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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	This paper is very hard to understand by general reader especially because there is unclear problems and objective of the study. The whole manuscript should be revised and include clear problem statement, objectives and results. The results and analysis of the study are not clear.	At first, thanks for the review. 1) Some minor corrections have been added, highlighted in yellow in the revised version 2) The problem addressed is treated in Introduction section and especially at lines 61 to 64 of the manuscript, namely: "Regrettably, however, many published accounts of local biodiversity still provide only the <i>as-recorded</i> data issued from incomplete inventories, without further estimations of the number of unrecorded species and, accordingly, no evaluation of the total species richness of the sampled species assemblages is made possible." 3) The objective of the paper is treated in Introduction section and especially at lines 70 to 73 of the manuscript, namely: "Hereafter, we have implemented this new procedure to estimate, as accurately as possible, the total species richness of Gastropod fauna associated to coral reefs at three sites in Mannar Gulf Biosphere Reserve (south India), based on recorded data reported by MOHANRAJ <i>et al.</i> [1]." 4) The results provided at the corresponding section and the analysis of results in Discussion section precisely address and



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		answer the objective of study clearly stated above; and, as such, correspond to logical expectations of the reader. Accordingly, no further revision are needed in addition to those highlighted in the manuscript, in order not to alter the logical development of the study
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
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