

***Interactive comment on “Precipitation variability in the winter rainfall zone of South Africa during the last 1400 yr linked to the austral westerlies” by J. C. Stager et al.***

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Dear Authors,

Your paper has now been evaluated by two referees. They both consider that your manuscript is interesting and deserve publication. The main point of Referee one is that a deeper analysis of the ecology of the diatoms and of the potential impact of ecology changes on the proposed interpretation is needed. Referee 2 also asks for a more detailed description of the methodology and for a clearer description of the mechanisms invoked to explain the records. If you think that you would be able to address those specific points and the other ones raised in the reviews, I will be pleased

to consider a revised version for publication in *Climate of the Past*.

Thanks again for submitting your work to *Climate of the Past*.

Hugues Goosse

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