

Review of: "“Saving the Forest” with a REDD+ Project: Socio-Ecological Repercussions on Indigenous People in Cambodia"

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This revised manuscript is excellent as several readers' suggestions have been incorporated in its revision. It is good that a list of defined acronyms has been provided and that several new references, such as Scheer (2014, 2021), Carneiro da Cunha (1987), and Posey (2015), have been included. The former provides more information about the indigenous Bunong people in Cambodia, and the latter two references enable the author to mention the forestry situation in Brazil.

The final two sentences of the Conclusion, "Apart from receiving significant economic gains, the Cambodian MoE policy is now willing to encourage more conservation projects whose missions will be to reduce access to ancestral lands and forests for indigenous people who once upon a time had the usufruct. This is the open door to the perpetuation, if not a reinforcement, of a green colonialism," underscore the importance of this research project and manuscript.