

# Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

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This is a nice subject. Studying ecological diversity, structure, and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient is necessary. There are some points that authors may consider to improve the manuscript.

1. The abstract should be rewritten because it is not well structured. The abstract should contain background, location, objectives, methods, results, and suggestions.
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