

***Interactive comment on “Skill assessment of the  
PELAGOS global ocean biogeochemistry model  
over the period 1980–2000” by M. Vichi and  
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The equatorial Pacific Ocean is an important region, playing a large role in the global carbon cycle. There have been many large scale field studies, including the eqPac (published in special issues of Deep-Sea Research II: volume 42 (2-3), 43 (4-6), and 44 (9-10), and synthesized in Deep-Sea Research II, volume 49 (13-14)), and the PROPPAC and FLUPAC programmes which can be accessed at [http://www.ird.nc/BIOGEOCHIMIE/english/mprg\\_camp.htm](http://www.ird.nc/BIOGEOCHIMIE/english/mprg_camp.htm). There are many publications that discuss ENSO impacts on biogeochemical fields. The authors should use some of the data for their model skill assessment, and give more discussion about

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ENSO impacts.

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