

## Review of: "An Ecological Study of Alstonia Venenata R.Br. (Apocynaceae: Rauvolfioideae) and Cryptolepis Buchanani R.Br. ex Roem. & Schult. (Apocynaceae: Periplocoideae)"

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The findings presented in the current study are noteworthy as they report novel aspects regarding the biology of the two species under investigation. However, given that the distribution of the two studied species is discussed, the presence of a map reflecting the known presence locations of both species, as well as the locations where the study has been conducted, is lacking.

On the other hand, I believe that the sample size selected, both in terms of the number of specimens of each species and the number of locations studied, is limited. As a result, and as previously noted by other reviewers, I find the title to be somewhat ambitious, and thus, I also recommend adapting it to "A preliminary study of...". It is also important to enhance the descriptions of floral organs by providing better photographs of each of these organs, including drawings if necessary.

Finally, the obtained results should be supported by a greater number of studies that have addressed similar concepts within the Apocynaceae family.

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