

Comment 1: do not need comma after ecosystems (Line 22)

Line 22: These projects focused on the study of these remote ecosystems, to better understand the nodule distribution (Peukert et al. (2018b)), as well as the community structure of macro-fauna (De Smet et al. (2017)) and mega-fauna (Simon-Lledó et al. (2019b)), ecosystem functioning and susceptibility to damage following anthropogenic perturbation and / or resource removal (Vanreusel et al. (2016); Jones et al. (2017)).

Comment 2: the t in the must should be capitalized- start of sentence (Line 120)

Line 120: . the most significant of those are introduced below

Comment 3: there are a number of acronyms that are not 'defined', no impact on paper.

Line 226 (and 216) AWI OFOS

Line 235: EXPLOS

Line 243: JPIO

Comment 4: should the word form replace from? (Line 331)

Line 331: When grouping the single observer annotation to **from** the gold standard annotations, the observer agreement increases

Comment 5: funny wording, suggested change: *values; all but one are above 0.7, which...* (Line 323/333)

Line 332-333: significantly (see Figure 7 (h)). This increase is similarly reflected by the Cohen's kappa values **that are all but one** above 0.7, which is deemed as "substantial agreement" (0.6-0.8).

Comment 6: Figure 8- panels 9 and 10 (bottom in each column) have small titles (Spiral Worm and Starfish), but the others have big titles.

Comment 7: Figure 8 and Figure 9- All Panels have an X-axis with very small font.