

## 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 Gabriele Marinello,

Many thanks for sending the manuscript entitled "Reef Fish in the Vitória-Trindade Seamount Chain of the Southwestern Atlantic: Biogeographical Corridors and Impact of Fishing" for review. The manuscript is good, as the results are considered new. I have some notes on the manuscript:

- 1. In keywords: It is essential to use keywords not explicitly mentioned in the title.
- 2. Figure 1: The authors must add the map scale.
- 3. In the Materials and Methods section, the statistical program used for conducting the Detrended Correspondence Analysis (DCA) & the cluster analysis was not mentioned by the authors.
- 4. Table 1 should be arranged according to the system of Eschmeyer in the Catalogue of Fish based on the evolutionary level of each class, order, family, and species. Also, some species were moved to other families. These changes need to be done.

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