

## ***Interactive comment on “Biogeography of jellyfish in the North Atlantic, by traditional and genomic methods” by P. Licandro et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #2**

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#### General Comments:

This manuscript warrants publication with minor revisions in that it contains valuable information of the distribution of jellyfish species throughout the north Atlantic. It is generally well written, but there are a few areas that need revision. I have made several suggestions throughout the text. My main concern is related to the Data section where there is no lead into the description of the jellynet. The authors jump from various gear types to a focused description on the jelly net. There should be a bit more description at the beginning of this section so the reader will understand what is coming. Also the authors have not addressed the issue of abundance implied in the abstract. They have not stated whether or not abundance has been increasing or decreasing or that they cannot determine. This should be reported one way or another,

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or remove the comment about abundance from the abstract. The initial reviewer made a similar comment. Once these few changes\corrections have been made the paper will be ready for publication.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.earth-syst-sci-data-discuss.net/7/C340/2015/essdd-7-C340-2015-supplement.pdf>

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