May, 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

Dear Marilaure Grégoire,

Thank you for recommending our work, "The 2025 Starfish Barometer", for publication in State of the Planet.

We have addressed the two minor comments as follows (added text in blue):

- 1) "2024 ocean temperatures break the 64-year record with sea-surface temperature and as marine heatwaves showing a marked increase globally"
- 2) habitat destruction

Many thanks again for handling the editorial process,

Kind regards,

Marina Lévy