

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

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1 - The title gives that impression for African reservoirs. Deep deep inside is more of a delineation of drawdown and littoral zones in both lakes (majority) and reservoirs (minority). There might be a need for clear separation of the two, and the article will be very informative.

2 - The abstract is too long. Needs to be adjusted to the conventional scientific style and format of 250 words. This will help the reader decide quickly whether the article is of interest. Cut this out to reflect the content of the article as closely as possible.

3 - Content well researched, structured, and written; I would rank it at 3 in the score of 1-5 in terms of originality.

4 - Key areas the paper brought out well: drawdown zone; littoral zone, with their complexity in limnological studies, further revealing the knowledge gap in sedimentation, decomposition, de/nitrification, and other key processes which are pertinent in the overall lake ecology.

5 - I recommend it for publication with those minor reviews to communicate all the content clearly.