

Dear Dr. Cristina Linares,

We are grateful for the professional management of our manuscript. We appreciate the consideration of our appeal and are glad to incorporate the suggestions by you and the reviewers. All these comments have significantly improved the quality of our work.

In our Response to Reviewers, we provide our answers to the comments and suggestions raised by the reviewers. Their original comments are shown in italics, and our responses are shown in plain text. When relevant, we have included experts of our manuscript, and highlight relevant modifications in bold letters. Our resubmission includes a marked-up pdf that highlights changes made to our manuscript.

As suggested by you, we have included two new tables in the supplementary materials listing all invertebrate and fish species considered in the analysis (Table I and J). As mentioned in response to Antonio Di Franco (Rev #3), the sampling protocols implemented more than ten years ago did not consider size structure of invertebrates due to the heterogeneity in measuring them (for example, an abalone and a lobster will be measured differently). As such, we cannot estimate invertebrate biomass. The sampling protocols in question are referenced in our manuscript.

Additionally, we provide the updated funding statement as kindly requested by the production team (Annette Christopoulos):

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We believe this new manuscript fully addresses everyone's comments and hope that it meets the requirements for publication.

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