

Review of: "Palm Oil Expansion and Subnational Food Security"

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I commend the great efforts of the author for contributing to a relevant subject matter. However, the paper needs major revision as indicated below,

Topic

Palm Oil Expansion and Subnational Food Security

The author may consider revising the topic as it is not clear if Palm oil is the focus here. Perhaps because the subject matter, objectives are also unclear.

Also, author states, "This research aims to establish a link between food security, connectivity, and the political economy of plantation industries...."

"..The research focuses on the food security status of Indonesian provinces at the sub-national level..."

The author can work on clarifying the research focus and the topic

Abstract

The abstract may require a clearly stated problem or issue, a brief description of the research method, major findings... language use here may also affect understanding of the abstract.

"...The analysis results revealed a strong and negative influence of oil palm expansion on food security status.

Furthermore, it was found that food expenditure has an unequivocally negative impact on food security status. However, food security status was identified as a significant predictor for a province to be classified as an oil palm grower..." Such statements can be revisited to clearly state the problem and relevance of the paper.

Introduction

The introduction may require a major revision.

On a general note, the introduction could be short, clearly stating the background necessary to understand the writ-up. I am not sure where the introduction, the clear objectives of the paper, the relevance of the study. Information could be summarized for example the details of definition of food security, President Joko Widodo's policies...Also there seem to be many recommendations in the introduction.

Generally, attention can be paid to language, facts, consistency, relevance of facts to subject matter, relationship between themes...

The reference and in-text citations could be added and updated.

Methodology

The methods, scope of study, seems unclear. This section also introduces ideas that was not clearly stated in the abstract and introduction. The formatting of the tables can be revised an

Conclusion and Recommendation

Perhaps after revising the topic, introduction, methodology and finding, the conclusion can be clearer.