

# Review of: "Reef Fish in the Vitória-Trindade Seamount Chain of the Southwestern Atlantic: Biogeographical Corridors and Impact of Fishing"

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Dear authors,

Congratulations on your work; your research is of great value, both to us researchers and to legislative bodies and decision-makers. The article has been written clearly and concisely. I have some minor notes on certain points where I felt the need for further clarification and discussion.

- Keywords: The keywords should differ from those in the title.
- Introduction: In the section "The lack of parameters that allow the establishment of a multispecies management strategy in the current state of depletion of explored reef resources on the Brazilian central coast indicates the need for studies to understand the structure of communities and their spatial and temporal variations."
  - Why is understanding these patterns important?
  - How can this knowledge assist in management and conservation policies?
- Results: In the section "It is not possible to infer the impact of fishing because of the large faunal differences."
  - It wasn't made explicitly clear if this refers to the third point; I believe it does, but it could confuse the reader.
- Discussion: In the section "These results bring into evidence the need for regulatory measures for fisheries management and for implementation of strategies of recovery and conservation of the seamounts."
  - It would be interesting if you could suggest some measures.

Thank you for your attention.