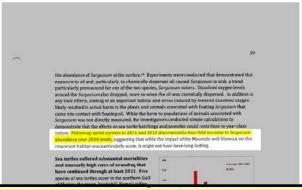
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failure. Follow-up aerial surveys in 2011 and 2012 documented a four-fold increase in *Sargassum* abundance over 2010 levels, suggesting that while the impact of the Macondo well blowout on this important habitat was particularly acute, it might not have been long-lasting.

