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**Dr. Barros,**

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Dear Dr. Barros,

We are pleased to submit the manuscript entitled “Integrating Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) and Marine Protected Area management: challenges and solutions” by Miranda, Malhado, Fabré et al., for your consideration for publication as a **Review Article** in the **Special Issue on LTER research in Brazil** in Oecologia Australis.

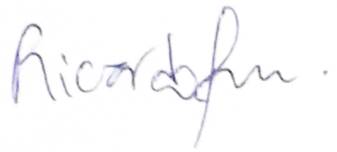
The main goal of our review is to promote a discussion among participants in LTER on how best to align research priorities with protected area management objectives. Drawing on our experience of implementing a new LTER site in Brazil’s largest coastal MPA, we identify four challenges that need to be overcome to effectively meet the research demands of PA managers.

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We confirm this manuscript and data are original, and have not been previously published or considered elsewhere. The authors have no competing interests to declare.

We look forward to your response and will happily comply with any requests for further information.

Sincerely yours,



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