

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

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I commend the effort of the author for battling so hard with the influence of oil palm expansion on food security. In this a good frontier in oil palm research.

However, you need to pay close attention in these area;

1. The abstract of the study was poorly written. Since this is empirical research, you need to support your findings with statistically results/figures.
2. Your results are actually mind boggling. You really need to provide a stronger argument why oil palm expansion had significant and negative influence on food security.
3. You equally regressed food expenditure against food security. That is statistically wrong. Since food security is a dependent variable in your research, food expenditure is equally a component of food security indicators. Therefore, the best you can do is a correlation analysis to determine nature of association between food security and household food expenditure.
4. Avoid the use of statistically alien expressions like "strong, unequivocally" among others in your reportage.
5. The methodology was not explicit especially in the area of method of data analyses. Your failed to clearly specify your models. This is a core lacuna in the work.
6. You actually did well in your review of literature. However, this work is topical and contemporary. There is a serious need to update the references. Most of the references in the work were too old for this study.