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Optional/General comments	<p>*The main objective of the research article should be included. The main objective is not clearly mentioned, so the introduction and conclusion sections are also not clear for the reader (s)</p> <p>Even though the references are described in the main text, some of the sentences/ reasons should be described in the main text. (this point is already mentioned in section 2.1)</p> <p>The described findings are not clear for the readers. The author (s) need to revise the described findings (the sentence structure). The simple structure should be used to describe the findings.</p>	<p>Thanks for the Review</p> <p>* the objective addressed in the paper are clearly listed at the end of the Introduction: see, pasted below, the end part of the Introduction:</p> <p>" I address the following points, for each two <i>Conus</i> sub-communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the estimated true (total) species richness, - the exhaustive (i.e. numerically completed) distribution of species abundances, with related considerations regarding the kind of process involved in the hierarchical structuring of abundances and the estimated mean competitive intensity within each sub-community, - the relation between species richness and species abundance unevenness, directly derived from the comparison between the two <i>Conus</i> sub-communities, - the degree of dissimilarity in species composition between the two compared sub-communities and what can be deduced in terms of either distance decay in similarity or stochasticity of species recruitment at the local scale (since both causes can possibly contribute to the observed dissimilarity in species composition)". <p>In section 2.1 the reader is invited to consult the open access reference [26] for details of the procedure of collecting field data. This is because the objective of the paper is - beyond the crude field data - the <i>analysis of this</i> data, making use of dedicated specific tools. Accordingly, the Method section of the paper concentrates on this aspect.</p>