



## Southeast Ocean and Coastal Acidification Network (SOCAN) and OA Monitoring in the FL Keys

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## **Overview of the Project**

- SOCAN works directly with scientists, resource managers, industry experts and educators to facilitate research and discussion to address coastal and ocean acidification in the US Southeast.
- Collaboration with other CANs.
- Identify gaps in research and monitoring needs in the US Southeast.
- Coastal Carolina monitoring project.



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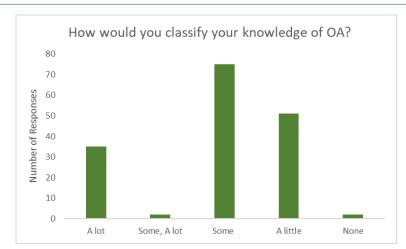




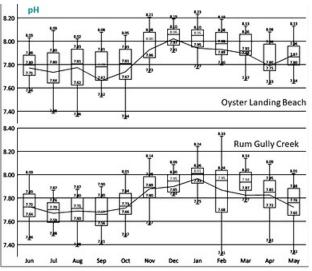


## Accomplishments

- Build out plan with GCAN and CHNEP
  - Social and environmental vulnerabilities in the US Southeast and Gulf of Mexico
- Townhalls
  - OA and Mangroves
  - Marine Carbon Dioxide Removal and Blue Carbon
- Coastal Carolina Project
- Workshops and Conferences
  - International GoM OA Meeting (Merida, Mexico)
  - MACAN webinar
  - OA Day of Action
  - South Carolina Water Resources Meeting
  - South Carolina Science Educator's Café
  - AGU
  - CHNEP Florida Climate Summit







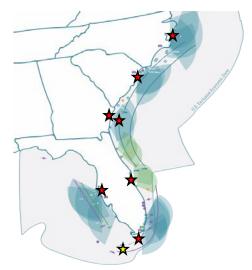






## **Challenges and Looking Ahead**

- Stakeholder Recruitment
- Low spatial-temporal resolution for permanent sites
- Using pH data from weather quality datasets (vs climate quality)
- Affordable sensors
- Coral Reef Acidification Lower (CoRAL) Keys: SeapHOx deployment to monitoring long-term seafloor pH





Example of the seafloor mooring placed at Crocker Reef (credits: Kim Yates).





