

## ***Interactive comment on “Modelling drivers of mangrove propagule dispersal and restoration of abandoned shrimp farms” by D. Di Nitto et al.***

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The manuscript is acceptable for publication pending one minor text change and one technical correction.

The concept of abandoned shrimp aquaculture ponds is appropriately reviewed with one exception. The authors should review and cite Lewis et al (2006) 5 Steps to Successful Ecological Mangrove Rehabilitation (EMR) (available for download at [www.mangroverestoration.com](http://www.mangroverestoration.com) download #38, see in particular pages 34-38) which describes the EMR approach to hydrologic rehabilitation of ponds through tidal prism analyses and connecting a number of ponds together to achieve the optimum tidal prism to keep berm breaches open over time (strategic breaching).

One technical comment: Lewis (2005) is cited in the manuscript but the citation to the publication is not included in the literature cited section. The correct citation is Lewis,

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R.R. III. 2005. Ecological engineering for successful management and restoration of mangrove forests. *Ecol. Eng.* 24(4 SI):403-418.

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