Dear Editor

Please find our submission as a research article entitled”An overstepped segmented lagoon complex on the KZN continental shelf”. We have not submitted this manuscript in any other form elsewhere. Our suggested reviewers are:

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We trust that this submission will be to the standards of your journal and look forward to hearing from yourself and the reviewers.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Green (lead author and project leader), Rio Leuci (data collection and processing) and Zane Thackeray (data collection and processing).