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Martin's work is on the marine iguana. He's going to Santa Fe, because it's home to more than 10% of the world's population of these animals.

And here they're undisturbed by humans. If you study the animals here, you're as close to understanding them as you can get. This is the nitty gritty of research.

What we can read in textbooks is knowledge, won from situations like this.

There's actually an easier way on to the island. There's a beach but its 4 kilometres away and that would mean carrying all the equipment to the research site so the researchers prefer the quick route.