

Dear Handling Editor Stan Schymanski,

On behalf of all authors, I would like to thank you, the anonymous reviewer #1 and the reviewer #2 Maurits Ertsen, for the acceptance of this article with corrections. We are sure that such interactive review led to a great improvement of the first draft of this manuscript.

Concerning the corrections proposed by the reviewer #2 Maurits Ertsen we must say that for page 1, line 34, this is not a mistake and we indeed meant “reach” and not “research”. With this sentence, we want to say that environmental flow restoration is in fact a topic that is pertinent to the majority of the rivers worldwide and not just for a particular type of rivers, continent or climate.

As for the second suggestion of reviewer #2 Maurits Ertsen, we changed the word “comeback” by “return effect” which we think will meet the preference of this reviewer.

Once again, thank you for allowing us the opportunity to revise this manuscript and contribute to Hydrology and Earth System Sciences Journal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further question.

Best regards,

Rui Pedro Rivaes