

# Review of: "“Saving the Forest” with a REDD+ Project: Socio-Ecological Repercussions on Indigenous People in Cambodia"

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1. I could imagine the situations on the ground described in this paper. International agencies, especially WCS, sound quite mis-performed, “bad” in other words. This wasn’t so surprising. However, background information on the indigenous communities is needed to see what makes them being mistreated this much. For example, is it because they were so way out in the woods (primitive) or can’t be communicated? This is why the authorities/NGOs need to apply a primitive approach when dealing with them??? The paper shouldn’t sound so negative or just blame the opposite side. Adding background information, cultural settings, and local practices will help the readers understand more of the local conditions.
2. A summary of REDD+ practices/nature with some example projects in Cambodia is needed either in the Introduction or as a separate section.
3. What is presented in the paper is sad but true. And we’ve pretended this isn’t happening or even ignored it. Many stories we saw/heard on social media, news, government/NGO reports, or even peer-reviewed articles basically present the good side. In other words, this isn’t that surprising to learn these stories in Cambodia. Esp. when you work on the ground with local/indigenous people, you shall see both sides, good and bad. Indeed, it goes more toward the bad side.