

Review of: "Armed Conflicts in Africa and Environmental Intelligence for Sustainability"

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Overall comment: The paper is supported with comments for the author's consideration.

The paper is silent on the methodology applied to the research, resulting in the manuscript. This can easily be integrated into the Introduction section. Despite the omission of the methodology, the introduction is well written. Readers could benefit from an expansion of what is meant by pre-conflict impact, direct and indirect impacts (simple examples will do on each).

The concept of EIS is well argued; however, the discussion would be more constructive with more emphasis on how each dimension of this tool relates to the other because such is missing in the text. More importantly, a discussion on which dimension takes precedence over the other would add value, and, if none, it should be clear that these dimensions cannot operate in isolation. Furthermore, the level at which these dimensions are explored in Cote d'Ivoire could validate the need for such a tool. Similarly, the above comment applies to the discussion of West Africa under the section: case study.

Lastly, it is unclear (although partially mentioned on page 9, para. 2) what the situation is regarding the achievement of sustainability, in particular the SDGs, in Cote d'Ivoire and West Africa (a single statement will do), and the prospects of achieving them upon the adoption of EIS.

I hope the above comments will help improve the manuscript.