Response to ocean acidification varies by genotype in the deep-sea coral *Lophelia pertusa* 

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Cordes et al. in press, UNWOA (updated from Freiwald et al. 2005, UNEP)







# 22 sampling stationsDepth range: 2–2500 m2010–2014 (Spring – Fall)





Lunden et al. 2013, L&O; Georgian et al., in prep

#### CTD data providing the first estimates of $\Omega_{ar}$ at depth in the Gulf of Mexico



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## Low $\Omega_{ar}$ at deep-water reefs



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#### Short-term decline in growth in response to low pH and $\Omega_{ar}$ treatments

ambient 1

ambient 2

very low 1

very low 2

low 1

low 2

10

8

6



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#### Variable response by genotype in short term experiments

Average response to pH





## Long-term decline in growth in response to low pH and $\Omega_{ar}$ treatments



#### Variable response by genotype in long term experiments





### Variable response by population: genetic isolation



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#### Variable response by population: growth rate





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### Variable response by population: respiration rate



#### Variable response by population: feeding rate



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# Gulf of Mexico *Lophelia* occurs close to lower bounds of dissolved oxygen tolerance

Survivorship in laboratory experiments





# Gulf of Mexico *Lophelia* occurs close to upper bounds of temperature tolerance



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#### The complex response of *Lophelia* to ocean change

Low saturation states near deep reefs Growth occurs above  $\Omega_{ar} = 1$  in lab experiments Variability in response

some genotypes can calcify at Ω<sub>ar</sub> < 1 different physiological strategies in populations Gulf of Mexico populations may be more sensitive due to multiple stressors in natural environment





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