

Dear Prof Middelburg,

We are very pleased to hear that our manuscript was accepted for publication.
We included all four corrections you suggested into the manuscript:

Page 2, l. 28 northern North Sea

Page 2, l. 35: replace on the other hand with however (because there is no on the one hand

Page 14, l. 20: European shelf

Page 26, third line from above: amount of in situ observations

With best regards,
Meike Becker