

Review of: "An Ecological Study of *Alstonia Venenata* R.Br. (Apocynaceae: Rauvolfioideae) and *Cryptolepis Buchanani* R.Br. Ex Roem. & Schult. (Apocynaceae: Periplocoideae)"

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In general terms, I liked the article. I think it has potential, but it lacks editorial work. There is some information that is repeated, and other information that is unnecessary for the purposes of the article. Also, the methodology is practically absent, and it must be developed in detail; this is crucial to ensure replicability in science.

1. Authors should review a spell and grammar check. For example, in the first sentence of the abstract, they have some mistakes.
2. I don't understand this sentence: "Butterflies and honeybees visit the flowers during the forenoon period only when the former collect nectar while the latter collect pollen, but both act as pollinators." I suppose that you are saying that both are legitimate pollinators that visit the flowers in the morning, but butterflies collect nectar and bees collect pollen. Please clarify.
3. I don't understand why you dedicate like three sentences to describe *A. scholaris*; it is not clear the point of this information. Clarify and use connectors. Explain the relation between your ideas; otherwise, readers lose the argumentative line.
4. What do you mean by "Anonymous websites report that *Alstonia venenata* is documented as a common plant species in South India"?
5. Why not local communities instead of tribal communities?
6. Some sentences do not have a reference; please add one.
7. "These authors also scientifically validated the use of stem bark and leaves of *A. venenata* as an anti-venom drug." Why is this important to the purposes of the article? Do we really have to validate traditional ecological knowledge with scientific one?
8. The introduction is one endless paragraph; reorganize it. I suggest that each species, its uses, and available information can be placed in one paragraph, followed by a final paragraph where you mention the objectives. And please check that all information incorporated in the introduction has a purpose.
9. It is important that you mention why it is important to study the reproductive biology and ecology of these species; this must be present in the article.
10. Material and Method: Provide a map where the study sites are indicated and add some photos of the study species.
11. Can you be more specific about the methodology used, for example, how do you record flower visitors?

12. Why observations and discussion? I would say results.
13. It is possible that you separated the results section and the discussion one; I believe that this may help you to better organize the text.
14. Please use modal verbs in the discussion and conclusion.
15. Avoid too short sentences.