

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

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The manuscript can be accepted for publication after applying the following recommendations:

Abstract

Rewrite the abstract, giving a short description of the methodology, findings, and other items.

Introduction

1. Begin the introduction with Paragraph 3, "Gabon, in central Africa, is home to approximately 95,000 forest elephants, including national parks protection through ecotourism development."
2. Then write: Despite these strenuous efforts, the African forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) Crop Depredation Incidents (CDIs) have persisted in Africa's Congo Basin, leading to increased rural poverty, and most crop protection methods provide only short-term benefits, as elephants always find means to overcome almost every protection method or simply move to areas without any protection ((Lahm, 1996; Parker & Osborn, 2006; Madden & McQuinn, 2014, Osipova et al., 2018).
3. Use the italic font for the nomenclature of the species or underline the normal font.
4. Correct the species name from *Loxodonda* to *Loxodonta*.
5. Giving this chronic conflict that disrupted the lives of both villagers and elephants, and considering that the African forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) is native to humid tropical forests in the Congo Basin that were ranked as critically endangered (CR) according to the IUCN categories (Gobush, et al., 2021), we sought to gather knowledge and insights. Such information was obtained from
6. Add the above new reference (Gobush, et al., 2021) to the manuscript references.

Materials and Methods

Interview Procedure

1. Conservation professionals were identified through three methods: the conservation network (Reference), the snowball method (Biernacki & Waldorf, 1981; Naderifar et al., 2017), and a literature review (cite).

- **Declare whether the total number of participants (villagers, conservation professionals,) selected during the experimental design satisfies $\alpha = 0.05$ level of statistical significance?**
- **In addition to the conceptual framework shown in Figure 5, Figure 6, relate the explored drivers and dynamics through statistical analysis using a reliable algorithm to determine which are most important in creating the problems observed. Add the results to your abstract and conclusion either.**

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