

# The Abyss and Other Deep Ocean Habitats

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- 1.) content information,
- 2.) two Power Point presentations,
- 3.) glossary,
- 4.) references,
- 5.) student activities,
- 6.) reading assignments from your text books, and
- 7.) homework assignment.

I have tried to make the presentation teacher and student friendly. The websites presented are interesting and provide teachers and their students with current information and educational activities. Please visit some of the websites.

**About the presenter:** Shelia Brown is the COSEE Scientist for the Central Gulf of Mexico and is employed by the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL) of The University of Southern Mississippi. She began working at the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in January 2003. She has 22 years of experience in higher education working for both The University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She served as the Science Department Chair for ten years while working for MGCCC.

She has conducted numerous marine sciences workshops and professional development opportunities for teachers, and student courses and institutes for graduate, undergraduate, 8-12 grade and Elderhostel students for over twenty years in both the formal and informal situations. She was part of the team that produced the “Man and the Gulf of Mexico” series.

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