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Referee comment on "Global dataset on seagrass meadow structure, biomass, production and reproduction" by Simone Strydom et al., Earth Syst. Sci. Data Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/essd-2022-160-RC1, 2022

This paper presents an interesting method to collate seagrass records from around the globe. However the search terms are a little too restrictive and there are useful papers that don’t seem to have been included. For examples a quick search using different search engine rather than just WOS finds other papers with suitable records, e.g. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1470160X17303783
https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1312/8/9/717
Also some grey-literature records could provide useful information, e.g.: https://publications.jrc.ec.europa.eu/repository/handle/JRC115082
The fact that a very quick internet search can find missing useful information suggest that a more comprehensive data search would greatly improve the usefulness of this work.

The links to the database did not work in the preprint supplied so this has not been reviewed.