

***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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Dear Lee,

While you might argue that you do not wish to reduce the beauty of your manuscript for the few percent who are colour blind, there are some things we can do so easily that it seem perverse not to. Bear in mind also that people some readers may the paper out in greyscale. If it is important for readers to identify different lines on a plot, please use different line styles and line thicknesses in preference to only changing colours. There will be readers who will not be able to distinguish between red and green, so, for example, they would not be able to identify the red and green lines in Figure 4.

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And for those with a greyscale printer, different lifestyles would most naturally enable identification of the lines. If your intention is to show a general scatter of lines indicating some kind of coverage rather than to identify each line, then I think it is defensible to not make these changes.

Anyway - since you haven't yet uploaded your final files, you can remedy this if you do, in fact, want your readers to identify the different lines on the plots.

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