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Un panorama de la problemática de la contaminación lumínica hoy

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El desierto más seco del mundo y más parecido a Marte

Mars-Like Soils in the Atacama Desert, Chile, and the Dry Limit of Microbial Life

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The Viking missions showed the martian soil to be lifeless and depleted in organic material and indicated the presence of one or more reactive oxidants. Here we report the presence of Mars-like soils in the extreme arid region of the Atacama Desert. Samples from this region had organic species only at trace levels and extremely low levels of culturable bacteria. Two samples from the extreme arid region were tested for DNA and none was recovered. Incubation experiments, patterned after the Viking labeled-release experiment but with separate biological and nonbiological isomers, show active decomposition of organic species in these soils by nonbiological processes.

artificial culture media that contained high and low nutrient levels. The diversity of the bacterial communities in a number of the samples was investigated by isolation of the total DNA, then polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification and sequence determination of the 16S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) genes recovered.

Analysis of samples by pyr-GC-MS revealed that the most arid zone of the Atacama, the Yungay area, is depleted of most organic molecules. Only two peaks in the chromatograms corresponding to organic molecules (formic acid and benzene) are detectable (figs. S1 and S2). In contrast, a less arid site, AT01-22, releases a complex mixture of organic compounds on pyrolysis (fig. S2). We carried out a comparative analysis by pyr-GC-MS with major classes of biomolecules (proteins, carbohydrates, fatty acids, porphyrins, and DNA) and bacterial mass (e.g., strain AT01-3 isolated from the Atacama Desert) (supporting online text). We concluded that site AT01-22 contains bacteria and/or all of the major classes of biomolecules at levels within the detection limits of

results of the Viking lander analyses of Mars are puzzling in three respects. The absence of organic materials at the

The third puzzling result is that organic material in the labeled-release (LR) experiment was consumed as expected if life were

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An ecological study encompassing global data was conducted from January to June 2015, with age-standardized rates (ASR) of cancers as the outcome measure. ALAN, in the protected areas, as the exposure variable, was measured with reference to the Protected Area Light Pollution Indicator (PALI) and the Protected Area Human Influence Indicator (PAHI). Pearson's correlations were calculated for PALI and PAHI with ASR of cancers for 158 countries, adjusted for country populations, electricity consumption, air pollution, and total area covered by forest. Stratified analysis was conducted according to the country income levels. Linear regression was applied to measure the variation in cancers explained by PALI and PAHI.

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PALI and PAHI were positively associated with ASR of all forms of cancer, and also the four most common cancers ($p < 0.05$). These positive correlations remained statistically significant for PAHI with all forms of cancer, lung, breast, and colorectal cancer after adjusting for confounders. Positive associations of PALI and PAHI with cancers varied with income level of the individual countries. Variation in all forms of cancers, and the four most common cancers explained by PALI and PAHI, ranged from 3.3 – 35.5%.

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BACKGROUND: Night shift work, exposure to light at night (ALAN) and circadian disruption may increase the risk of hormone-dependent cancers.

OBJECTIVES: We evaluated the association of exposure to ALAN during sleeping time with breast and prostate cancer in a population based multicase-control study (MCC-Spain), among subjects who had never worked at night. We evaluated chronotype, a characteristic that may relate to adaptation to light at night.

METHODS: We enrolled 1,219 breast cancer cases, 1,385 female controls, 623 prostate cancer cases, and 879 male controls from 11 Spanish regions in 2008-2013. Indoor ALAN information was obtained through questionnaires. Outdoor ALAN was analyzed using images from the International Space Station (ISS) available for Barcelona and Madrid for 2012-2013, including data of remotely sensed upward light intensity and blue light spectrum information for each geocoded longest residence of each MCC-Spain subject.

RESULTS: Among Barcelona and Madrid participants with information on both indoor and outdoor ALAN, exposure to outdoor ALAN in the blue light spectrum was associated with breast cancer [adjusted odds ratio (OR) for highest vs. lowest tertile, OR=1.47; 95% CI: 1.00, 2.17] and prostate cancer (OR=2.05; 95% CI: 1.38, 3.03). In contrast, those exposed to the highest versus lowest intensity of outdoor ALAN were more likely to be controls than cases, particularly for prostate cancer. Compared with those who reported sleeping in total darkness, men who slept in "quite illuminated" bedrooms had a higher risk of prostate cancer (OR=2.79; 95% CI: 1.55, 5.04), whereas women had a slightly lower risk of breast cancer (OR=0.77; 95% CI: 0.39, 1.51).

CONCLUSION: Both prostate and breast cancer were associated with high estimated exposure to outdoor ALAN in the blue-enriched light spectrum. <https://doi.org/10.1289/EHP1837>.

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Human activities might influence oncogenic processes in wild animal populations

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Starlight - Alto El Loa

María Elena

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Galama

Pedro de Valdivia

Minera Michilla

Minera Spence

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San Pedro de Atacama

Parque Astronómico Atacama
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Minera Lomas Bayas

Minera Gabi

Minera SOQUIMICH

Mantos Blancos

Antofagasta

Nayra

Starlight - Mano del desierto

Ckoirama

Minera Aguas Blancas

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Astronomía en la Estrategia Regional de Desarrollo 2009-2020

2. Potenciar la diversificación productiva de la Región, fortaleciendo los sistemas productivos locales mediante el uso de recursos endógenos, con énfasis en la pequeña minería, las actividades del borde costero, las energías, la agricultura y el turismo.

- i. Implementar y difundir estrategias de desarrollo territorial, fomentando y potenciando la agricultura, la pequeña minería, la pesca artesanal, las energías y la acuicultura en los distintos territorios de la Región, considerando los aportes de la Agenda Regional de Desarrollo Productivo.
- ii. Potenciar y planificar el desarrollo de nuevos polos turísticos en la Región, incorporando alternativas innovadoras como el etnoturismo, el turismo cultural, científico, gastronómico y astronómico, entre otros.
- iii. Articular y difundir las herramientas de fomento productivo ofrecidas por el Estado que apoyan las iniciativas locales, resguardando la pertinencia territorial de dichas herramientas.

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Línea 2.2.3.: Promoción de pacto estratégico Industria-PYME-GORE; por el abastecimiento de la industria regional, con productos y procesos innovativos generados localmente por la PYME Regional que incluya compromisos recíprocos entre las partes, y que podría iniciarse con la industria minera, para luego expandirse a través de un plan de desarrollo de servicios productivos para la industria astronómica, así como para la futura de ERNC y/o FHNC.

Pacto estratégico Mineras-PYME's-GORE por el abastecimiento local a la minería, que incluya compromisos en materia de calidad de clase mundial de los productos y de la relación Mineras/Pymes, tipo y evolución de la relación Mineras/Pymes, progresividad de la proporción de abastecimiento de productos generados localmente y, apoyo del GORE al patentamiento, aplicación comercial y exportación por parte de las PYME's, incluyendo apoyo a la gestión o tramitación, y difusión y marketing internacional.

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