

Review of: "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa"

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Abstract: It is well written. There are, however, some concerns about the size of respondents, especially for villagers. The conclusion section also looks weak, whereas the recommendation looks vague for further research.

Introduction, objectives, and methods are quite OK and clearly written.

Methods: Elaborative and systematically presented. However, the low number/size of respondents for villagers needs strong justification.

Results: Figure two needs more write-up by covering differences in the perception of villagers and professionals. Likewise, under the heading "dynamics," reduced native fruit availability needs clarification of the content. It is not clear whether elephants' primary source of food is trees, bushes, and vegetation or native fruit? Likewise, Figures 5 and 6 about the conceptual framework should be better placed with the method section.

Conclusion: Looks like a summary of findings. Only the lateral section looks close to the conclusions. This section must be revisited to comply with objectives and title.