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Analysis questions

1.	1. What organisms were most common near the vent? Away from the vent?								
2.	How did the abundance of the organisms relate to pH?								
3.	How would shelled organisms be affected by a lower pH of ocean water?								
4.	Over what range of pH do most of the organisms disappear in Dr. Hall-Spencer's study?								
5.	How much has pH dropped in the surface ocean already?								
Co	nclusion / summary (revisit hypothesis)								

Seawater pH in Relation to a CO₂ Vent

organisms number of

Distance From Vent

Distance From Vent

in Relation to a CO₂ Vent **Organism Abundance**

Ischia Island - CO₂ vents in a seagrass community

40+	35-40	30-35	25-30	20-25	15-20	10-15	5-10	0-5	Distance from vent (in meters)
									pН
									# Urchins (healthy)
									# Urchins (sick)
									#Snails (healthy)
									#Snails (sick)
									# calcareous algae
									# non- calcareous algae

10m

20m

30m

40m