

Interactive comment on “Annual flood sensitivities to El Niño Southern Oscillation at the global scale” by P. J. Ward et al.

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Dear authors,

I am pleased that the two referees and one contributed comment all find the manuscript interesting and generally worthwhile publishing. You will be asked to reply to all comments online, before you can submit a revised version along with a detailed response to reviewers.

Despite the overall good assessments, all points made by referees and contributed comment are very important and addressing them will strengthen the impact of the paper. I agree that some more comparison and assessment of local differences to other published studies on ENSO-flood links will improve the discussion of limitations of the

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global model approach. Also, the comment by Ref 1 about the use of the term 'flood' suggesting something else than annual peak flow looked at here is well justified, especially as ENSO is often linked to disasters, and hence phrasing needs some balancing. Finally all of Ref. 2 points are very important and need to be carefully addressed.

I am looking forward to reading the revised paper.

Regards, Kerstin

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