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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Spatial Distribution of coastal ecological provinces of Mangrove, Coral Reef and Seagrass within the exclusive economic zone of the Indian Ocean Rim countries: A review.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*).....

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		Yes		
Techn. Quality		Yes		
Clarity		Yes		
Significance		Yes		

Reviewer's Name – Dr. Himanshu Gaur

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Short Review Report

The manuscript titled “Spatial Distribution of Coastal Ecological Provinces of Mangrove, Coral Reef and Seagrass within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Indian Ocean Rim Countries: A Review” examines the spatial distribution and ecological importance of key coastal ecosystems across Indian Ocean Rim countries using global datasets. The study highlights the role of mangroves, coral reefs, and seagrass meadows in carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation, and coastal protection.

The topic is timely and relevant for understanding blue carbon ecosystems and regional conservation strategies. The use of global datasets strengthens the comparative analysis across countries. However, the manuscript would benefit from improved structure, clearer presentation of data analysis, and more recent references to support the discussion.

Overall, the paper provides valuable insights and can be considered for publication after minor revisions.