

Interactive comment on “The first records of deep-sea fauna – a correction and discussion” by The first records of deep-sea fauna

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This manuscript aims to give importance to the almost neglected records about capture of deep-sea animals during the 18th century, prior to well-known (formal record) of capture of deep-sea animals. Certainly this msr sheds light on this aspect which is largely neglected even by marine biologist, and I think this ms is worth being published.

The middle to the later part of the manuscript consists of introducing history of discoveries of deep-sea fauna, especially those of crinoids. Besides famous *Cenocrinus asterius* and *Conocrinus lofotensis*, other crinoids from the Caribbean sea are also listed and explained in detail (but not *Neocrinus blakei*). This part should be interesting to echinoderm biologists, but if the purpose of this paper is to discuss what the oldest record of deep-sea animals is, such a long explanation about other crinoid taxa may obscure the purpose of this paper, and thus this part might be shortened.

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There are too many exclamation marks (five times) in the text. This is a scientific paper, and I like a more reserved style with less emotional expressions.

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