

Other Resource

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/understanding-ocean-acidification>

Opinion piece:

Our Oceans Are Losing Their Voice

- Carolina Novillo B.

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Sharing my piece

I sent my piece to my
university to inform
more people.

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Espero que este mensaje le encuentre muy bien. Mi nombre es Carolina Novillo y soy
Alumna Actualmente estoy participando en un proyecto llamado Project Ocean Challenge

Como parte de este desafío, escribí un artículo de opinión titulado "Our Oceans Are Lo
singing their voice" sobre los impactos del cambio climático en la vida marina y la urgente necesidad de pr
accionar para garantizar la sostenibilidad y bienestar para las generaciones futuras dentro de nuest
ro planeta.

De igual manera, dejo los links de materiales que fueron de soporte para la elaboración
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https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/understanding-ocean-acidification_for_science

Agradezco al artículo a este correo. Muchas gracias por su tiempo y por apoyar las voces
de las futuras líderes.

Con amor,
Carolina Novillo Bravo
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Bonus opportunity:

I sent my piece to my university's communications department email:

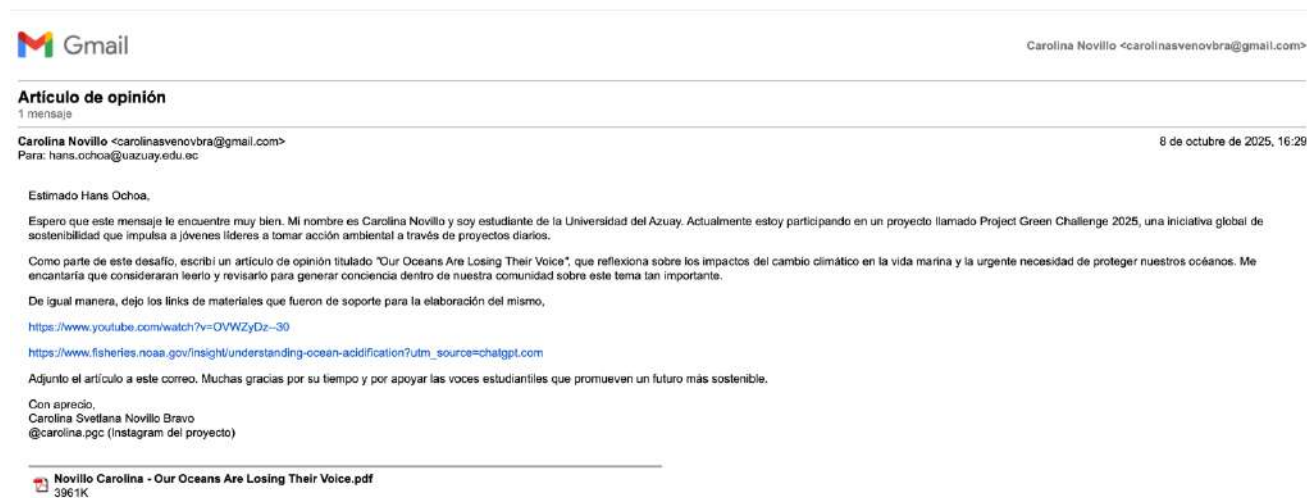
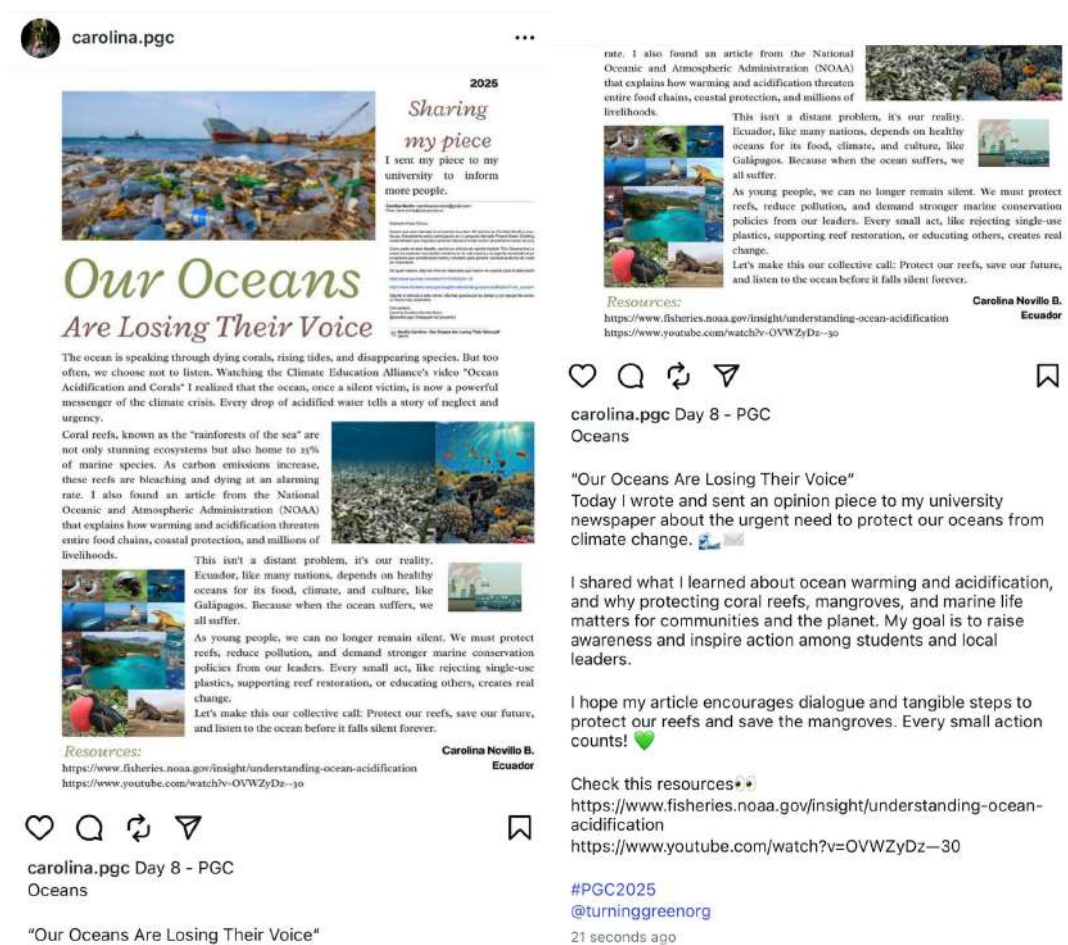


Photo from the post on my Instagram account



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Link from the post on my Instagram account

<https://www.instagram.com/p/DPkHGuIDe02/?igsh=MWpwbzBxbjZ5eDl5ZA==>

Caption

Day 8 - PGC

Oceans

"Our Oceans Are Losing Their Voice"

Today I wrote and sent an opinion piece to my university newspaper about the urgent need to protect our oceans from climate change.

I shared what I learned about ocean warming and acidification, and why protecting coral reefs, mangroves, and marine life matters for communities and the planet. My goal is to raise awareness and inspire action among students and local leaders.

I hope my article encourages dialogue and tangible steps to protect our reefs and save the mangroves. Every small action counts!

Check these resources

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVWZyDz-30>