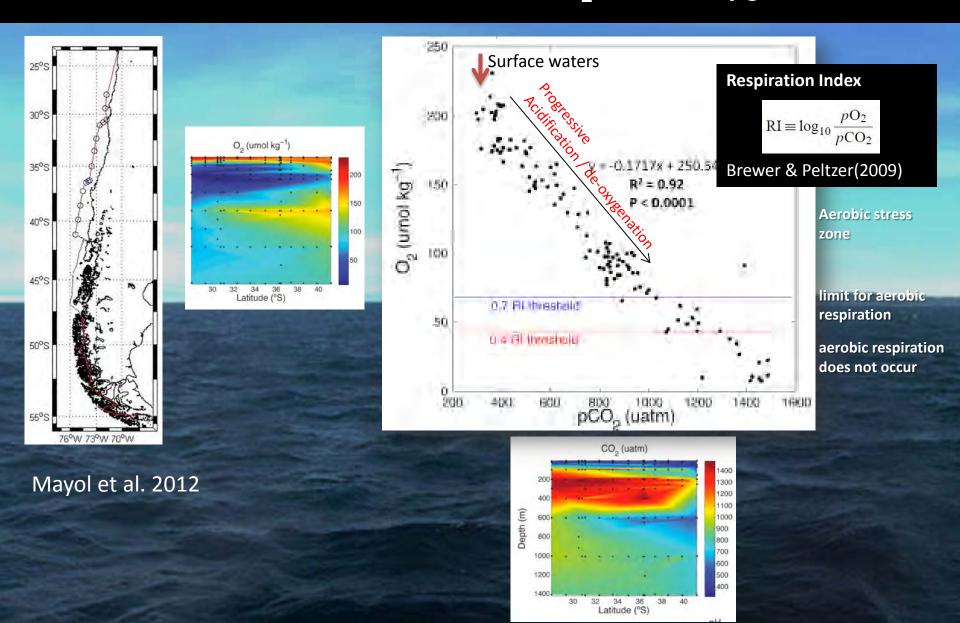




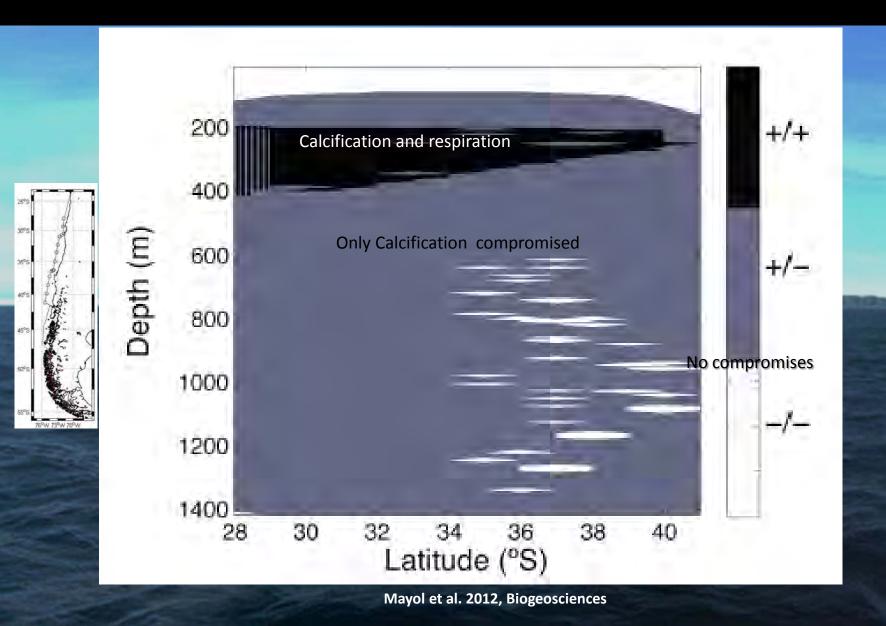
Ramajo et al. 2013 Lardies et al. 2014 Navarrete et al. 2014

Torres et al. 2011

# The ocean is changing to more CO<sub>2</sub> - less Oxygen conditions



# Compromising marine life



# The system sustain high diversity and coastal productivity (the biggest in the world oceans)



### Now these fisheries are vulnerable

**ECOLOGICAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC** H: High (47%)
M: Moderate (22%) **Operational cost** nfraestructure eproduction Calcification **Distribution Growth and Abundance** Diseases Avalaibility Access Market **L**: Low (30%) M Н **FISHES** Н н н н н M M M M **CRUSTACEANS** н Н н M н M M н н н н н M **MOLLUSCS** Н Н н M M Н Н н н Н **EQUINODERMS** M M M

Alarcón et al. Proyecto FIP № 2014-26

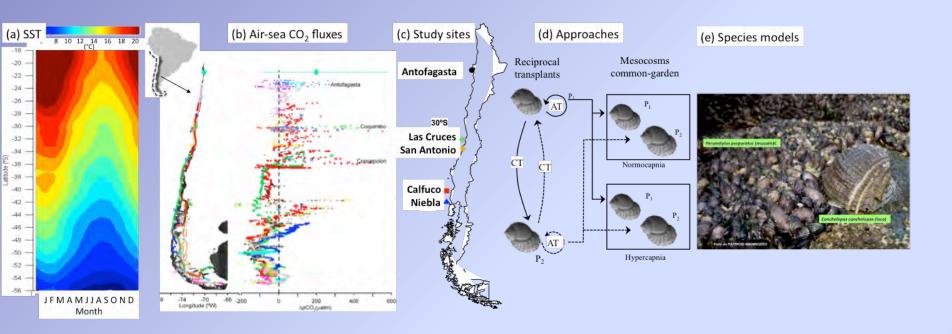
# Which are the impacts of OA in the region?

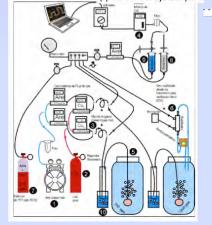
Selection the species models = the canary in

the coalmine



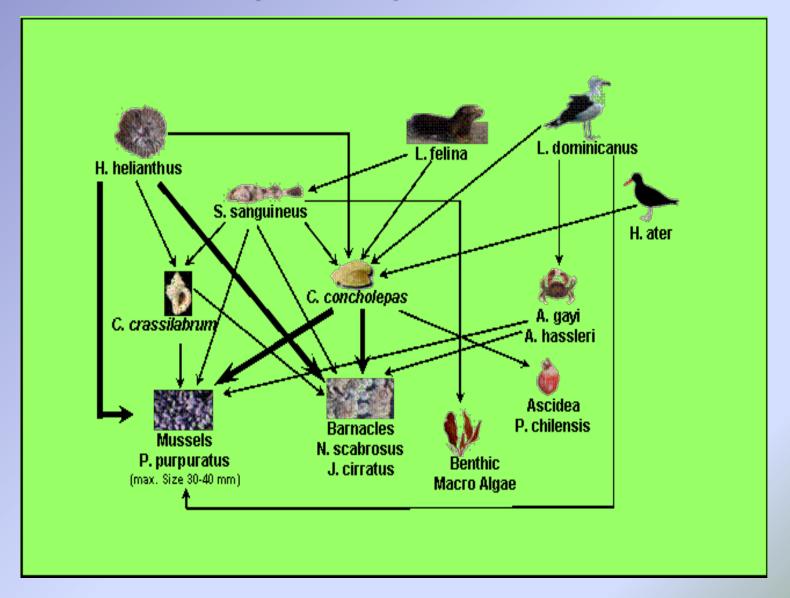
#### THE APROACHES TO UNDERSTAND OA IMPACTS



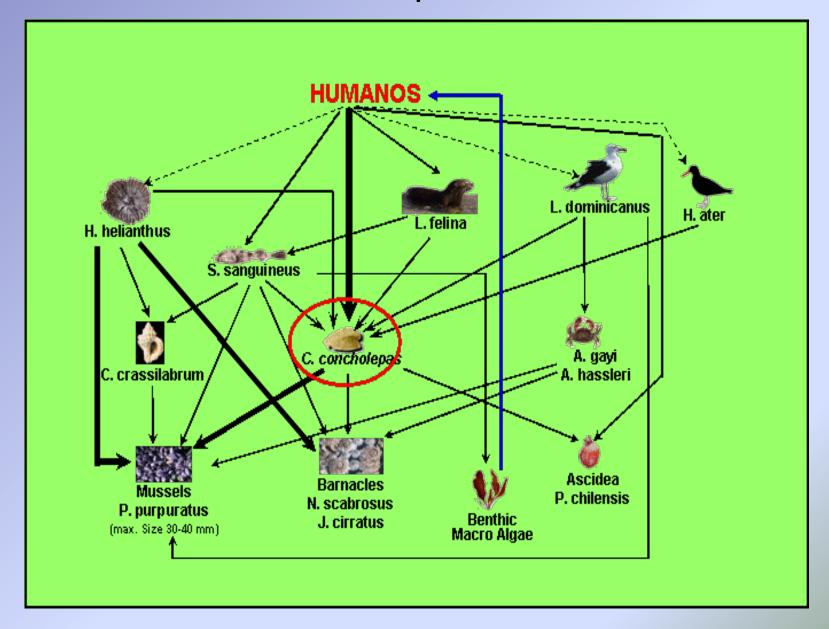




# **Keystone predator**



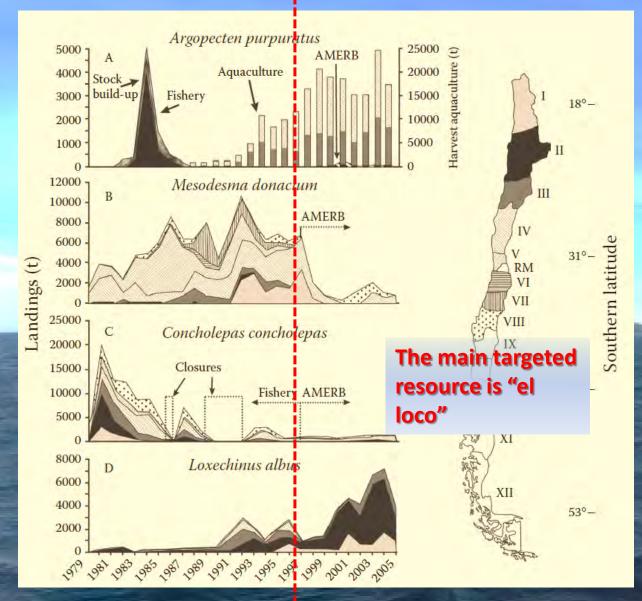
### **Human impacts**



### **Open access**

#### **TURFs**



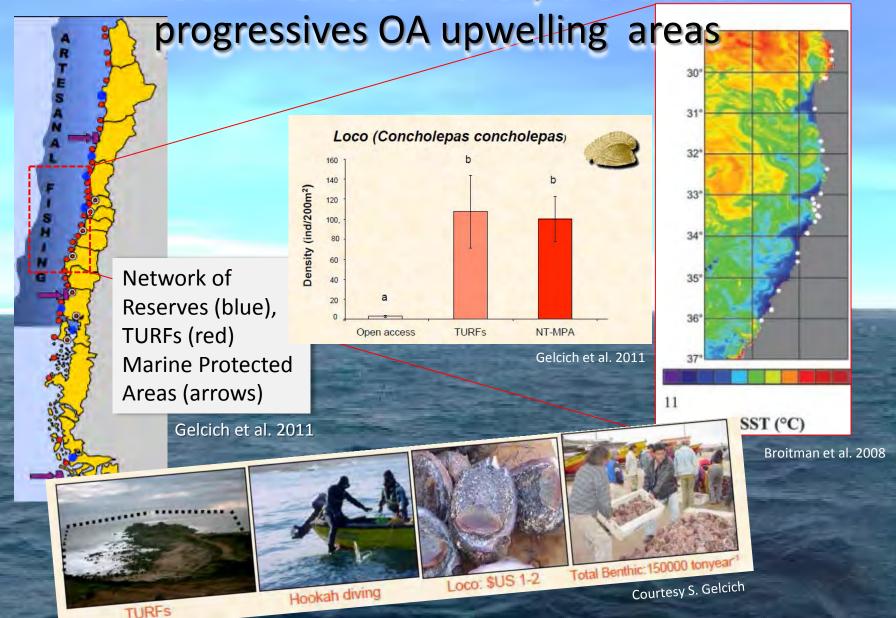


### Territorial User Right Fisheries (TURFs) to registered 'associations/ unions' of artisanal fishers along the Chilean coast

 Empowered by creating a sense of ownership that motivate for sustainable extraction



# TURFs and "el loco" fishery are located in



# Results indicate that "el loco" is sensitive to ocean acidification

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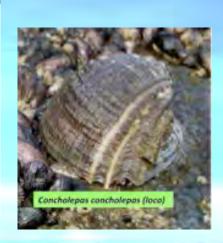
J. Plankton Res. (2013) 0(0): 1-10. First published online Month 00, 0000 doi:10.1093/plankt/fbt045

CO<sub>2</sub>-driven ocean acidification reduces larval feeding efficiency and change food selectivity in the mollusk *Concholepas* concholepas

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Vol. 502: 157-167, 2014 doi: 10.3354/meps10703 MARINE ECOLOGY PROGRESS SERIES Mar Ecol Prog Ser Published April 15

Ocean acidification affects predator avoidance behaviour but not prey detection in the early ontogeny of a keystone species

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#### Others species?

Lapas: Fissurella ssp

Pulpo: Octopus mimus

Piure: Pyura chilensis



Erizo: Loxechinus albus

Jaibas: Homalaspis plana



Algas: Durvillea antarctica,



Bivalvs: Mesodesma donacium

# Human dimension of C. concholepas fisheries

# Concholepas concholepas "loco" ("Chanque" in Peru) (annual landings 2.5 metric tons per year)

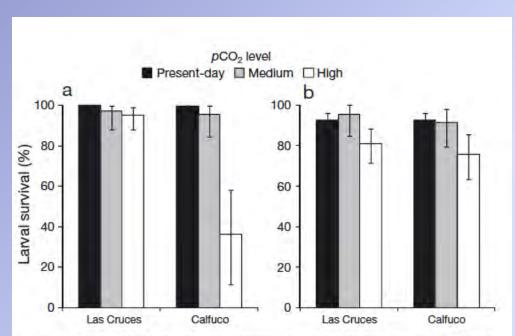


Fig. 4. Concholepas concholepas. Average (± SD) early larval survival of larvae hatched from egg capsules collected from Las Cruces and Calfuco, reared at 3 experimental pCO<sub>2</sub> levels and in 2 experimental series (a) and (b). See Table 2 for details of average CO<sub>2</sub> levels used in each experimental series

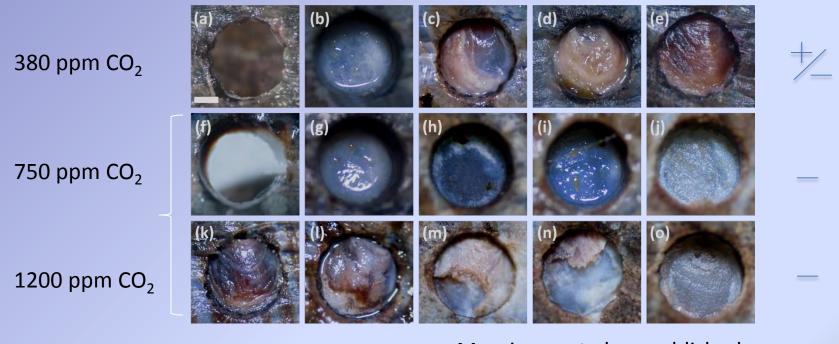
Manríquez et al. 2014a,b. MEPS Lardies et al. 2014. J. Sea Res. Vargas et al. 2014. Est & Coasts

- ✓ A reduction of Early Larval Survival of up to 30%,
- ✓ annual losses of ~0.8 x 10³ t of landings
- √ 5.1 x 10³ US\$ per exported ton of *C. Concholepas*.



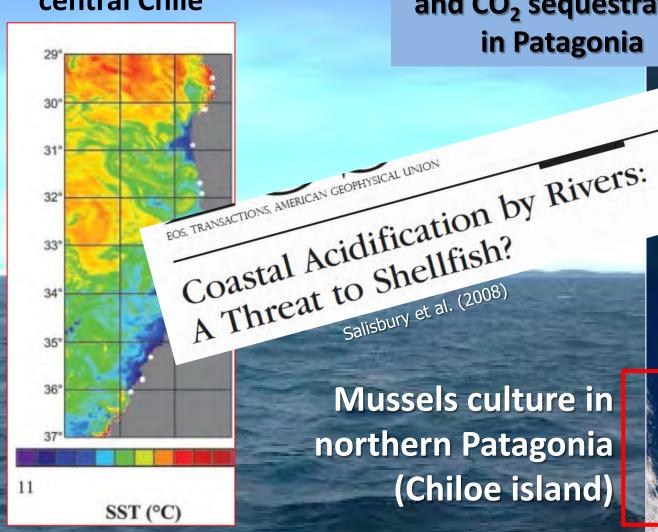


# C. concholepas: loss the ability to restoring the shell



Manriquez et al. unpublished

Exposure to corrosive
Upwelling in northcentral Chile



Exposure to acidic input and CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration in Patagonia

Recent concerns

Aparece muerto cultivo de choritos. Mariscadores responsabilizar
a la Celulosa Aranco

Este lunes los buzos mariscadores de Laraquete se encontraron con una dramática e indignante situación. El cultivo de choritos que mantenían en un sector cercano estaba

Resumen conversó con el vocero del sindicato de buzos, Ricardo Ibacache, quien explicó que esta mortandad representa una pérdida económica de 120 millones de pesos, además de un largo tiempo de trabajo por el cual habían conseguido la masificación del marisco en Doble Click para



Cultivo de mejillones. (F

### Mitilicultores prevén caída de la p

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 03:10 (GMT 4

La Asociación de Mitilicultores de Chile (AmiC (Mytilus chilensis) de esta temporada será en 2011, cuando se cosecharon 281.000 tonelac

El año pasado, la escasez de alimento en el complicaron a este sector de la industria aci

La gerente de AmiChile, Yohana González, el hecho de que esta temporada la mayoría más tarde la producción.

Por otro lado, dijo que se proyecta una me escasez de semillas que se registra este a 70% con respecto a un año normal". Esto cosechas 2013, e incluso del 2014", señal



Mitílidos están en el centro de la discusión







Un evento anómalo, relacionado a un cambio en el PH en el mar, estaria detrás de la muerte masiva de choros araucanos (Hyvillius galloprovincialis) que pescadores de muerte masiva de choros araucanos (Hyvillius galloprovincialis) que pescadores de la muerte masiva de choros araucanos (Hyvillius galloprovincialis) que pescadores de la companie de masiva de la companie de la compa por la udec desde diciembre de 2010, en tres caletas de la zona.

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1 de 3 a 4 toneladas) fuego de una última cosecha, en mayor, y que se mantuvieron en producción con el fin de analizar su comportamiento de la respecto de la escación invernal.

# Mussel farming is an important socio-economic activity in northern Patagonia



# mussels farming in Chiloe island is part of the cultural heritage



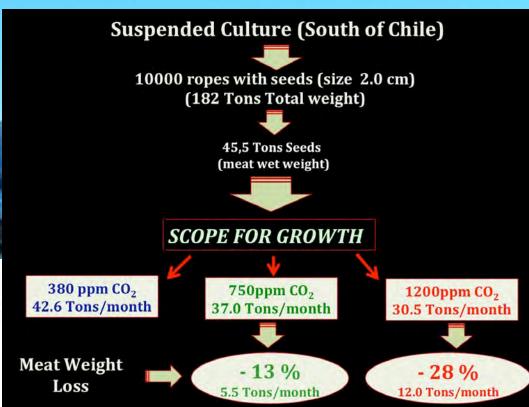
# Mussels are sensitive to OA and may impact coastal communities





Impact of medium-term exposure to elevated pCO<sub>2</sub> levels on the physiological energetics of the mussel Mytilus chilensis

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Navarro et al. 2013 Duarte et al. 2013, 2014

# Is There Anybody Out There?







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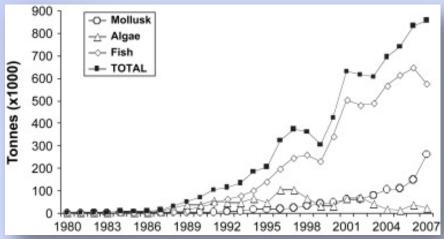




### **AQUACULTURE IN CHILE**

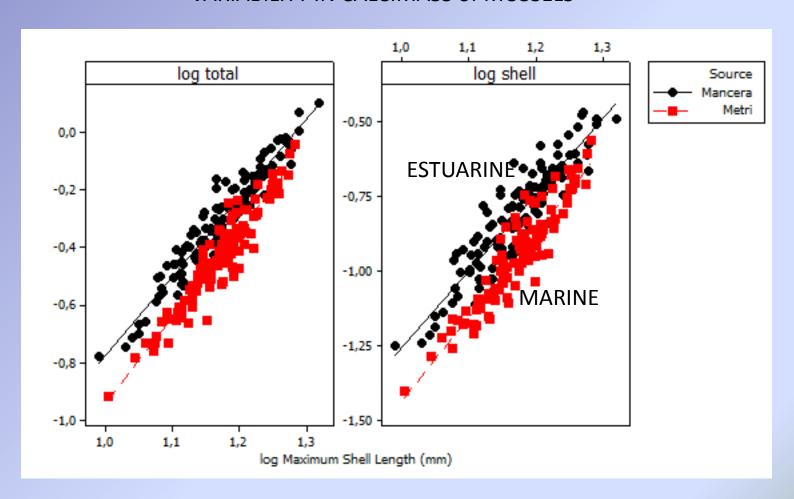
- ✓ From 1990, increased ~20%.
- ✓ Shellfish farming accounted ca. 350,000 tons, or 16 % of total biomass.
- ✓ Chile is the third and second largest producer of scallops and mussels in the world.
- ✓ Employment generation (only mussels industry ~14.000), sociocultural aspects.



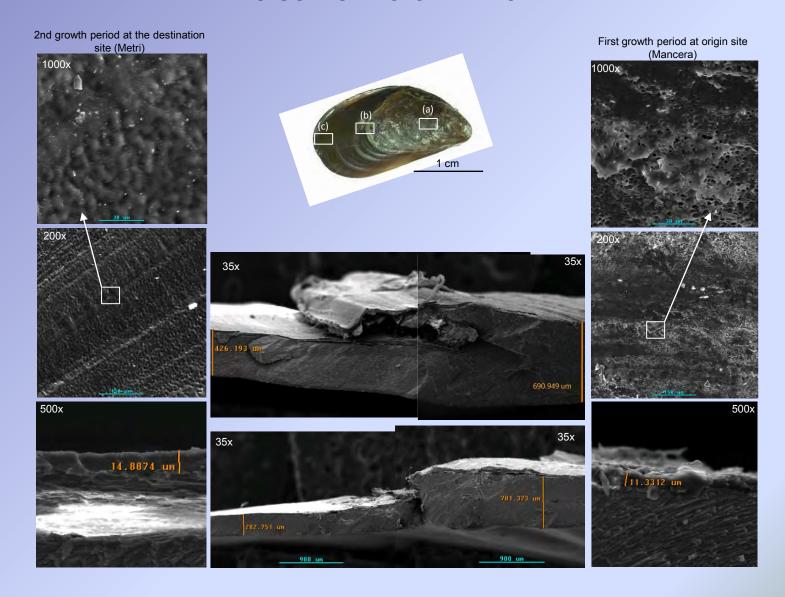




#### **VARIABILITY IN CALCIMASS of MUSSELS**

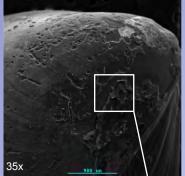


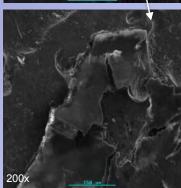
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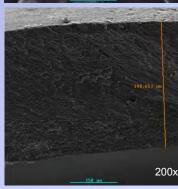


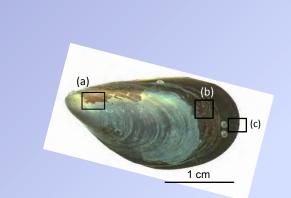
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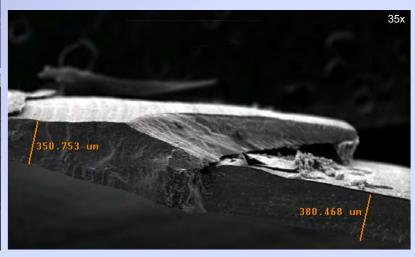
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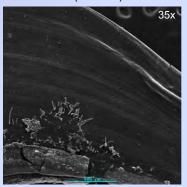


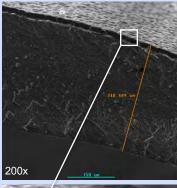


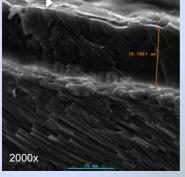




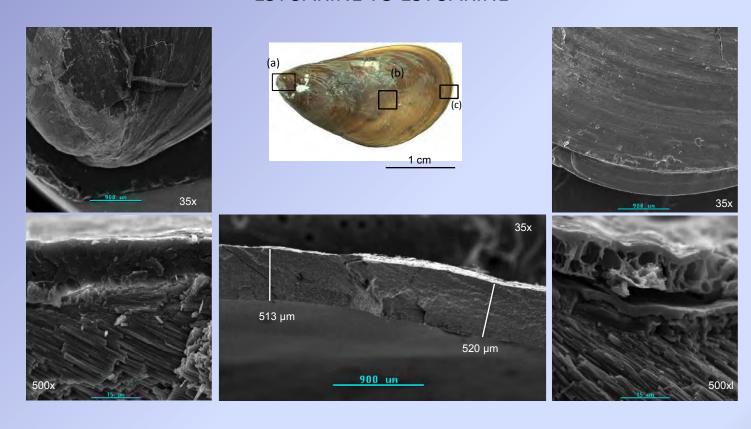
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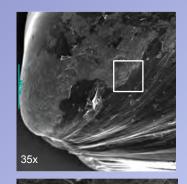




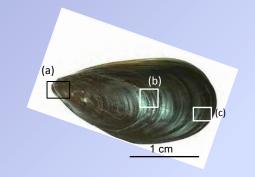


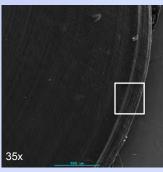
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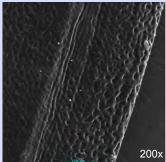


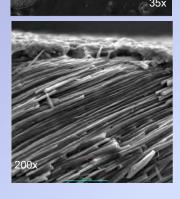


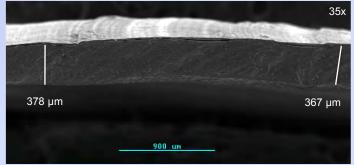


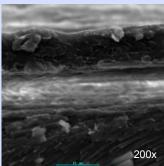










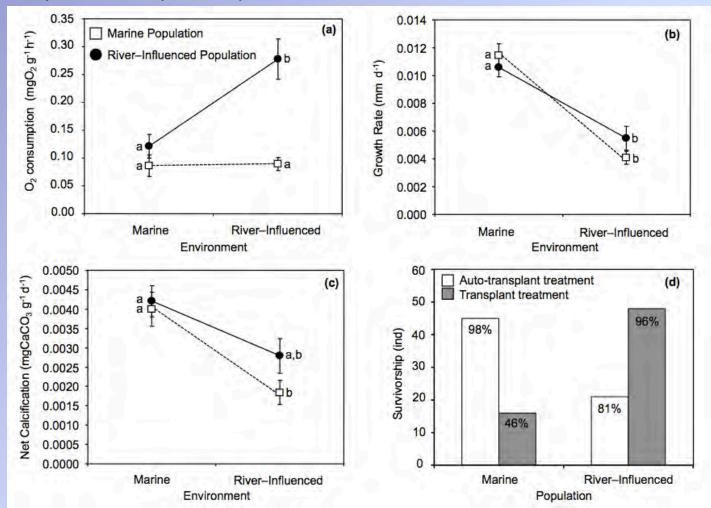


## Some preliminar conclusions

- Mussels calcification and carbonate production varies locally
- Marine conditions stimulate periostracum production
- Estuarine (corrosive) conditions stimulate increased shell thickness
- Trade-offs: shell vs periostracum thickness

### Other species model: intertidal mussels

- Perumytilus purpuratus
- Reciprocal transplant experiment

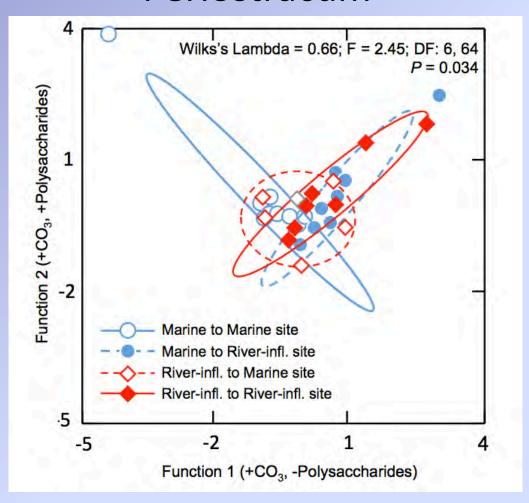


Plasticity and trade-offs in physiological traits of intertidal mussels when

confronting freshwater-induced environmental variation

# Plasticity in the organic composition of the Periostracum





### Multiple stressors

Scallops as study model: 3 food treatment x 2 pH treatments



### Growth and calcification rates in juveniles scallops







## Metabolic rate (oxygen consumption)





#### Cleareance rates







## Protein expression





#### Crecimiento y tasas netas de calcificación







## Medición de las Tasas metabólicas (FIBOX 4 canales)





#### Medición de las tasas de filtración





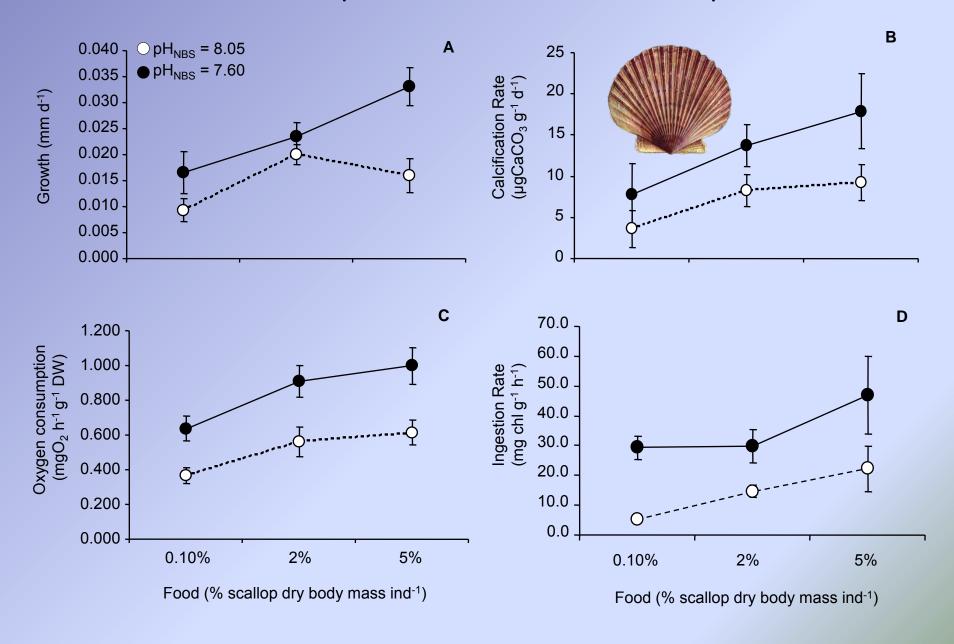


#### Extracción de tejidos para análisis de expresión de proteínas

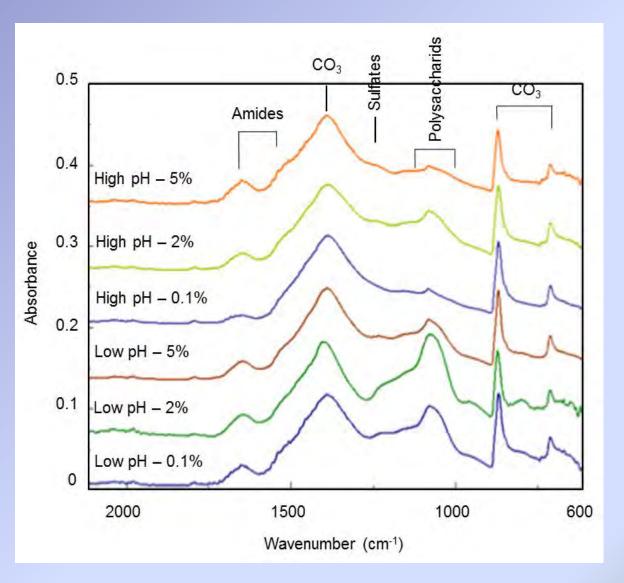




#### Juvenile scallops are resilient to OA if food provided

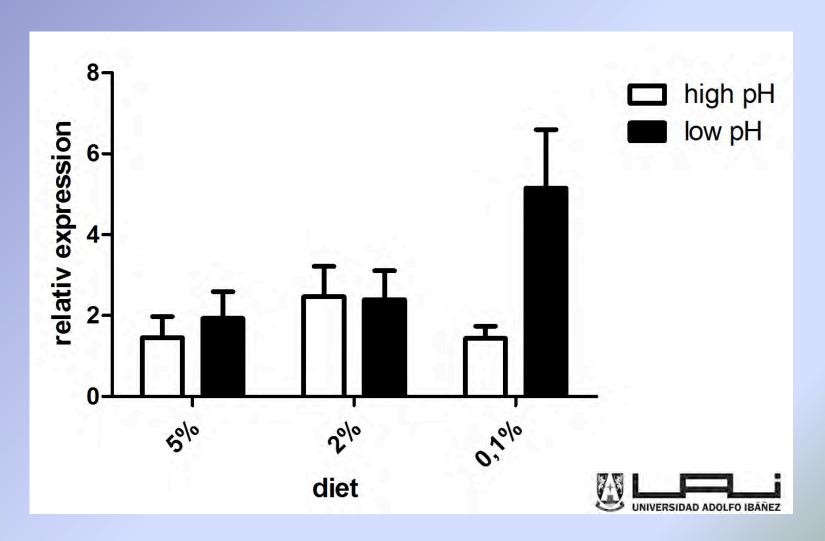


#### Organic composition of the periostracum (FTIR analyses)

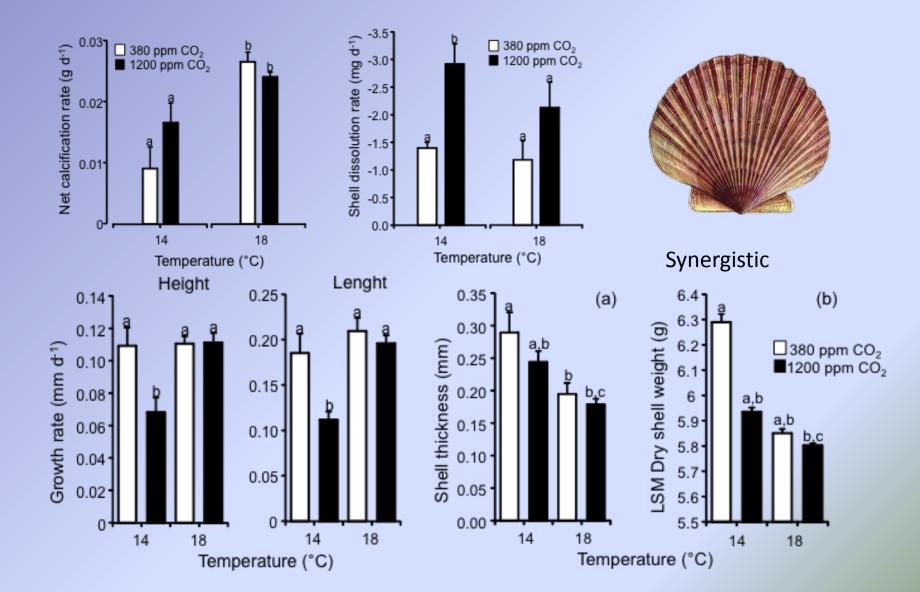




# Expression of calcification-related genes CHITIN SYNTHASE (CHS)



## But adults scallops are sensitive to OA



## MORE CONCLUSIONS

- ✓ The aquaculture in the Humboldt current system is already experiencing effects of multiple environmental stressors.
- ✓ We demonstrate negative but variable effects of OA in species used in aquaculture along the Chilean coast.
- ✓ The role of organic layer in shell growth
- ✓ We provide insights about the potential consequences of OA on aquaculture species which may affect the economic revenues provided by this species and add uncertainty to the future of seafood production in South Pacific.



- Exploring patterns of variability in carbonate standing stock and production in benthic habitats
- Population, community and ecosystems implications

 Taking advantages of the natural variability to test working hypothesis



# Carbonate budget, secondary production and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes in intertidal barnacles experiencing natural variability in Temperature and Ocean Acidification along the Southeastern Pacific Coastal Ecosystems

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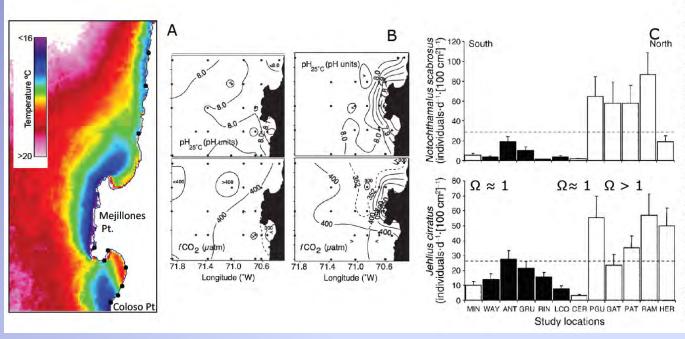


Fig. 1. SST distribution the northern Chile upwelling systems (21-24°S) observed trough AVHRR images (average 2000austral springsummer, Lagos et al 2002); (B) Spatial distribution of pH and during summer 1997 (Torres et al. 2002); (C) spatial variation in recruitment intertidal barnacles recorded in 2000-2001 (Lagos et al. 2008). In C are postulated saturation states,  $\Omega \approx 1$  for sites located near to upwelling centers; and  $\Omega > 1$  for areas far from upwelling center.

#### **Topics:**

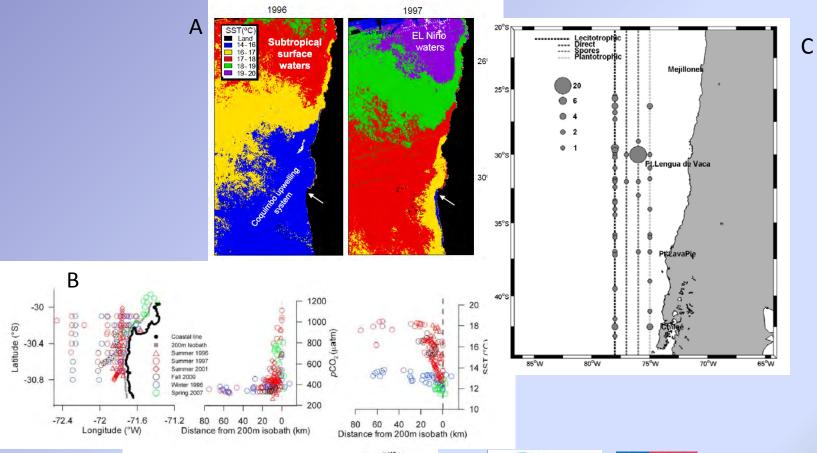
- Carbonate production and shell cycling in upwelling ecosystems
- Benthic ecosystems as CO2 sources.
- Intertidal carbon budget and cycling





## Determinants of marine biogeographic breaks: the underestimated relevance of pH variation

Lardies M.A., Lagos N.A., Broitman B. (FONDECYT 1140092; 2014-2018)











## Education and dissemination







La composición, mineralogía y organización estructural de los bio-minerales (Carbonato) es controlada La composizioni, mere alla propriata del composizioni della composizioni d organización estructural de los tejidos calcificados. Estas metodologías se basan en el uso de técnicas analíticas avanzadas y complementarias (e.g., espectroscopia elemental y molecular, Difracción de Rayos X, técnicas de microscopia electrónica).

En esta charla se presentan algunos ejemplos de los resultados de estas investigaciones como el impacto de la acidificación del océano sobre organismos productores de carbonato (moluscos) y el efecto de contaminantes ambientales sobre enfermedades del metabolismo óseo.













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## Conclusions

- Is important to promote in OA research
  - Reduce emissions
  - To study regionally important species, ecologically, socio-economically (avoiding to rediscover the wheel)
  - Using natural variability to make prediction and design field experiments
  - To be integrative, measuring severals biological traits as possible and environmental stressor
  - disseminate

