

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

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Summary of the paper: The author presents a research review that examines and provides critical insights into recent literature on the ecology of drawdown zones in African reservoirs, and assesses delineation of drawdown and overlapping littoral zones, and their ecosystem functions in reservoirs, and synthesises research on human utilisation of drawdown zones in African reservoirs, and evaluates current knowledge and understudied aspects of drawdown zones in African reservoirs. But at the present state, the manuscript needs major improvements to be published. The abstract section has not been answered truly and completely. The abstract is not clear and self-standing. It should be structured in 4 paragraphs, namely, aims, methods, results, and conclusions. The title and the abstract are what invited reviewers look at first. Based on this first impression, they undertake or not the review. And The results and discussion section has not answered truly and completely. Discussion must be written because it is written as conclusions, without focusing on your review results.