

Interactive comment on "The role of ecosystem function and emergent relationships in the assessment of global marine ecosystem models: a case study with ERSEM" *by* L. de Mora et al.

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I'll admit I was a little alarmed; it is very unusual for 3 reviewers to all be unable to submit their reviews until after the deadline. Now, however, I am much more optimistic. There are three interesting and positive reviews giving the authors plenty to consider, and I look forward to receiving the revised maniscript in due course. The changes suggested mostly entail reinterpreting, restructuring, and rewriting of the manuscript rather than the completion of more experiments. Enthusiasm is good, but there is a sense that the title and abstract promised much and then the reviewers were a little disappointed by the actual content of the manuscript. Of course you want the paper title

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to be attractive so that people will read it, but over-reaching claims in the manuscript will have the opposite effect, and turn people off.

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