

Review of: "Estimates of Atlantic Goliath Grouper (*Epinephelus itajara*) Bycatch Mortality in Commercial Fisheries of the Southeastern US From 2002 to 2022"

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Dear Editor,

The manuscript is well-written and presents very interesting data. Nevertheless, I have a few corrections/suggestions:

Necessary minor corrections are noted as sticky notes (pdf version) in the paper.

Corrections are given below.

Title: Title was edited as "Estimates of Atlantic Goliath Grouper *Epinephelus itajara* (Lichtenstein, 1822) Bycatch Mortality in Commercial Fisheries of the Southeastern US From 2002 to 2022."

Abstract section: The abstract should be given with a little more explanation. It should be stated what the significance of the results obtained is in terms of fisheries.

Keywords: New keywords are mentioned in the pdf. Some keywords should be removed; there is no need to include too many words.

Introduction section: Second paragraph: The name of the author who first defined the species should be given for *Epinephelus itajara*.

Materials and Methods: A detailed map of the study area should be given in the paper.

Analyses: According to which significance tests were the analysis results interpreted?

Discussion section: The discussion section should be written more broadly.

Other minor typos are indicated in red color on the pdf version of the paper.

I sincerely hope that my corrections and suggestions can help the authors to improve the paper.

Best regards,

