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The equatorial Pacific plays an important role in the global carbon cycle. Because of upwelling, the CO₂ in the surface water is high and this region is the ocean's largest source to the atmosphere. It may also contribute a significant fraction of the ocean's new production. The magnitude of these fluxes varies interannually in association with the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). At the same time, it is considered a high nutrient-low chlorophyll (HNLC) regime, which means that the fluxes are low for the nutrient levels present. The record of how these fluxes changed in the past is preserved in the underlying sediments.

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