

Interactive comment on "Development of an atmosphere–ocean coupled operational forecast model for the Maritime Continent: Part 1 – Evaluation of ocean forecasts" *by* Bijoy Thompson et al.

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We thank the reviewer for his/her careful reading and encouraging comments on our manuscript (ms). We are currently working on the atmospheric forecast evaluation and to identify the factors responsible for the SST forecast drift. We tried our best to address the comments by the other two reviewers.

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