

Review of: "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa"

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Dear peer review team,

This manuscript presents a clear research question: What are the factors contributing to forest elephant crop depredation incidents (CDIs) around Gabon's national parks?

The hypothesis suggests that conflicts will continue to escalate unless broader villager and elephant needs are addressed simultaneously.

The research is contextualized within the specific setting of Gabon's national parks, emphasizing the relevance of understanding local dynamics for effective conflict mitigation.

The study collected data through individual narratives provided by participants, allowing for a qualitative exploration of the factors contributing to CDIs.

The text implies the need for a holistic approach to conflict mitigation, addressing both villager and elephant needs simultaneously.

Recommendations include focusing on points of agreement, such as human-elephant negative interactions and ineffective crop protection, to build trust and prioritize interventions.

Therefore, I consider it an interesting topic to publish in your prestigious journal.