

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

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The topic is really important as the govt is now preparing mid term development plan where palm oil is one of important topics as it is related to many topics including food and bio energy.

the presentation and story flow in the paper needs major rewriting. I found some contradictory arguments such as; "...The analysis results revealed a strong and negative influence of oil palm expansion on food security status. ..." and in other part the author wrote, "...This suggests that provinces cultivating palm oil have a higher likelihood of achieving food security compared to those that do not engage in the cultivation of this commodity"

the arguments need to be more specific. this will involve the analysis as well. e.g. the following argument can be sharpen by calculating threshold of.... '...expanding the area for oil palm cultivation is estimated to exacerbate food insecurity...' there is also writing issue in this argument and other sentences need to be fixed.

in the Main text:

- Figure 1 is still in Bahasa , translate to English
- introduction, and also methods sections are Too long, must be shortened and concise , with better story flow and stronger arguments
- Tables on results (1,2 3 etc.) can be revised , make it more reader friendly, not in software format

I Can not judge the statistic results as I am not expert on it