

## Review of: "The Contribution of Subsistence Agriculture to the Livelihoods of the Smallholder Farmers in South Kivu Province, Democratic Republic of Congo"

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## Comments

The article is generally interesting, although the topic is not so novel. This is confirmed by the authors themselves at the end of the 3rd paragraph of the Introduction.

It is well written, and the state-of-the-art is abundant and informative. I appreciated the definitions of the main concepts the paper deals with.

However, the title seems not to meet the content of the article, so the main results presented seem to be out of objectives... From the abstract, it clearly appears that the article deals with the "ways of improving subsistence agriculture in South Kivu Province, DRC."

The directions of the effects (positive or negative) of the socioeconomic status attained on the sustainability of the livelihoods are not specified in the Abstract.

The Discussion and Conclusion sections start with almost the same sentence, which is redundant.

**Decision: MAJOR REVISIONS** 

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