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Here's the poop on ocean health

WASHINGTON - The ocean's delicate acid balance may be getting help from an unexpected source: fish poop.


The increase in carbon dioxide in the atmosphere raises the amount of CO2 dissolved in ocean water, making it more acidic, potentially a threat to sea life.

Alkaline chemicals like calcium carbonate can help balance this acid. Now researchers led by Rod W. Wilson of the University of Exeter in England report in the journal *Science* that marine fish contribute between 3 percent and 15 percent of total carbonate, much of it in poop form. *

- Associated Press

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