

Interactive comment on “Simulated climate variability in the region of Rapa Nui during the last millennium” by C. Junk and M. Claussen

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Two of the three reviewers of this paper recommend that the authors defend their model's ability to simulate climate of the Easter Island region, and these comments should be addressed in the author's response and revised manuscript. I see this as the critical point of the reviews and a satisfactory defense of the model should be provided for this paper to be acceptable for publication.

A third reviewer mentioned several issues related to the history of colonization and its impacts that also need to be addressed in the revision. While these are not critical issues for the main subject of the paper, the study should be placed in the proper archeological and anthropological context.

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