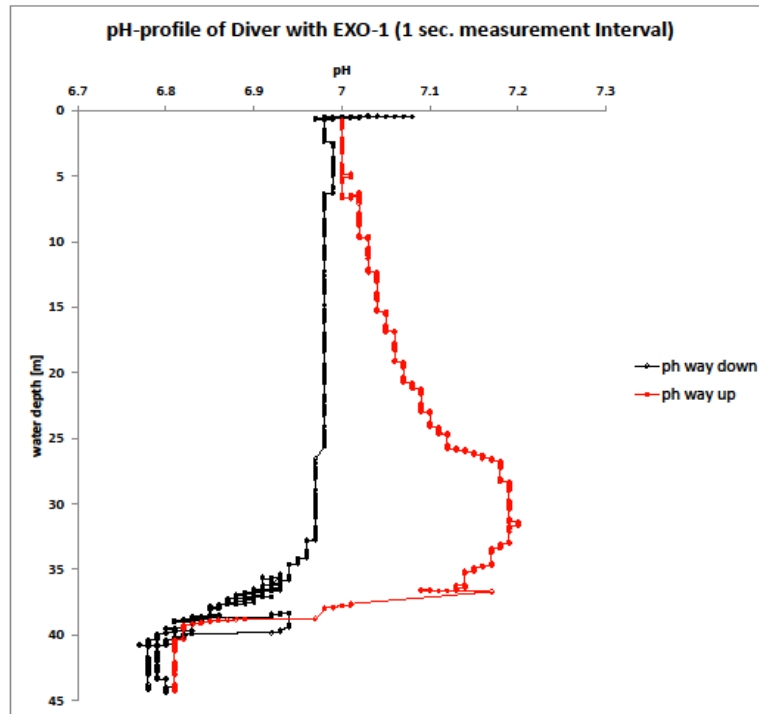
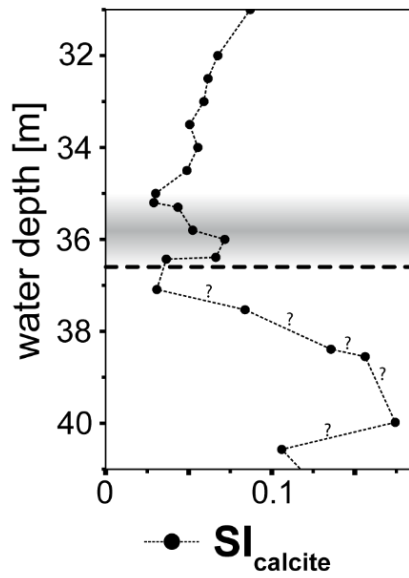


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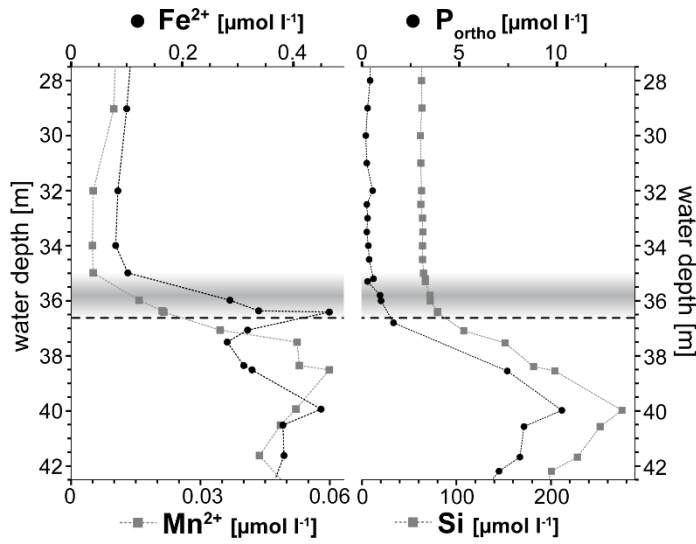
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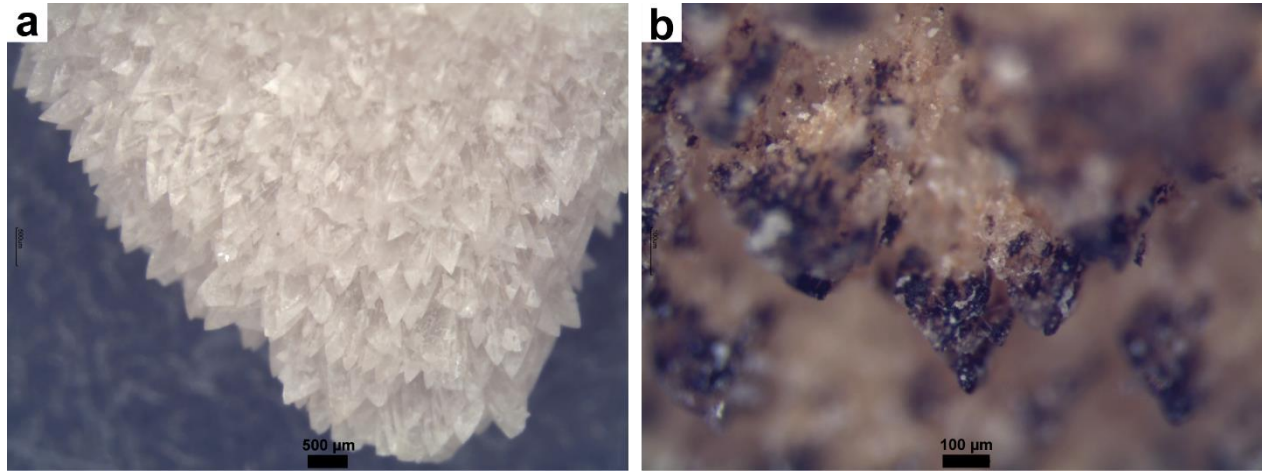
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5 Fig. S1: pH-logs of EXO-1 probe deployed at a dive down to 45 m water depth. The probe was attached to the gas bottle of  
6 a technical diver and pH was logged every second. The pH-electrode reacted on elevated sulfide concentrations below 36 m  
7 water depth resulting in higher pH readings. This is evident in the pH readings on the way up that are elevated compared  
8 the readings on the way down. However, the probe seems to regenerate itself in some time after the exposure to sulfide.



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 10 Fig. S2: Calculated saturation index for calcite at different water depth. Note the distinct peak of calcite oversaturation at  
 11 ~35.8 m water depth. The calcite oversaturation below the halocline is delusive as the pH-Sonde is affected by the high  
 12 sulfide concentrations below the turbid layer that cause a non-quantifiable positive pH shift (see also Fig. S1).



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 14 Fig. S3: Concentrations of dissolved iron and manganese (left) and orthophosphate and silica (right) in 28–42 m water depth.  
 15 The grey band represents the turbid layer in 35–36.6 m water depth and the dashed line indicates the top of the halocline at  
 16 36.6 m water depth.



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18 **Fig. S4: Light microscopic images of Hells Bells calcite needles of clear white Hells Bells found below ~30 m water depth**  
19 **and with brownish Mn-oxide coatings on Hells Bells from 28–30 m water.**

20 **Table S1: In-Situ parameter readings from EXO-1 probe. Given values represent the last values of measuring >1 min at a**  
21 **certain water depth.**

**In-Situ Parameters readings (EXO-1)**

Profile - type	date [d.m.y]	water depth [m]	sp. Conductivity $\mu\text{S/cm}$	O2 mg/l	Turbidity FNU	pH	Temp $^{\circ}\text{C}$	EH mV
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	11.69	1435	3.85	-0.21	6.97	24.373	221.8
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	21.23	1441.2	3.8	-0.2	6.97	24.404	232.4
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	26.25	1441.5	3.76	-0.21	6.97	24.411	238
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	32.32	1583.2	2.33	-0.19	6.94	24.553	242.1
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	33.32	1624.2	1.94	-0.18	6.93	24.573	242
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	34.31	1695.8	1.11	-0.16	6.92	24.598	240.3
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	35.28	1803.9	<0.2	1.1	6.9	24.626	236.8
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	36.28	2276.9	<0.2	1.36	6.91	24.668	54.2
winch profile 1	11.12.2017	37.24	5398	<0.2	-0.06	6.86	24.718	-41.8
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	0.47	1436.3	4	-0.16	6.97	24.373	262.8
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	28.40	1446.7	3.69	-0.21	6.97	24.412	267.4
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	29.41	1445.7	3.74	-0.21	6.97	24.418	269.9
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	29.90	1446	3.73	-0.21	6.97	24.416	271.4
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	30.41	1452.1	3.64	-0.17	6.97	24.436	272.3
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	30.91	1488.6	3.33	-0.23	6.96	24.485	273.1
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	31.32	1523.6	2.99	-0.21	6.95	24.498	241.5
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	31.41	1541.1	2.86	-0.22	6.95	24.535	273.5
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	31.91	1578.5	2.52	-0.15	6.94	24.55	273.6
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	32.41	1591.1	2.39	-0.23	6.94	24.558	273.4
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	32.91	1612.8	2.09	-0.24	6.94	24.57	273.1
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	33.46	1644.8	1.66	-0.18	6.93	24.583	272.6
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	33.95	1667.1	1.45	-0.2	6.93	24.59	271.9

winch profile 2	11.12.2017	34.42	1704.1	1.04	-0.17	6.92	24.602	270.6
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	34.62	1741.9	0.6	-0.13	6.92	24.611	268.8
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	34.82	1771	0.38	0.04	6.91	24.62	266.5
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	35.02	1793.5	0.21	0.85	6.91	24.629	263.9
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	35.23	1852	<0.2	1.89	6.91	24.637	252.8
winch profile 2	11.12.2017	35.42	1877.1	<0.2	4.03	6.91	24.641	233.6
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	34.88	1769.4	0.53	0.06	6.93	24.608	282.6
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	35.38	1843.6	<0.2	3	6.91	24.632	280.6
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	35.60	1914.9	<0.2	6.04	6.92	24.644	274.4
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	35.81	2008.3	<0.2	6.71	6.94	24.654	150.8
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	35.98	2118.9	<0.2	3.01	6.93	24.662	70.9
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	36.28	2303.4	<0.2	1.58	6.92	24.672	20.3
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	36.47	2588.6	<0.2	0.64	6.91	24.681	-11.1
winch profile 3	11.12.2017	36.53	2697.4	<0.2	1.04	6.91	24.685	-30
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	35.42	1861.1	<0.2	2.99	6.93	24.619	191.1
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	36.44	2568.6	<0.2	0.74	6.92	24.692	-22.9
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	36.64	2891.5	<0.2	0.34	6.91	24.692	-42.8
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	36.83	3520	<0.2	0.06	6.91	24.705	-69.6
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	37.03	4288.2	<0.2	0.01	6.89	24.714	-87
winch profile 4	12.12.2017	37.20	5325.7	<0.2	-0.02	6.89	24.728	-108.8
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	35.39	2024.8	0.29	4.12	6.93	24.637	109.4
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	36.39	2487.7	<0.2	2.57	6.91	24.66	66
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	36.43	2522.6	<0.2	2.63	6.92	24.655	7.9
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	37.09	4552.2	<0.2	0.7	6.88	24.694	-10.4
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	37.53	9162.1	<0.2	0.29	6.86	24.736	-58.1
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	38.39	12773.4	<0.2	0	6.86	24.767	-104.2
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	38.55	17193.7	<0.2	-0.08	6.84	24.784	-117.5
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	39.98	24954.2	<0.2	-0.11	6.82	24.825	-133.1
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	40.57	32121.7	<0.2	-0.14	6.78	24.889	-139.1
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	41.68	36802.8	<0.2	-0.19	6.79	24.944	-148
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	42.19	38334.8	<0.2	-0.22	6.79	24.965	-148.6
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	44.20	41974.3	<0.2	-0.2	6.8	25.026	-147.6
diver profile 1	14.12.2017	44.05	42961.6	<0.2	-0.25	6.81	25.047	-145.5
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	40.11	27055.2	<0.2	-0.1	6.73	24.849	-83.7
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	48.98	48408.2	<0.2	-0.24	6.94	25.214	-133.3
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	43.51	41866.1	<0.2	-0.21	6.78	25.02	-135.9
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	39.31	19594	<0.2	-0.09	6.83	24.814	-139.4
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	45.62	44910.1	<0.2	-0.18	6.78	25.033	-136.3
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	47.80	46661.9	<0.2	-0.2	6.79	25.065	-136.4
diver profile 2	15.12.2017	50.53	48476.4	<0.2	-0.26	6.95	25.219	-131.4

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diver profile 2	15.12.2017	49.09	48449.5	<0.2	-0.26	6.95	25.218	-131.5
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## Water geochemical analyses I

Sample ID	Type	water depth corrected* [m]	measurement	ICP-	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	ICP-OES	IC	IC	IC	TCA	TCA	TCA	PM	PM	PM	Ion Charge Balance*** %
			method:	OES															
15m	winch	15.00	3.11	0.10	1.30	5.48	0.07	62.3	6.58	6.74	0.37	50.1	0.22	7.96	7.74	0.25			-2.95
28m	winch	28.00	3.10	0.11	1.35	5.70	0.07	63.0	6.40	6.77	0.37	43.6	0.17	7.96	7.79	0.42		bdl	-2.08
29m	winch	29.00	3.07	0.11	1.33	5.49	0.07	63.4	6.37	6.74	0.36	48.8	0.19	8.04	7.84	0.29		bdl	-3.25
30m	winch	30.00	3.09	0.10	1.33	5.45	0.07	62.0	6.34	6.68	0.36	60.2	0.22	8.03	7.81	0.20		bdl	-3.03
31m	winch	31.00	3.13	0.11	1.36	5.49	0.07	62.3	6.37	6.65	0.37	50.1	0.20	8.00	7.81	0.25		bdl	-2.29
32m	winch	32.00	3.18	0.12	1.42	6.00	0.07	63.0	6.39	7.07	0.38	45.0	0.16	7.97	7.81	0.55		bdl	-1.26
32,5m	winch	32.50	3.13	0.11	1.38	5.72	0.07	62.3	6.37	7.01	0.38	42.7	0.22	7.99	7.77	0.25		bdl	-2.37
33m	winch	33.00	3.11	0.12	1.42	6.07	0.07	64.1	6.48	7.72	0.41	38.6	0.15	8.01	7.87	0.29		bdl	-3.83
33,5m	winch	33.50	3.14	0.13	1.49	6.53	0.07	64.5	6.58	8.15	0.43	33.6	0.15	8.06	7.91	0.25		bdl	-3.13
34m	winch	34.00	3.19	0.13	1.50	6.76	0.07	64.1	6.56	8.06	0.43	37.7	0.22	8.11	7.89	0.33	bdl	bdl	-1.79
34,5m	winch	34.50	3.21	0.13	1.51	6.91	0.07	64.1	6.50	8.13	0.43	40.1	0.12	8.07	7.94	0.37	bdl	84.00	-1.44
35m	winch	35.00	3.21	0.14	1.56	7.30	0.07	65.2	6.61	8.72	0.46	38.2	0.15	8.02	7.87		bdl	14.00	-1.66
T_35,5	diver	36.00	3.36	0.22	1.99	11.28	0.08	72.3	7.29	12.8	0.60	4.8			8.29	0.98	0.01	bdl	-0.25
T_36	diver	36.39	3.48	0.31	2.47	14.83	0.08	80.1	8.05	17.6	0.85	1.5	0.17	8.80	8.63		0.34	bdl	-1.85
T_36.5	diver	36.43	3.43	0.30	2.43	14.76	0.08	79.8	8.05	17.7	0.86	5.6	0.23	8.73	8.50		0.32	bdl	-2.37
T_37	diver	37.09	3.84	0.61	4.14	30.22	0.11	107.7	11.76	34.2	1.72	1.5	0.35	9.76	9.41		0.92	bdl	-0.72
T_37,5	diver	37.53	4.68	1.32	7.96	63.04	0.14	151.4	18.55	73.2	2.81	5.9	0.62	12.49	11.88		0.77	bdl	-0.80
T_38	diver	38.39	5.48	1.80	11.09	92.17	0.17	181.6	25.68	105	3.74	10.3	0.61	13.57	12.96		2.80	bdl	-0.04
T_39	diver	38.55	6.30	2.48	15.25	130.00	0.20	204.1	33.45	148	5.41	11.0	1.06	15.17	14.11	7.45	4.13	bdl	0.15
T_40	diver	39.98	7.86	3.74	22.63	188.04	0.28	275.1	61.64	228	9.39	30.3	0.83	15.28	14.46	10.2	5.58	bdl	-2.25
T_41	diver	40.57	9.06	5.21	30.45	258.70	0.31	252.0	77.63	319	14.0	73.3	0.75	14.03	13.28	8.31	4.96		-2.92
T_42	diver	41.68	10.88	6.06	35.60	304.35	0.31	227.9	85.33	328	16.7	31.0	0.74	12.78	12.04	8.10	4.43		3.50
T_43	diver	42.19	11.25	6.47	37.90	319.57	0.31	200.3	91.32	353	19.3	29.1	0.45	10.16	9.71	7.03	4.42		2.49
T_44	diver	44.20	11.33	7.29	40.78	355.22	0.30	182.5	95.61	411	20.2	16.1	0.42	8.73	8.31	5.96	2.96		0.56
T_45	diver	44.05	12.03	7.27	41.15	355.22	0.27	154.9	95.61	408	22.8	27.4	0.43	7.72	7.30	4.88	2.88		0.68
T_34,7																			
Niskin	diver	36.8**	3.46	0.33	2.57	16.00	0.09	82.3	8.31	19.4	0.77	5.4	0.29	8.84	8.55	1.62	0.27	bdl	-2.11
P1/T	diver	35.8**	3.32	0.21	1.90	10.43	0.08	71.6	7.31	12.4	0.59	16.2	1.73	10.03	8.31	0.93	bdl	bdl	-1.95

P2/T	diver	35.2**	3.18	0.15	1.61	7.71	0.07	66.6	6.72	9.39	0.51	35.2	0.19	8.21	8.02	0.59	bdl	84.00	-2.80
P3/T	diver	35.3**	3.20	0.16	1.65	8.10	0.07	67.3	6.77	9.81	0.53	12.0	0.18	8.21	8.03	0.29	bdl	749.0	-2.54

\* Water depths for winch samples were not corrected. Those taken by divers were corrected from the EXO-1 readings by aligning a sample to a steady depth.

\*\* Water depths were estimated from the Na<sup>+</sup> concentration profile.

\*\*\* For the ion charge balance HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> was regarded as the only species of DIC and a species distribution of 50% HS<sup>-</sup> and 50% H<sub>2</sub>S for the total S(-II) was assumed.

bdl = below detection limit

## Water geochemical analyses II

Sample ID	Type	water depth corrected* [m]	measurement method:							CH4
			ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	ICP-MS	BID	
			Fe	Mn	P	U	Mo	V		
			μmol/l	μmol/l	μmol/l	nmol/l	nmol/l	nmol/l	μmol/l	
15m	winch	15.00	0.16	0.01	0.47	12.4	6.21	59.7	0.04	
28m	winch	28.00							0.09	
29m	winch	29.00	0.10	0.01	0.45	12.5	5.84	59.7		
30m	winch	30.00								
31m	winch	31.00								
32m	winch	32.00	0.09	0.01	0.49	12.4	5.71	58.0	0.09	
32,5m	winch	32.50								
33m	winch	33.00								
33,5m	winch	33.50								
34m	winch	34.00	0.08	0.00	0.46	12.5	5.59	55.1	0.07	
34,5m	winch	34.50								
35m	winch	35.00	0.10	0.01	0.54	12.5	5.46	54.4		
T_35,5	diver	36.00	0.29	0.02	1.37	11.4	5.60	44.9	0.42	
T_36	diver	36.39	0.34	0.02	2.12	10.6	4.71	40.2		
T_36.5	diver	36.43	0.47	0.02	1.92	10.7	5.01	39.3	12.37	
T_37	diver	37.09	0.32	0.03	3.14	7.9	4.16	29.3		
T_37,5	diver	37.53	0.28	0.05	5.50	4.2	4.06	23.2	25.02	
T_38	diver	38.39	0.31	0.05	6.81	3.0	3.93	18.4		
T_39	diver	38.55	0.33	0.06	8.52	2.1	3.41	17.4	24.88	
T_40	diver	39.98	0.45	0.05	10.40	1.2	3.43	11.2		
T_41	diver	40.57	0.38	0.05	9.97	1.2	4.32	8.6		
T_42	diver	41.68	0.39	0.04	9.72	1.2	4.46	7.7		

T_43	diver	42.19						
T_44	diver	44.20						
T_45	diver	44.05	0.34	0.06	5.87	1.7	10.3	5.0
T_34,7								
Niskin	diver	36.8**						9.51
P1/T	diver	35.8**						
P2/T	diver	35.2**						
P3/T	diver	35.3**						

\* Water depths for winch samples were not corrected. Those taken by divers were corrected from the EXO-1 readings by aligning a sample to a steady depth.

\*\* Water depths were estimated from the Na concentration profile.

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**Table S3: Water Isotope geochemical analyses.**

Sample ID	Type	water corrected* [m]	depth	$\delta^{13}\text{C-CO}_2$		$\delta^{13}\text{C-HCO}_3$ at 23°C***		$\delta^{13}\text{C CH}_4$	
				‰ (VPDB)	2 $\sigma$ ‰	‰ (VPDB)	2 $\sigma$ ‰	‰ (VPDB)	2 $\sigma$ ‰
15m	winch		15.00	-18.18	0.17	-10.02	0.16	-48.8	0.3
28m	winch		28.00	-18.03	0.13	-9.87	0.13	-48.5	0.3
29m	winch		29.00						
30m	winch		30.00						
31m	winch		31.00						
32m	winch		32.00	-17.92	0.27	-9.76	0.29	-48.3	0.3
32,5m	winch		32.50						
33m	winch		33.00						
33,5m	winch		33.50						
34m	winch		34.00	-17.96	0.26	-9.80	0.20	-50.7	0.3
34,5m	winch		34.50						
35m	winch		35.00						
T_35,5	diver		36.00	-16.11	0.32	-7.95	0.37	-29.7	0.3
T_36	diver		36.39	-17.94	1.04	-9.78	0.51	-26.1	0.3
T_36.5	diver		36.43	-17.08	0.87	-8.92	0.39	-33.2	0.3
T_37	diver		37.09	-18.80	0.28	-10.64	0.28		
T_37,5	diver		37.53	-19.33	0.36	-11.17	0.30		
T_38	diver		38.39	-20.60	0.29	-12.44	0.35		
T_39	diver		38.55	-20.43	0.39	-12.27	0.55	-61.1	0.3
T_40	diver		39.98	-19.99	0.62	-11.83	0.55		
T_41	diver		40.57	-20.07	0.73	-11.91	0.65		
T_42	diver		41.68	-20.07	0.71	-11.91	0.68		



T_43	diver		42.19						
T_44	diver		44.20	-19.79	0.71	-11.63	0.69		
T_45	diver		44.05						
T_34,7 Niskin	diver	36.8**		-18.59	0.33	-10.43	0.26	-57.9	0.1
P1/T	diver	35.8**							
P2/T	diver	35.2**							
P3/T	diver	35.3**							

\* Water depths for winch samples were not corrected. Those taken by divers were corrected from the EXO-1 readings by aligning a sample to a steady depth.

\*\* Water depths were estimated from the Na concentration profile.

\*\*\* $\delta^{13}\text{C-HCO}_3$  calculated from  $\delta^{13}\text{C-CO}_2$  as equilibrium fractionation at 23°C after Mook (2001).

**Table S4: Geochemistry of Hells Bells growing on the tree that fell into the cenote. Samples were taken from different water depths.**

Sample No.	Sample ID	water depth [m]	Ca g/kg	Mg g/kg	Sr mg/kg	Ba mg/kg	P mg/kg	S mg/kg	Fe mg/kg	Mn mg/kg	$\delta^{13}\text{C}$ [‰] (VPDB)	$2\sigma$	$\delta^{18}\text{O}$ (VPDB) [‰] (VPDB)	$2\sigma$
1	Z17-18J-A	31.3												
2	Z17-18J-B	31.3	413	5.38	377	18.0	358	919	25.0	5.63	-13.47	0.01	3.81	0.01
3	Z17-1617-J-A	32.8	391	6.09	351	16.0	397	843	28.3	6.40	-13.69	0.01	3.31	0.02
4	Z17-1617-J-B	32.8												
5	Z17-14J-A	33.3	414	5.54	387	18.4	422	1010	22.1	5.85	-13.82	0.01	3.22	0.01
6	Z17-14J-B	33.3	401	5.44	339	15.7	349	814	17.1	5.74	-13.43	0.01	3.22	0.01
7	Z17-2J-A	33.8	406	5.92	332	12.9	585	1030	35.3	6.27	-12.99	0.01	3.00	0.01
8	Z17-2J-B	33.8	428	5.40	356	16.4	504	932	20.8	5.68	-13.52	0.01	3.18	0.02
9	Z17-13J-A	33.9	400	5.64	350	16.2	433	884	22.0	5.93	-13.68	0.01	3.30	0.01
10	Z17-13J-B	33.9												
11	Z17-9J-A	36.8	337	4.57	251	10.1	511	848	53.0	4.80	-12.87	0.02	2.74	0.01
12	Z17-9J-B	36.8	402	5.16	300	12.1	545	973	59.4	5.45	-12.85	0.00	2.79	0.01
13	Z17-3J-A	37.3	406	5.92	332	12.9	585	1030	35.3	6.27	-12.99	0.01	3.00	0.01
14	Z17-3J-B	37.3												