

Review of: "Palm Oil Expansion and Subnational Food Security"

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The author examine the impact of palm oil expansion on subnational food security in Indonesia. I think the topic timely and the scope is broad. However, there are some areas that need to be improved and strengthened. The following are my comments to the author:

1. Presently Introduction and literature review are put in a single section. I would like to see both sections separated.

Introduction should be based on following six elements:

(i) Broad theme or topic of the study

(ii) Its academic / practical implications or importance

(iii) Summarise and cite more recent literature indicating what has been done and what were the findings.

(iv) Indicate main research gap/ inconsistencies and or controversies and provide the main contribution of your study

(v) It should have (1) core research problems/ questions to be addressed in the study (2) specific research objectives (3) context in which study will be conducted (4) unit of analysis/ variables and time periods to be analysed (5) key findings

(vi) Outline of the structure of the paper.

2. Literature review section, can incorporate several recent studies, which might have been missed out somehow. In fact, this section can document how literature has evolved over period of time and summarise the gap and build their research questions followed by hypothesis authors would like to test/examine.

3. Although methodology is not the contribution, but it is explained well.

4. The results discussion section needs to be improved greatly by linking it to real life evidence, comparing and contrasting the results with existing studies with properly justifying why results differ, in case they do so or otherwise as well. Also, I wanted to that author highlight if anything unexpected that came up.

6. Policy implication's part can be strengthened, and ideas needs to be provided about extending the study in the future.