

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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The paper is very interesting, but some corrections need to be made.

1. In the "Presentation of The Study Area" the coordinate 9°40'60" is E, not S.
2. The "Choice of Study Sites" section needs references.
3. I think that if the forest is "secondary type" it cannot be considered as "undisturbed habitat". Perhaps it is better to call it less intervened or another name.
4. The "Data Collection Methodology" section should indicate what the minimum measurement diameter is. Additionally, it must indicate the quantitative difference between regeneration and mature stems; Is there a difference in diameter or height?