

Peer Review

Review of: "Franciscana's (*Pontoporia blainvillei*) Diving and Surface Times Through Drone Monitoring"

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Good morning. In this work, there is a really huge effort for sampling (over 1500 drone flights), and the methods seem really interesting. I have done similar research to use diving behaviour to have an estimation of possible anthropogenic pressure by leisure boats. Having drones could be a good method to exclude some bias (research boats could affect some behaviour of the target species).

I would like to have more information about the methodology used for the data analysis and which possible biases could be related to this. I suggest using also a vessel-based recording dataset in order to validate the methodology.

I'm really curious to see the results of these studies because the use of drones is the future of research on marine mammals, and using them could be a valuable tool for the future.

Best regards,

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Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.