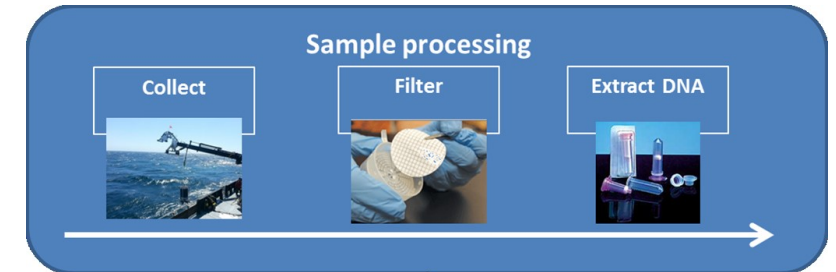
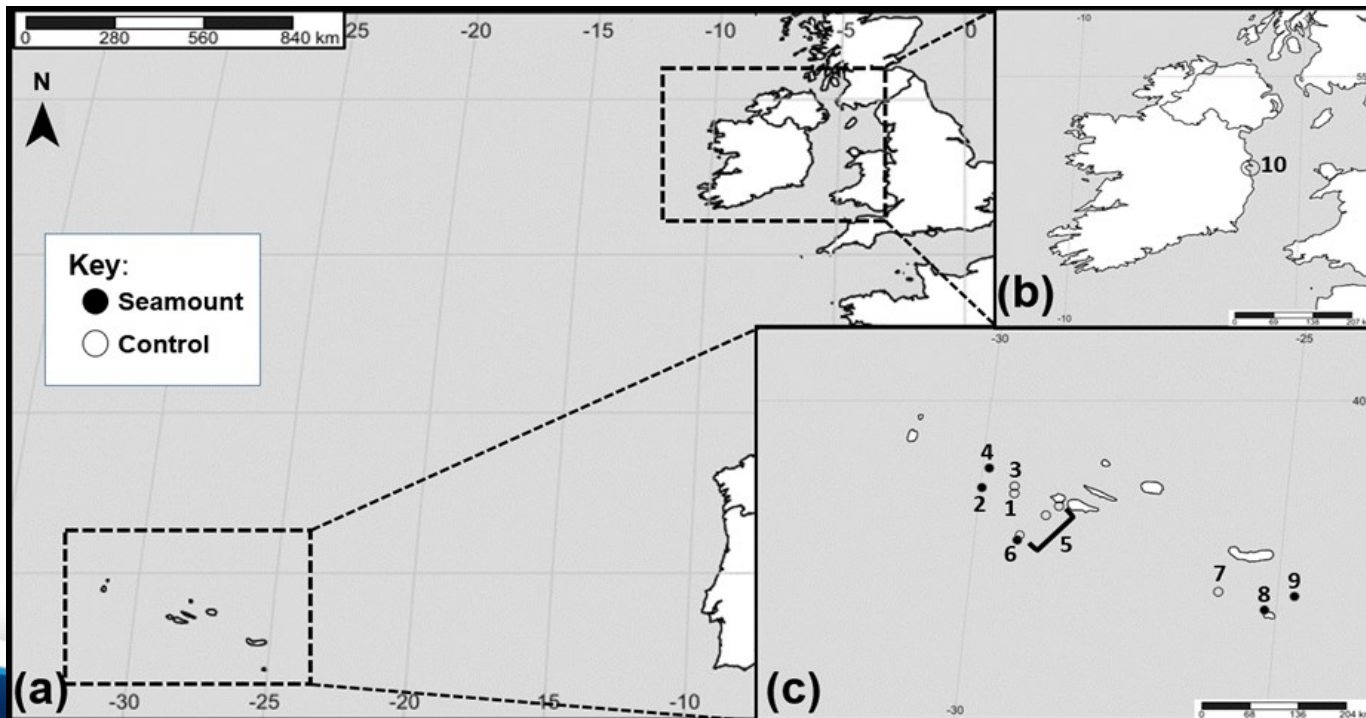


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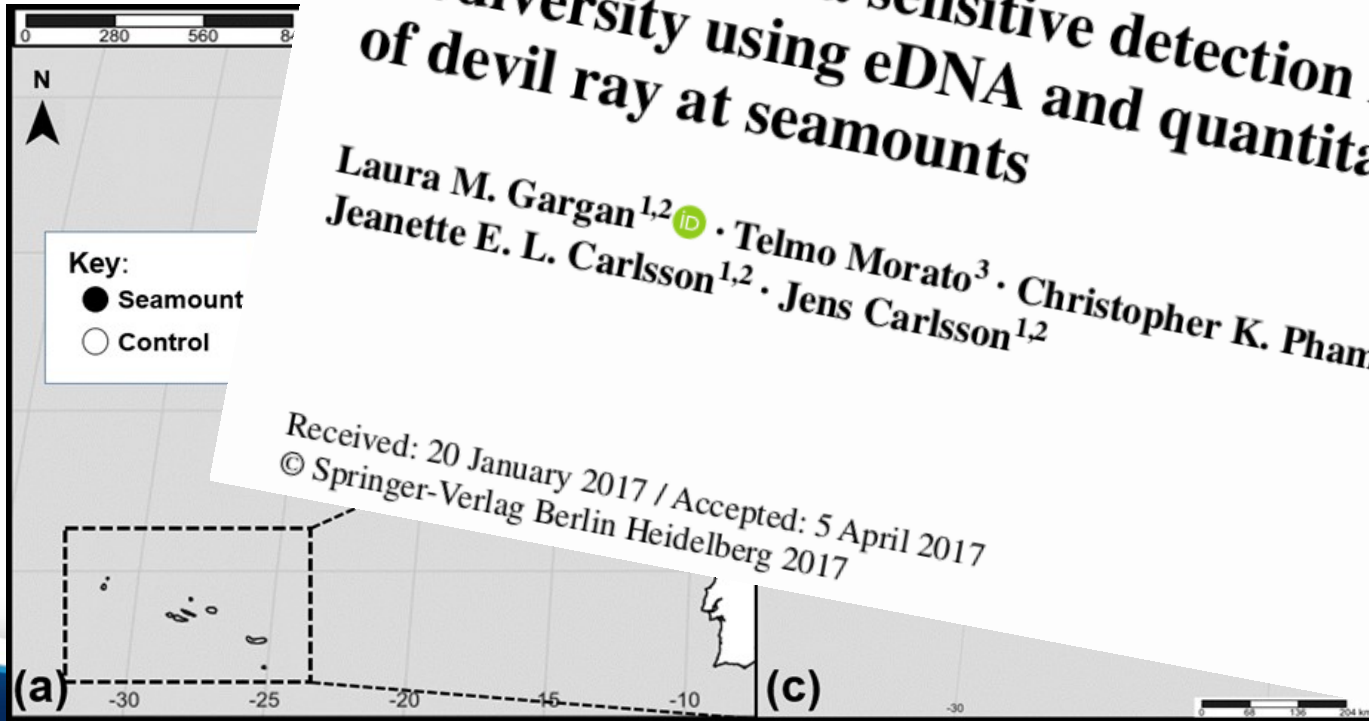
eDNA sample 

28 Azores water samples
PLUS control from Dublin Bay





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METHOD

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Methods: Target species and primer design



Pilot study using the Chilean devil ray (*Mobula tarapacana*) - large, pelagic ray

Vulnerable (IUCN Red List)

Limited data on its distribution/ecology

Difficult to sample and observe – but aggregations occur in the Azores seasonally

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Results: Comparison of visual and genetic detection

Location	Latitude/longitude	Collection start date	No. samples	Visual observation	Genetic detection	Location reference
Ambrósio seamount - before <i>M. tarapacana</i> aggregation ¹	37.052300; -25.189000	24/08/2014	2	-	-	8
Ambrósio seamount - after <i>M. tarapacana</i> aggregation ²	37.052300; -25.189000	27/08/2014	2	+	-	8
Dollabarat seamount	37.237416; -24.725266	25/08/2014	2	+	+	9
Ambrósio and Dollabarat - far field control	37.300666; -25.962000	30/08/2014	2	-	-	7
Gigante seamount	38.989100; -29.890816	26/09/2014	3	-	-	4
Gigante seamount - far field control	38.740166; -29.444150	26/09/2014	1	-	-	3
Seamount "127"	38.722233; -29.972833	25/09/2014	3	-	-	2
Seamount "127" - far field control	38.641950; -29.433866	25/09/2014	1	-	-	1
Princesa Alice seamount	38.004933; -29.298750	27/08/2014	2	+	+	6
Princesa Alice seamount	37.999100; -29.300566	19/09/2014	2	+	+	6
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Princesa Alice seamount - far field control	38.013383; -29.307083	27/08/2014	2	-	+	5
Princesa Alice seamount - far field control	38.342783; -28.881483	19/09/2014	2	-	-	5
Princesa Alice seamount - far field control	38.468366; -28.684316	26/09/2014	2	-	-	5
Dublin Bay	53.297652; -6.147623	08/11/2015	3	-	-	10

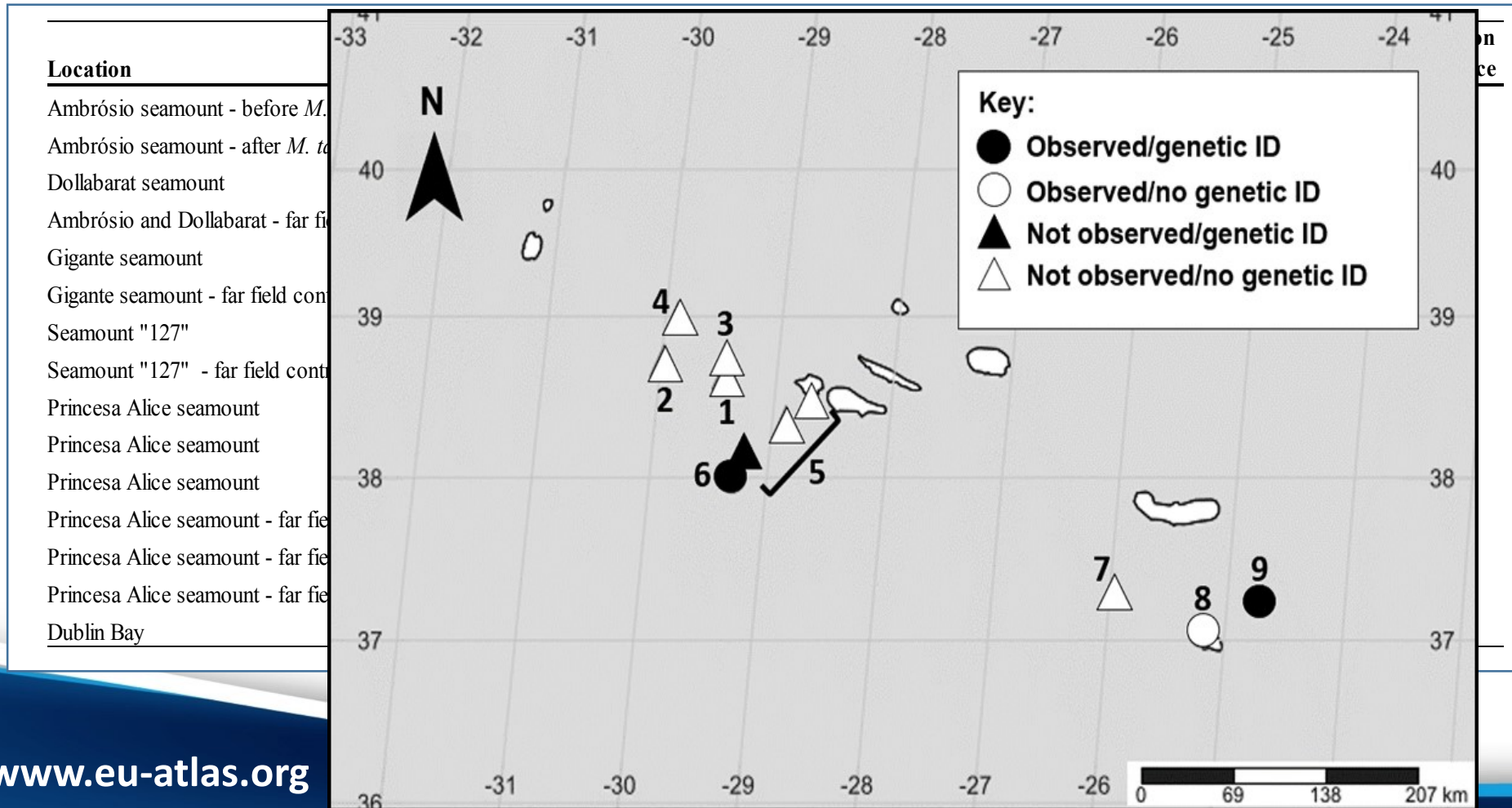
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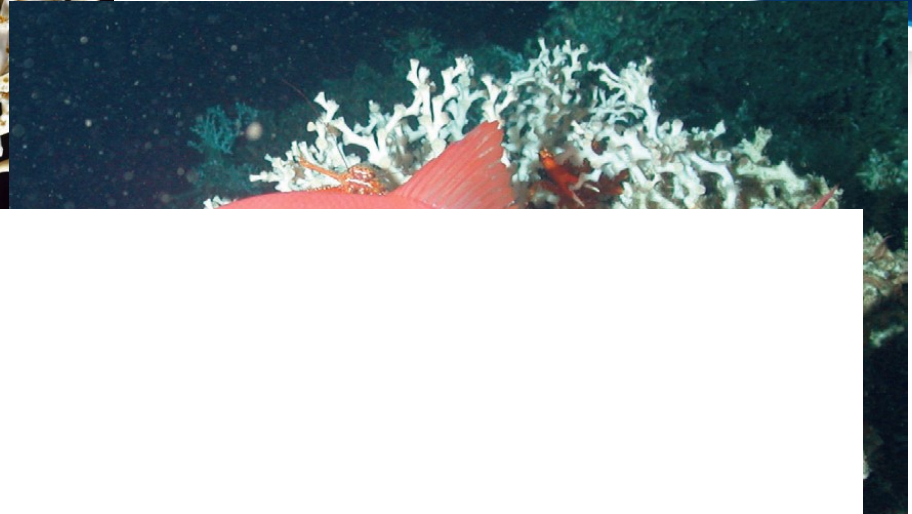
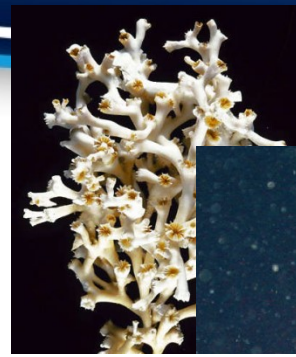
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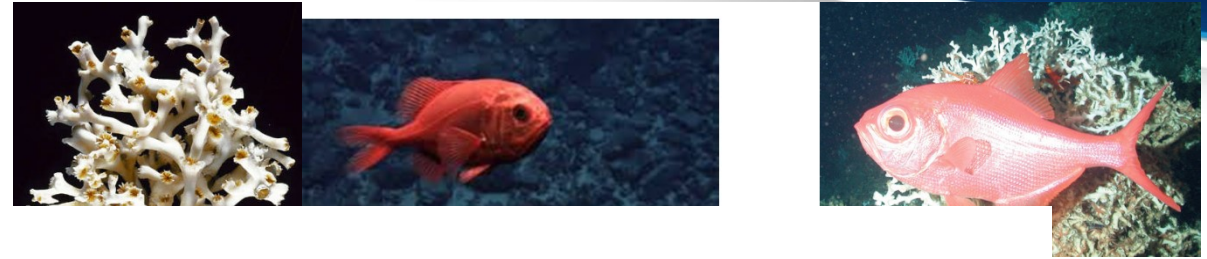




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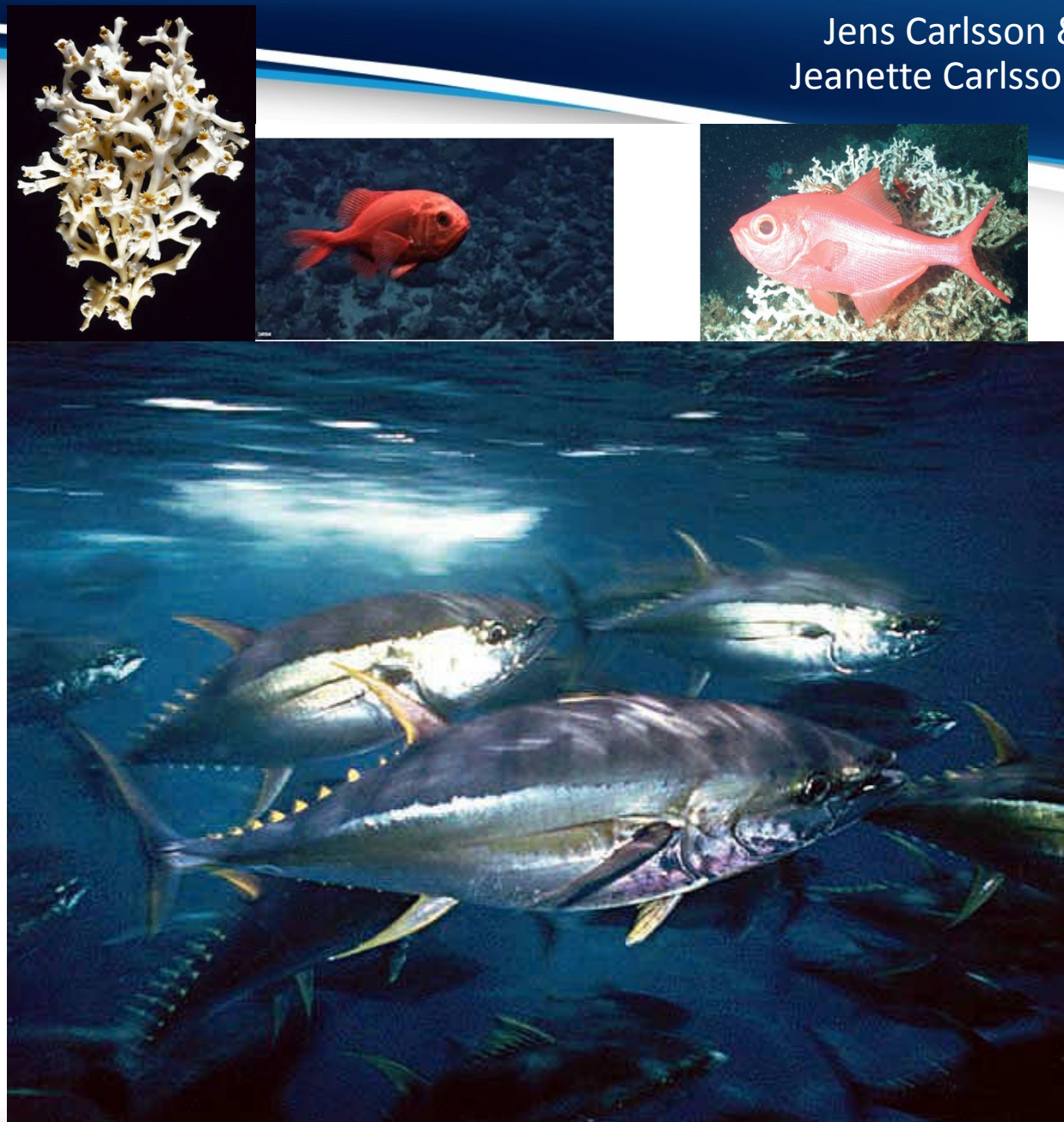


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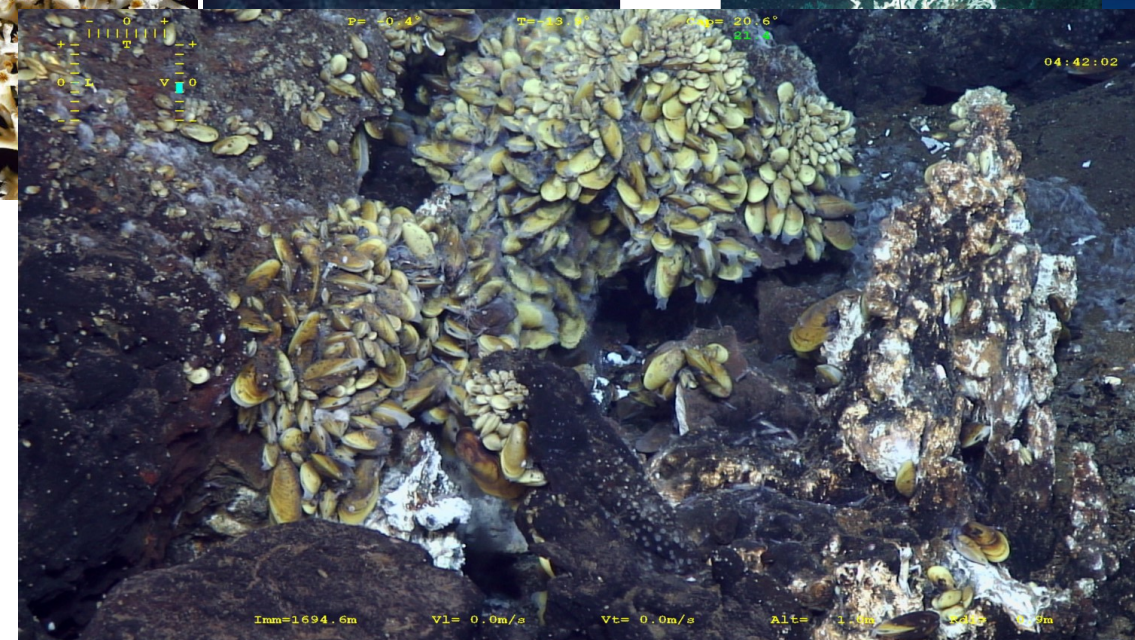
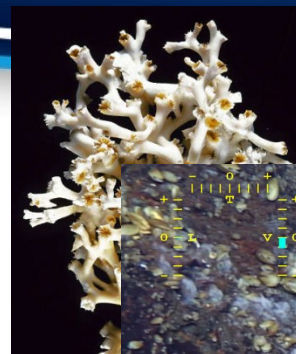
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Segonzacia mesatlantica



Thank You!



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