

Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

Manas Ranjan Mohanta

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

The manuscript (ms) contains valuable information related to the ecology of Ratan, but the presentation of the data is not impressive. As the study is based on sampling plot data, it must present all the diversity parameters, including diversity indices, species richness, density, abundance, basal area, etc. I suggest the authors perform some more analysis on the available data. Further, I suggest checking the following comments for improvement of the ms.

1. Please check the grammar, full stops, commas, spaces, etc., in the whole manuscript.
2. Justify the classification of low disturbed, moderately disturbed, and highly disturbed sites.
3. The study area map should be revised to clearly show the different sites based on the disturbance gradient.
4. The regeneration status can be studied by referring to the following ms (doi)

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chnaes.2021.08.011>