

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

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Thanks for giving me the opportunity to read this paper 'Palm Oil Expansion and Subnational Food Security'. I have completed my review now and provided a recommendation based on my observations and I hope it will help you in making your final decision. By seeing few deficiencies, I would like to suggest a **minor revision** of this paper. The comments are provided below.

- The abstract is relevant and specific and includes all the necessary details.
- The introduction section is impressive. However, there is a need to emphasize the significance and motivation of the study.
- The objective of the paper presented needs more clarifications to suit reader to understand the main idea of the paper.
- The literature review is exhaustive and contemporary. The subheading "Knowledge gap" should be added to summarize literature gaps.
- The methodology is relevant and updated. There is a need to justify the use of the used methodology.
- The findings are comprehensive. The discussion of the results is written well. The findings are contextualized with the relevant literature.
- Review the conclusion as per the findings. Discuss as per the real results. However, the policy suggestions are not consistent, who are officials?
- More solid conclusions should be made, especially the case study or suggestions in Indonesia can be discussed. After all, it is the lesson we need to learn at the end of the day.
- Check the grammar throughout the article and correct it. Proofread the article as many language errors were identified.