

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

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This paper provides a comprehensive analysis of palm oil development and its impact on food security, making it an invaluable reference for researchers and policymakers alike.

To enhance the paper's readability and benefit the readers, the authors could improve the introduction by clearly identifying the research gap and stating the research objective upfront. This direct approach will help readers understand the paper's purpose more efficiently. The details concerning changes in government or policies can be appropriately presented in the literature review section, allowing for a more organized and coherent flow of information.

To improve the method section, it is essential to provide clarity on the duration of the data used in the study, the sample size, and a detailed description of the data. Additionally, all variables used in the empirical models should be thoroughly elaborated on, explaining how they are derived from theories or supported by relevant literature.

While the results have been reported and discussed in the paper, the conclusion requires improvement in terms of addressing the research question and providing a coherent discussion on the implications of policy recommendations. The conclusion should not only answer the research question but also clearly articulate the practical implications of the findings for policymakers and stakeholders. It is essential to connect the research outcomes to potential policy recommendations, offering actionable insights and highlighting the broader significance of the study's results.