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Type of the Article	Short communication

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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	<p>Reviewer report on: MS_AJFAR_90126 entitled " Firstb Occurrence of <i>Heniochus intermedius</i>..." Submitted by Prof. Moshe Gophen General: This short communication is acceptable for publication after revision of the English linguistic presentation. Enclosed some of the reviewer suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Abstract: lines 4-5 from top: ...at a depth of 14 m with bottom of mixed sand and rocks... 2) Key words replace non indigenous by invasive species 3) Introduction: line 4 from top: of 129 species; Line 8 from top: Chaetodontidae; ...Mediterranean by two...line 12 from top: ...20 cm Total Length (TL) and...;line 13 from top: change To date by recently; Line 14 from top: change entered by invaded; line 4 from bottom: The species...; 2nd line from bottom: change the to This; bottom line: change Palestine to Israel; 4) 2nd page change the four lines from top to: The cooperation between fishers and Ichthyologists (experts in fishery sciences) at Tishreen University enabled us to make the taxonomical definition and to evaluate the spatial distribution/ 5) Material and Methods: 1st two lines: On May 18th, a commercial fisher announced the author about a new fish species and provided a photo of the fish (Figure 1). 6) The 10 lines of this chapter are revised to: The fish was kept by the fisher in cold and later introduced into the fish collection in the Marine Science Laboratory of the Tishreen University for further investigation. The taxonomy was defined in comparison with information published by Gokoglu et al [12]. The following information was of the tagged in the collection list: Fished at 14m depth,(35° 7.0.5` 17` ,East. 35° 54` 14.73`` ,Figure 2) where bottom is a sand rocks mixture at the beach of Banias City. The final definition was: <i>H. intermedius</i>. 7) Figure 1 caption revision: Specimen of <i>H. intermedius</i> fished nearby the coast of Banias on May 28th. 2022. The TL of 14 cm, and the height of were approximated on the board of the fishing boat. 12 cm 8) Figure 2 caption revision: Map of the Mediterranean Sea ; the locations of <i>Heniochus intermedius</i> (present and previous studies are indicated. 9) Results and Discussion: 1st line: The fish colour was....; line 8 from top: change speculated to suggested; line 10 from top: these combined effects caused an increase of the abundance....; Line 13 from top: ...fish community structure[22,23,24]. During the last 29 years...Line 14 from top: Mediterranean sea; line 5 from bottom: with indigenous species, and water mass movements (currents). 10) Page 5, line 5 from top: change introduction to invasion; ...continuously, as the result of the opening ...Line 9 from top: the checklist in the syrian marine region [11,16]. 	
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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes. Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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