

Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

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The article provides a comprehensive and detailed investigation into the abundance, species distribution, regeneration, and exploitation status of rattan stands in peri-urban forests near Nkoltang, Gabon. There are clearly defined objectives, and the methodology is well-structured, allowing for a systematic analysis of various ecological aspects. The analysis of stand structure, regeneration, and exploitation pressure provides a refined understanding of the ecological dynamics of rattan stands in the peri-urban forest that is relevant to both the scientific community and local stakeholders.

However, the knowledge would have a practical impact if the conservation strategies were also addressed. The results can be refined by highlighting the most prominent ones with an impact on the set objectives. The results can be visually emphasized by adding charts or maps, making it easier for readers to grasp complex ecological patterns. The human-rattan interaction could be added in the results through surveys for a qualitative exploration of the human perspective.

The article is a commendable contribution to the study of rattan ecology in peri-urban forests. Its detailed methodology and well-supported findings make it a valuable resource for both researchers and practitioners involved in forest management and conservation in Gabon. Addressing the suggested improvements would further enhance the article's impact and appeal to a broader audience.