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I am pleased to present an original research paper entitled “**Spatial and temporal patterns of cocurrence in fish assemblages in a subtropical environment**”, to be considered for publication in Oecologia Australis. This work presents unprecedented results, cooperating with numerous works already presented regarding the Bay of Paranaguá, however, with the insertion of the Adjacent Continental Shelf, we highlight an unprecedented spatial and temporal scale with the study of demersal fish in the face of numerous disturbances that this environment faces.

We believe that this manuscript is suitable for publication by Oecologia Australis, as we present important and easily replicable results to support future studies on the subject of fish in coastal estuaries.

We reiterate that this manuscript has not been published and is not being considered for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose and all authors have approved the manuscript and are in agreement that the article will only be published upon payment of the cost of the manuscript according to the amount indicated on the Oecologia australis page.

Thanks for your consideration!

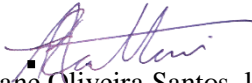
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