

Interactive comment on “Coherence among the Northern Hemisphere land, cryosphere, and ocean responses to natural variability and anthropogenic forcing during the satellite era” by A. Gonsamo et al.

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The paper uses different environmental datasets to link the coherent changes and trends in CO₂, snow cover, spring phenology and thaw, solar radiation, Scandinavian Pattern, and North Atlantic Oscillation, solar radiation. Authors tries to give us a relatively full picture on the relation between these different variable but their internal coherence in the change among land, cryosphere, and ocean to natural and human-induced climate variability and change. The study fits the central theme of the journal ESD. Because this study tries to give a big picture and thus it is understandable that many more details are missed and some statements have no data to support and needs other further studies are needed. I suggest the paper accepted for publication

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with minor revision. From line 5 to line 10, the below relevant key papers should be cited.

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