

Dear editor,

We thank the reviewers for their comments. See below for how we implemented these.

Reviewer1:

Abstract: Here we mean trait records. This has been specified in the text.

Table A1: We have added an extra column with a species or genus example

Results: The traits in Table A1 are now in the same order as listed under Results

Reviewer2:

* Row 117: The survey filled by experts has now been provided as supplement S1.

* Row 119: The reference has been included.

* Row 334: We have included the reference link.

* Archived data: Auxiliary columns in the archived data have been replaced by one column 'Checked_before_upload', as suggested by the reviewer.

<https://www.marinespecies.org/imis.php?dasid=8117&doiid=730>

Best regards,
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