

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 study investigates the diversity of a kind of plant in Gabon. The presented material is useful, but the analysis section should be more detailed, and the length of some parts should be adjusted. The comments are as follows:

- Please include the numerical results in the abstract
- Translate the texts in the Figures from French to English
- Figure 1 may be improved to illustrate the location of the study area in the whole country
- The statistical analysis of the research is good. However, the locations of the samples also exist. Thus, location-based analyses are also possible. For example, various clustering analyses are implementable.
- Some pictures of the discussed plants may be informative.
- The text seems to be long. I suggest more maps and numerical results, especially in the form of diagrams and charts.
- The conclusion should be more extensive. For example, the methods used should be mentioned in the conclusion.