

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

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Dear authors, well done for conducting research on such an important issue. I hope this study will result in fading the human-elephant conflicts in the region, and findings of this study will be used to improve villagers' livelihoods and that there will be a significant reduction in crop depredation incidents. Although the research has been documented well, there is always a chance of improvements. A few recommendations from my side include:

- 1. A list of 5 key words should be included in the article.
- 2. For the demographic profile of respondents, a table suits best. It can be inserted.
- 3. Statistics given in the 'Landscape context' portion should be represented via a graph that will show the comparison of results amongst villagers and professionals.
- 4. Recommendations have not been given based on the results; they should include recommendations to stakeholders on how the problem can be resolved.
- 5. References have been divided into two categories, but similar articles are present in both. References need to be rechecked.
- 6. A reference starting with https://ac.els... needs to be re-checked so it will be easy for readers to find where it has been cited in the article.

Best wishes,