

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

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A very useful paper dealing with the age-old problem of human-wildlife conflict - and in particular with an issue common to a number of areas in Africa (for example, Tanzania and Mozambique), where elephants and local communities live in close proximity to each other and where, for a range of reasons, elephants have become “crop raiders.”

While individual interviews with villagers are a standard procedure, it might be useful to conduct group discussions/interviews as these sometimes lead to more consensus. It would also be useful to replicate this work in other areas to see whether there is common ground between affected local populations and conservation organizations and officials.