Supplementary material

Evidence of extension at the southwest continental margin of India and opening of the Laccadive Basin: Constraints from geophysical data

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Figure S1: A) Regional tectonic map of the northwestern Indian Ocean with satellite-derived seafloor topography (Smith & Sandwell, 1997). The area shown in the black rectangle is shown in figure B. B) Tectonic map of Madagascar and Mascarene basin showing mapped seafloor spreading type magnetic lineations in solid green coloured lines (Bhattacharya and Yatheesh

2015 and references therein). Solid white lines represent the mapped fracture zones or pseudofaults. SB: Seychelles Bank; SMB: Saya-de Malha Bank; NB: Nazarat Bank; MI; Mauritius Island; RI: Reunion Island; RTJ: Rodrigues Triple Junction; NMR: Northern Madagascar Ridge; MR: Murray Ridge



Figure S2: Satellite-derived free-air anomaly map of the study area showing the location of identified extensional features/grabens and intrusives. Black solid lines represent the location of the profiles. Interpreted seismic sections are shown on the right. The faults are marked. The location of seismic sections is marked in the free-air anomaly diagram. (refer to Unnikrishnan et al., 2023 and Unnikrishnan 2018 for full seismic sections). Seismic sections 1, 2 and 3 compiled from Yatheesh et al 2013 and Nathaniel 2013). The broken brown line in the centre of the basin represents the identified volcanic ridge. CKE: Chain-Kairali Escarpment; AP: Alleppey Platform; TT: Trivandrum Terrace

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