

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

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It is interesting research in terms of forest elephant crop depredation. However, some parts need to be revised:

Overall: The paper is a bit difficult to follow for comments, e.g., no row line number. I did not know about the information on Qeios' structure or style of journal, so I just freehanded my comments.

Abstract: It is a bit long; please make it shorter.

Materials and Methods

Study area: Why did you select and focus on Lope National Park when you indicate 13 national parks in Gabon? Please provide more explanation.

How villagers grow various crops could impact CDIs?

How and what methods did you apply to select villagers? Please explain in more detail in the research method.

Please make a map of the study area clearer.

The data collection method is not clear enough. Please make it cleaner and more logical. For example, in the paragraph "Interviews were conducted in person and remotely. The in-person interviews were a better fit with Gabonese culture, as traditional knowledge is transmitted orally (Bonhomme, 2007; Diogo & Cerena, 2015). Remote interviews were used because professionals were in different locations in Gabon and outside the country, and due to restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic," please rewrite it.

Results and discussion: It is good and clear; it provides meaningful information and data.

Conclusions: How does this research contribute to policy makers? And what are the shortcomings of this research? Please elaborate on it.

References section: Why do you use uncategorized references? It makes the reader more confused. Please follow the journal style.

