

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

This is quite an interesting read and will have an impact on the sustainable management of this species. In addition to what other reviewers have pointed out, I just have a few corrections to be considered.

There is only one Atlantic Goliath Grouper, and therefore the definite article 'the' should be used before this common name in the title. It should read Estimates of **the** Atlantic Goliath Grouper..... The same should apply to the abstract.

When mentioning a species for the first time in the text, the scientific name ought to be followed by the name of the author who first described the species in parentheses. In this context, the mention of the species in paragraph two of the introduction would be *Epinephelus itajara* (Lichtenstein, 1822). The same should also apply to the title.