

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

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This article addresses an important topic, namely the perceptions of various stakeholders with respect to crop damages effected by forest elephants in central Gabon.

The article is well written. The methods are clearly explained. The results are also clearly stated and discussed.

I suggest two changes to further improve the manuscript.

First, the article relies on the conceptual framework of Emerson et al. (2012). Ideally, such a framework should be clearly presented and discussed in the Materials and Methods section.

Secondly, the choice of the methodology should be better justified against potential alternatives. In particular, regarding the identification of perceptions on environmental conflicts, Q-method stands out. I recommend the work of

Zepharovich E. et al. (2020), Perceptions of deforestation in the Argentinian Chaco: combining Q-method and environmental justice, *Ecological Economics* 171 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2020.106598>

With these two small edits, the article would make a valuable contribution.