

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

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We would like to thank the referee for the valuable comments and suggestions, which will help us to improve the manuscript. We are convinced that following the advise to add a section on Material and Method will help to clarify the structure of the revised ms and to solve almost all issues raised by the reviewer. During the restructuring of the ms detailed comments referring to specific pages and lines will be taking into account. Please find our responses to the more overarching comments in the attached pdf file (supplement). With best regards, Tim Rixen

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<https://www.biogeosciences-discuss.net/bg-2017-317/bg-2017-317-AC2-supplement.pdf>

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