

## ***Interactive comment on “Standardization of a geo-referenced fishing dataset for the Indian Ocean Bigeye Tuna, *Thunnus obesus* (1952–2014)” by Teja A. Wibawa et al.***

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Dear Authors, thanks for this insightful data set and its description and overview.

As an editor, if I may, I have one tiny comment to add please, and that is, ISO compliant metadata.

I lack seeing and reading about them in this contribution.

Checking the PANGAEA database and DOI, I see no reference made to Metadata, nor does the MS include them.

There is a standard way of providing metadata, e.g. ISO compliant ones with 400

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entries, and I kindly ask the authors to address it. Namely, details for each column in the database and the spatial geographic datum and coordinate units. If the data is served in ArcGIS formats (as the maps imply to me) that would be a good format to explain as well (ideally, ASCII or move into OpenGIS like QGIS or SAGA or R) and its metadata.

Again, ideally, this detail should come right with the data themselves, as per ISO metadata in XML. If that is not possible, then please provide in the Appendix, or Methods even.

Thanks for the consideration.

This data set will add a great deal to our understanding, use, research and management of thuna in the Indian Ocean and is really worthwhile the efforts.

Thanks again; very best Falk Huettmann PhD, Associate Editor

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