

Dear Prof. Dr. Fischer,

Thank you again for handling the review process for our manuscript. We are pleased to know that our revised version addressed all reviewer comments satisfyingly.

Here we list the changes we applied according to your comments:

Line 233 "we look specifically at the impact of the strength of the Agulhas Current and Agulhas leakage on SST around". The end of the sentence ("around") is unclear to me. Consider rephrasing.

We rephrased the sentence to: „we look specifically at the impact of the strength of the Agulhas Current and Agulhas leakage on SST around southern Africa and precipitation over southern Africa.“

Line 258 suggest changing to "The Agulhas Current also contributes to about 1/6 of the SST trend“

Changed like suggested.

Line 290 Given the high internal variability in trends of precipitation I suggest avoiding "will" for future regional precipitation trends. Suggestion "Thus, as the leakage will intensify (Ivanciu et al., 2022a) it contributes to a reduction of precipitation along the whole...."

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Line 325 CCLM is capable of a representing the rainfall zones of southern Africa well...

Changed to: CCLM is capable of a good representation of the rainfall zones of southern Africa...

Line 382 Coastal South African precipitation is projected to reduce and the strength Agulhas Current System is one of its drivers.

Changed to: Coastal South African precipitation is projected to diminish over the 21st century and the strength of the Agulhas Current System is one of its drivers.

I encourage the authors to have the manuscript proof read again with a focus on English language.

We have proofread the manuscript again regarding the English language.