# 5 th SCIENTIFICEXPERT CONFERENCE

Zadar, September 26th to 29th, 2024











### Climate Change and Preservation of Marine Ecosystems of the Adriatic Sea

## Interdisciplinary approach to considering adaptations, measures, and good practices in resolving issues caused by climate change

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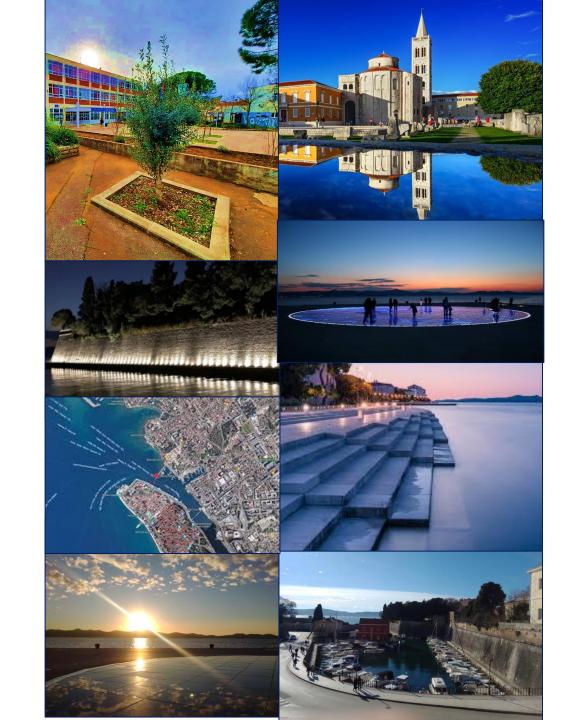
### Climate change impact on marine ecosystems in school curricula

## Primary School Students' Research on the Impact of Climate Change and Sea Acidification on Marine Organisms

### Elementary School Šime Budinić Zadar Crotia



Anita Mustać, Master of Science in Biology, excellent advisor





Biology
Ecology
Health
Biodiversity
Geography
History
Culture

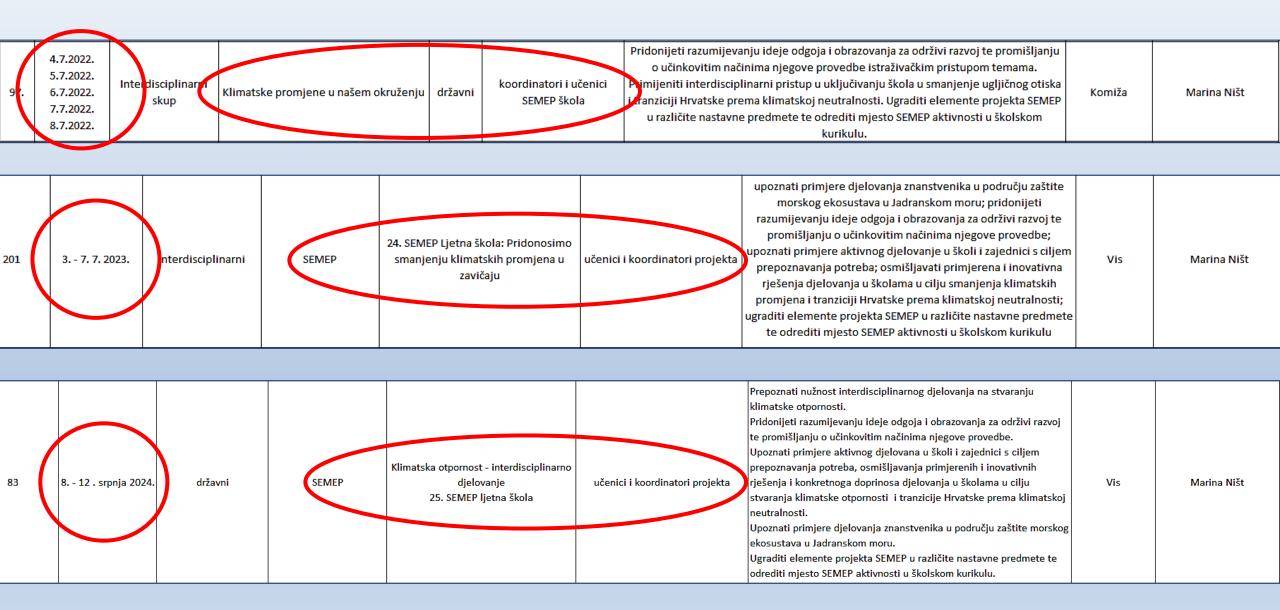
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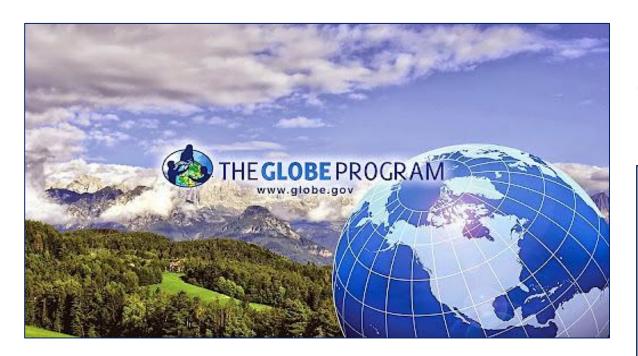
(South - Eastern Mediterranean Environmental Project)

Interdisciplinary project of upbringing and education for sustainable development on the southeastern coast of the Mediterranean Sea



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### THE GLOBE PROGRAM

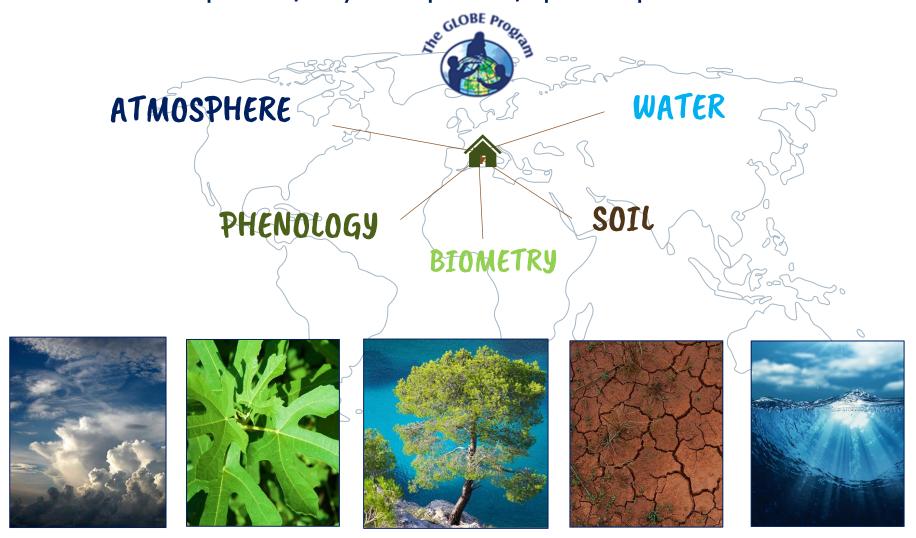


### THE **GLOBE** PROGRAM

The Global Learning and
Observations to the Benefit the
Environment

GLOBE is an international program that deals with holistic learning and observation for the benefit of the environment.

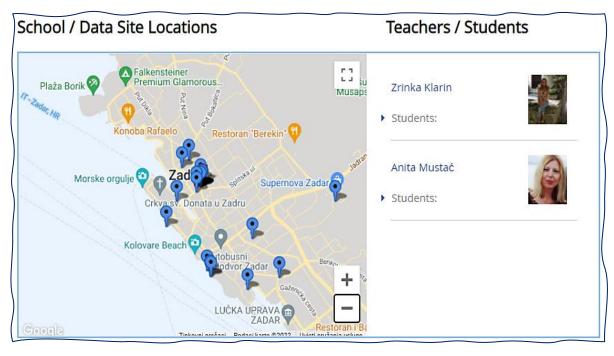
The GLOBE program includes regular and continuous student observations and measurements in the immediate environment for the areas of the atmosphere, hydrosphere, pedosphere and land cover.



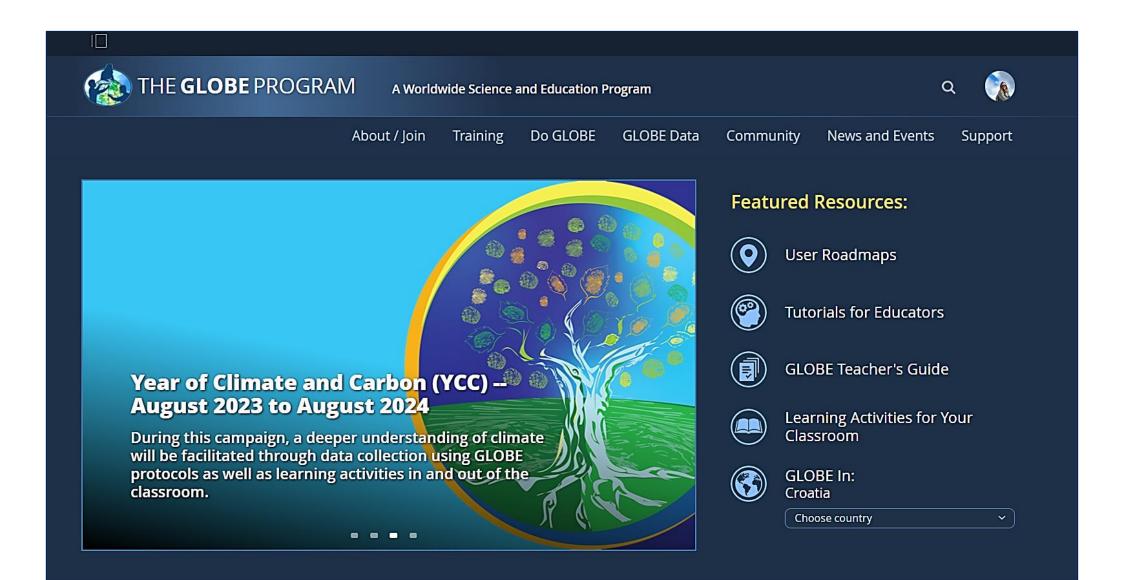
### Elementary School Šime Budinić Zadar has been in the GLOBE program since 2011.

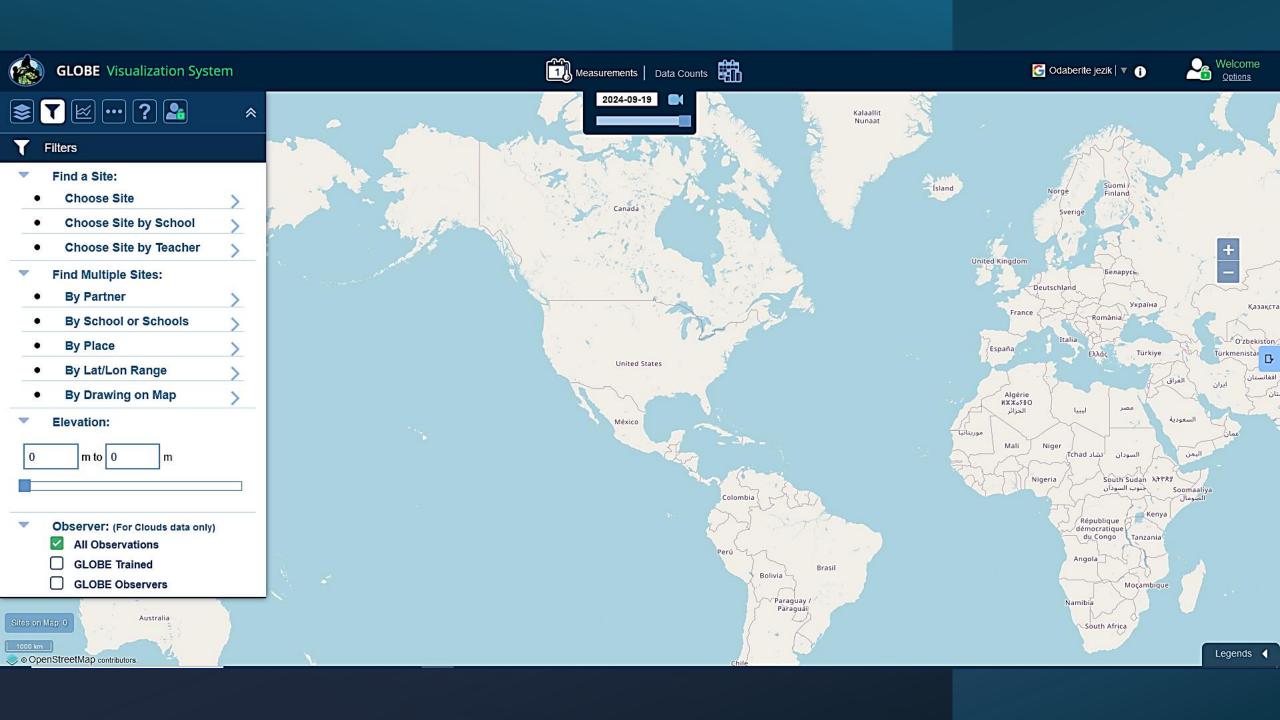
Students – 50 Globe teachers – 2 Site – 21 Data Entries – 870 000

### 21 SITE









### CO<sub>2</sub> - a gas that occurs naturally in the Earth's atmosphere and in the oceans

- important for plant photosynthesis
- one of the main greenhouse gases that maintain the temperature on Earth

modern times



burning of fossil fuels, destruction of forests



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increased concentration of CO<sub>2</sub>



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#### excess CO<sub>2</sub> in the air



excess dissolved CO<sub>2</sub> in the sea



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formation of carbonic acid

lowering the pH of the sea

sea acidification

Research question: How does sea acidification affect marine organisms?

**Hypothesis:** Acidification of the sea affects the change of structures in the structure of marine organisms.

**Research plan:** - analyze data collected over 10 years on sea temperature and pH values at selected stations

- compare the effect of liquids of different pH (water, sea and vinegar) on the shells of clams, snails, sea urchins, chalk, eggshells

**Presentation of results:** creation and presentation of a presentation or poster

Making a conclusion

#### Materials and accessories: water, sea, vinegar, shells of snails, bivalves,

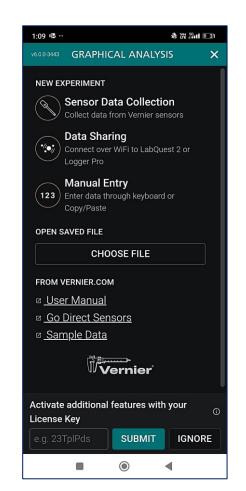
pH measuring instrument - Vernier Go Direct

urchins, chalk, eggshells, pH measuring instrument - Vernier Go Direct, Graphical Analysis application, GLOBE database,

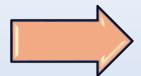
laboratory beakers, Petri dishes



Graphical Analysis application



### Measuring stations



## Protocols for the hydrosphere: pH, temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, nitrates







Foša

Muzej stakla

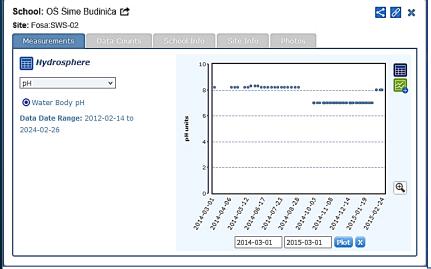
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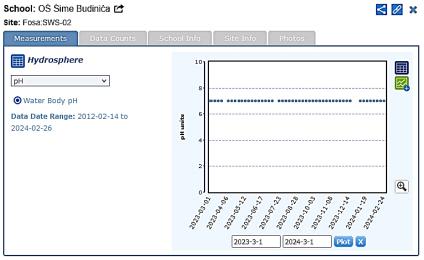


Foša —
Sea temperature
measurement - 10
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Foša — Measurement of pH - 10 years ago and today



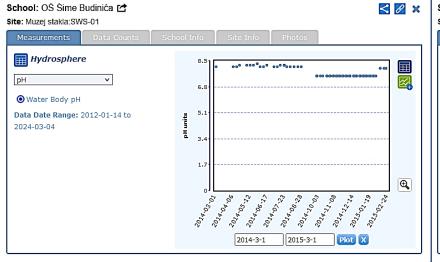


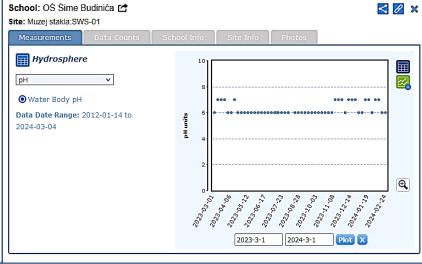


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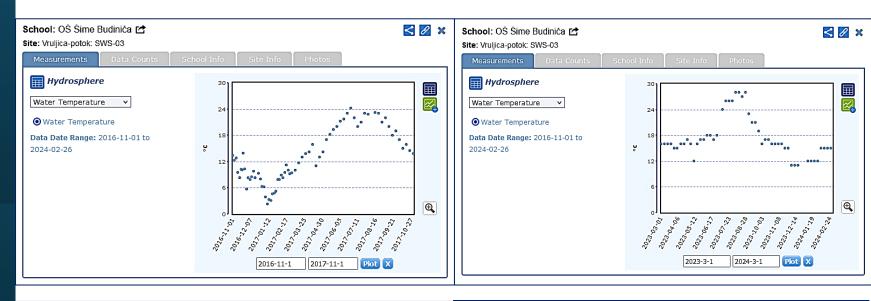


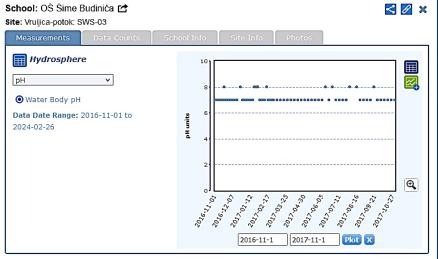


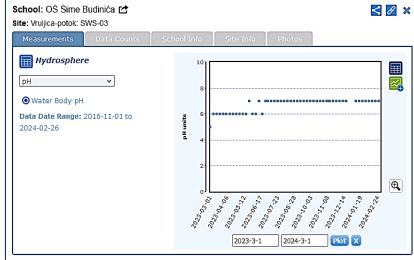


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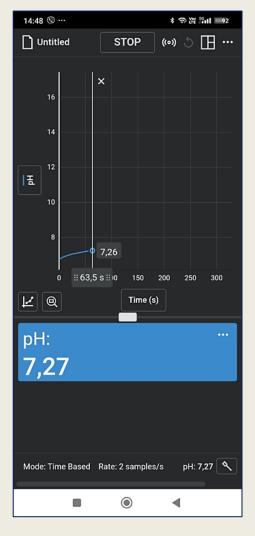


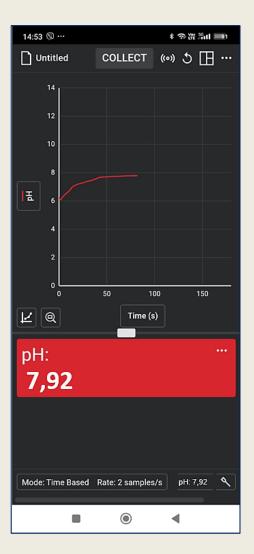


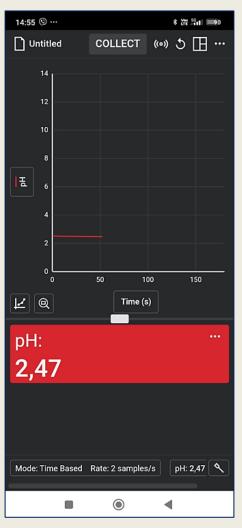
### **Experiment setup:**

### - pH measurement of liquids







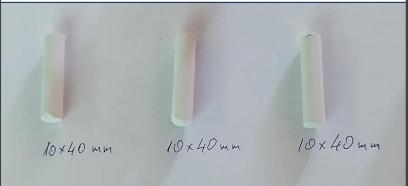


tap water

sea

vinegar









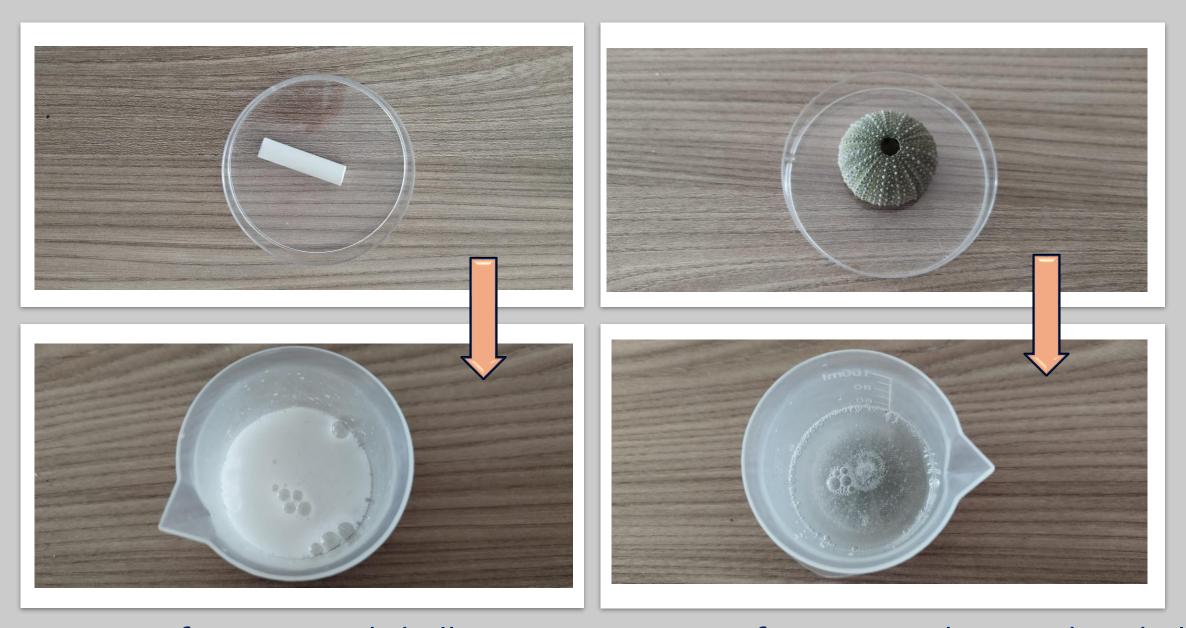
- shells of snails, bivalves, urchins, eggs, chalk





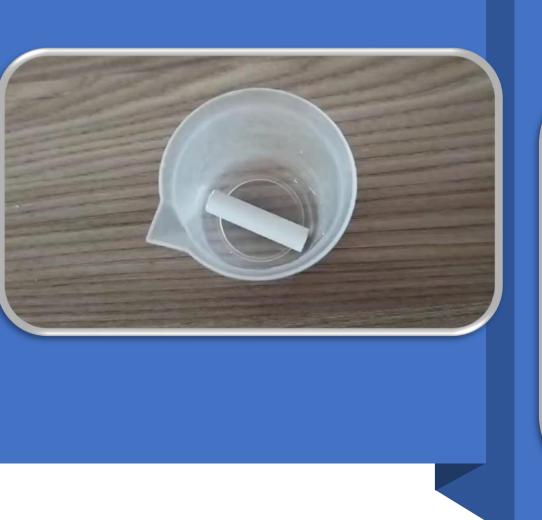






reaction of vinegar and chalk

reaction of vinegar and sea urchin shell





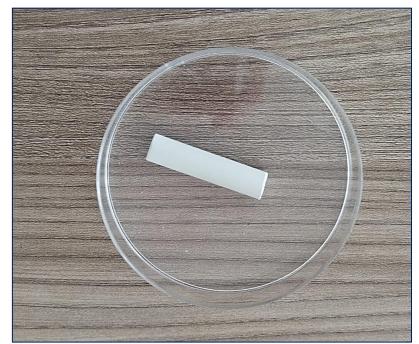
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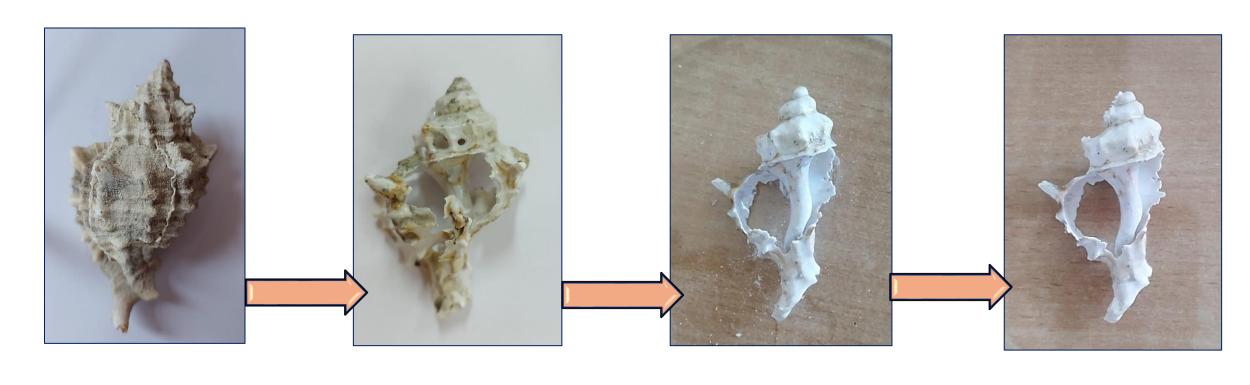




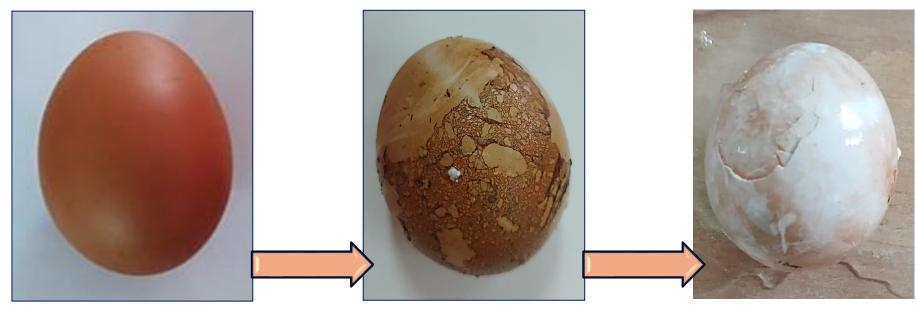








Changes after a week



### **Observations:**

- 1. Vinegar causes changes in the shell of eggs, chalk, shells of bivalves, snails and urchins, while tap water and the sea do not cause changes in the course duration of the experiment.
- 2. Vinegar causes a violent and visible chemical reaction with chemical compounds in chalk and urchin shells.
- 3. In a chemical reaction, gas is released (air bubbles are proof).
- 4. Vinegar causes softening and cracking of the eggshell.
- 5. Vinegar causes chalk and urchin shells to dissolve after 24 hours.

### **Conclusion:**

Sea acidification causes changes in egg shells, chalk, shells of bivalves, snails and sea urchins.

### The student's proposal for continuing the research:

- measure the change in the size and thickness of the shells of the mentioned organisms during a longer period of research
- measure the amount of gas released in a chemical reaction

### Thank you for your attention!



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**Evaluation**