

Review of: "A Review of the Drawdown Zone in African Reservoirs: Current Knowledge, Understudied Areas and Recommendations for Future Research"

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The paper is oriented towards an interesting and important topic, related to African freshwaters, and especially to those situated in arid and semi-arid zones. It sharpens attention to the poorly studied, but ecologically and socio-economically significant drawdown zones of African reservoirs. The methods used are well-grounded and clearly described. The results obtained are well-documented and presented in an understandable way. In the lack of more data on the biodiversity of the freshwater biota and the functioning of these ecosystems (parts of ecosystems), which are underlined in the text, the review seems to be complete and, therefore, can serve as a starting point and guidelines for future studies. My comment is that since the review is oriented towards reservoirs, but somewhere in the text lakes are also discussed (being included also in Fig. A1), I would recommend delimiting better these two different, artificial and natural, systems and outlining those which are used as reservoirs, despite being named as lakes. A small technical mistake in part 3.3.2 is related to the Latin expression of diverse species of the genus *Potamogeton* (instead of *Potamogeton* spp., it should be *Potamogeton* spp.).