

***Interactive comment on “The CARINA data synthesis project: introduction and overview” by R. M. Key et al.***

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This manuscript describes the history, data content and processing methodology for the CARINA data set. The paper is very well written, clear and comprehensive. It is certainly required reading for any user of the product, providing a clear and frank description of the data processing and quality control. I can find no significant omission or error in the manuscript. It only remains to thank the many scientists who have contributed data and in particular the CARINA team and authors of this paper for providing an invaluable resource which will be used in significant studies by the wider community for years to come.

typo: p. 586 line 24 should read "Arctic and Mediterranean"

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