

Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

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The MS is well written, with a well-constructed introduction and well-described materials and methods. However, it is impossible to comment further on the MS since there are no statistical analyses that validate the results presented. I suggest that the authors incorporate into the MS statistical analyses that demonstrate the health status of rattan species according to a gradient of disturbances across the forests surrounding the Nkoltang area (e.g., PCA, PCoA, CA, NMDS, regressions, and variance). Without these analyses, the article is incomplete. I also suggest improving the quality of the figures, as the graphics are of low quality and not very presentable.

Additionally, I propose enhancing the quality of the figures, as the current graphics are of low quality and lack presentability. Improving the clarity and resolution of the figures will contribute to a more polished and visually appealing presentation of the data.