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High-temperatures tolerated by a diverse assemblage of shallow-water corals in American Samoa

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Discussion section: Newly available dataset (Climate Monitoring and Diagnostic Laboratory, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) does not confirm that air temperatures have increased in American Samoa. The following two sentences should have been deleted:

In the remote oceanic location of American Samoa where the territory's small islands are buffered by a vast ocean, it might be expected that global warming will

have less impact than elsewhere; however, air temperatures here have risen steadily over the past 20 years and are now 1–2 °C warmer than during the period 1960–1980 (Craig et al. 2000; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 2000). This, in turn, may affect shallow-water environments either directly by increasing water temperatures or indirectly by causing climatic uncertainty and possibly an increased frequency of hurricanes in the region.

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