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Comment on essd-2021-415

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Referee comment on "Data on zooplankton occurrence and abundance in the Far East seas and adjacent Pacific Ocean waters" by Igor Volvenko, Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss., <https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2021-415-RC1>, 2022

This manuscript has high similarity (approximately 80%) with an already rejected manuscript by the author. The dataset has been submitted to two independent repositories (Zenodo and Pangaea) for the two different submission attempts. At both repositories the access for this dataset is restricted.

Communication with the author revealed that the dataset is highly aggregated and therefore its future reusability limited or at least not as high as it could be. The author mentioned that changes to the dataset and its granularity are not possible since he is not the original owner of the data. After long consideration and under consideration of all these facts and the intransparency I come to the conclusion that I have to recommend the rejection of this manuscript. Even though I believe that data of this kind are important to the evaluation of global change, but this requires the datasets to be reusable as flexible as possible and this seems to be unlikely for this submission