Interactive comment on "The Ballast Effect in the Indian Ocean" *by* Tim Rixen et al.

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We are thankful to the reviewer #1 for the valuable comments and suggestions, which will help us to improve the manuscript. We are convinced that following his/her as well as the suggestion of reviewer #2 to add a "Material and Method" section will improve the organization of the revised ms and in turn show the robustness of our data analysis. Please find our detailed response to the comments in the attached pdf file (supplement). With best regrads, Tm Rixen

Please also note the supplement to this comment:
https://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/bg-2017-317/bg-2017-317-AC1-supplement.pdf