

## ***Interactive comment on “Zoogeography of the bottom Foraminifera of the West-African coast” by V. Mikhalevich***

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I am deeply thankful to the editor Silvia Spezzaferri for her thorough attention and help during the process of presentation of this paper. Many of her comments were considered. At the same time some of them are hardly accomplishable in such a short paper.

1. Concerning the pefocard method; the explanations were somewhat expanded and the additional references were given after the first comments of the editor. The detailed description of the method needs several pages. And more over; it would not be reasonable to repeat here the method introduced and elaborated earlier by the other authors (Gorodkov and Trjapicin, 1970) and later described also by me as applied to my material (Mikhalevich, 1983). The authors interested in details may address themselves to the mentioned works. 2. I tried to compound the species of

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different geographic zones into the tables &#8211; it turned out that this mode in this case needs more space than being arranged in lines. Nevertheless if the editor insists &#8211; I can do it, though in this case I need to take off some paragraphs. I understand that tables look more demonstrative and more usual in recent articles, and in this view opinions of the editor and of Dr. Spejer comments coincide, but sometimes the character of material requires another way. 3. The chapter of &#8220;Conclusions&#8221; is included, and possible applications of using geographic characteristic for the analysis of some ecologic conditions are exemplified (see p.6). 4. It is possible to add into the first paragraph the explanations &#8220;why this work has been done&#8221;. 5. The author cannot agree with the statement that the zoogeographic character given for the 126 species &#8220;is already known&#8221;. It is done for the first time for the wide list of foraminiferal species the majority of which were previously considered as widely distributed. Such work is done for the multicellular sea organisms, but for the unicellular ones there is a lack of such studies. I know perfect and valuable works of Jorissen and his collective, some of them were kindly send to me by the editor. But it seems that there is misunderstanding of the substance of the subject &#8211; Jorissen&#8217;s works are devoted to ecology but not to the zoogeography. They deal with the other topic.

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