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Title of the Manuscript:	First report on zooplankton abundance and composition in the Hadhramout coast, Gulf of Aden
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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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	The article raises data about the first study of zooplankton community in this ecosystem, but authors don't let clear: why to study this ecosystem? What is its importance? In title, authors propose study the abundance and composition. We expect species were added, but only classes and major groups of zooplankton were considered. It is not a composition study. Besides, Shannon index formula includes species richness and evenness. How it was calculated? Finally, results are poorly discussed. Few articles are cited and when it is done, articles are very old.	Most of the introductory paragraphs explain why we chose this subject and this coast, which remained vague for decades despite its importance in the production of fish, though we have added what gives the reason for our choice of this subject We mean taxonomic composition. Shannon index, species richness and evenness were computed using the well known multivariate ecological software packages PRIMER program v.6 and their formulas. We have made it clear in the introduction that there have been no studies of this subject in this region for decades, and therefore there is no room for long discussion with those sources on the topic which we consider it relatively recent. Here we adopted ascertaining the facts rather than the discussion.
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