

***Interactive comment on “Effects of water discharge and sediment load on evolution of modern Yellow River Delta, China, over the period from 1976 to 2009” by J. B. Yu et al.***

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This paper gives comparatively comprehensive and detailed discussions about the influences of runoff and sediment load and the human being activities on the extension of shoreline length and area of modern Yellow River delta in the recent decades using GIS technique and the collected data. The structure of the paper was clear and the sentences were fluent. The related questions were well analyzed. It would be better if the authors could give some perspective analysis or predictions especially according to the trend of human activities in the recent decade to attract more attentions on the topic of this paper.

P4115, Line 15, Change “off” to “of”.

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