

Review of: "A Review of the Drawdown Zone in African Reservoirs: Current Knowledge, Understudied Areas and Recommendations for Future Research"

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The manuscript provides an overall understanding of the studies conducted in the reservoirs in Africa.

There are some minor improvements in the text that could be easily corrected:

Littoral zones of freshwater reservoirs harbour diverse ecological communities - the verb is missing. Maybe you could add 'have' = Littoral zones of freshwater reservoirs harbour have diverse ecological communities.

studies are few = studies are scarce

productivity and fauna and flora diversity = maybe 'productivity of fauna and flora diversity'

in the tropics and arid and semi-arid areas= 'in the arid and semi-arid tropic areas

This observation is even complex to disentangle for tropical reservoirs, e.g., the Swakoppoort and Von Bach Dams in Namibia, located in arid and semi-arid areas, e.g., deserts, where the association between rainfall levels = maybe add bracket here or divide the sentence into two parts

The question is what is the= The research question is what is the..

rightly pointed out that = correctly pointed out that..

Conceptually,

More information on the importance of reservoirs in general, and especially in Africa, should be added to the introduction of the manuscript.

Also, the following part '3.1. Definition and demarcation of drawdown zones in reservoirs' should be significantly shortened and moved to materials and methods. In my opinion, it is not a reviewed part, just information for a general understanding of what a drawdown zone is.

