

OCEAN EXPERT EXCHANGE EDUCATOR RESOURCES

TOPIC – *Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) in the Caribbean*

FEATURED EXPERT – *Dr. Valeria Pizarro of Perry Institute for Marine Science*

RELATED LEARNING STANDARDS

OCEAN LITERACY PRINCIPLES - **Principle #5:** The ocean supports a great diversity of life and ecosystems.

Principle #6: The ocean and humans are inextricably interconnected.

NEXT GENERATION SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS -

- SC.4.L.17.4:** Recognize ways plants and animals, including humans, can impact the environment.
- SC.5.L.17.1:** Compare and contrast adaptations displayed by animals and plants that enable them to survive in different environments such as life cycles variations, animal behaviors and physical characteristics.
- SC.6.N.1.5:** Recognize that science involves creativity, not just in designing experiments, but also in creating explanations that fit evidence.
- SC.7.N.1.5:** Describe the methods used in the pursuit of a scientific explanation as seen in different fields of science such as biology, geology, and physics.
- SC.7.L.17.3:** Describe and investigate various limiting factors in the local ecosystem and their impact on native populations, including food, shelter, water, space, disease, parasitism, predation, and nesting sites.
- SC.8.N.4.2:** Explain how political, social, and economic concerns can affect science, and vice versa.
- SC.912.N.1.1:** Define a problem based on a specific body of knowledge; pose questions, conduct systematic observations, examine books and other sources of information to see what is already known...
- SC.912.L.17.4:** Describe changes in ecosystems resulting from seasonal variations, climate change and succession.
- SC.912.L.17.8:** Recognize the consequences of the losses of biodiversity due to catastrophic events, climate changes, human activity, and the introduction of invasive, non-native species.
- SC.912.L.17.17:** Assess the effectiveness of innovative methods of protecting the environment.

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

- Reading - ANGARI Foundation [Meet Valeria Pizarro](#) (Grades 5-12)
- Resource Library - Perry Institute for Marine Science [Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease](#) (Grades 6-12)
- Resource Library - MPACConnect [Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease](#) (Grades 6-12)
- Resource Library - AGRRA [Coral Disease Outbreak](#) (Grades 6-12)
- Resource Library - NOAA FKNMS [Florida's Coral Reef Disease Outbreak: Disease](#) (Grades 4-12)
- Video Short - ANGARI Foundation & PIMS [Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease in The Bahamas](#) (Grades 4-12)
- Reading - Frontiers for Young Minds [How Can Studying Mucus Protect Coral Reefs?](#) (Grades 4-10)
- Reading - NOAA National Ocean Service [Coral Diseases](#) (Grades 7-12)
- Reading - NOAA NMS [NOAA & partners combat devastating coral disease & plan for restoration](#) (Grades 6-12)
- Reading - FL DEP [Intervention & fate tracking for corals affected by SCTLD in N. FL Reef Tract](#) (Grades 10-12)
- Lessons - Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative [Florida's Coral Reef Lessons and Activities](#) (Grades K-12)
- Lesson - California State University, Northridge [A Lesson Plan in Coral Reef Ecology](#) (Grades 9-12)
- Publication - Frontiers for Young Minds [...Underwater Pandemic is Wiping Out Caribbean Corals](#) (Grades 5-10)
- Publication - Frontiers in Marine Science [Spatial and Temporal Patterns of Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease Outbreaks in The Bahamas](#) (Grades 10-12)
- Publication - Frontiers in Marine Science [The Emergence and Initial Impact of Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease \(SCTLD\) in the United States Virgin Islands](#) (Grades 10-12)