

# Review of: "Unlocking Natural Capital in the Megadiverse Colombian Pacific Basin: Navigating Challenges and Governance Gaps"

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The paper advances the need of unlocking or accounting natural capital in the Colombian Pacific Region. The paper used different sources of information to acquire data needed to the study objectives. The research findings are informative to decision makers, particularly in the region under study, and to the scholars for future research.

However, to strengthen the research findings, the authors can consider checking the following, specifically for the research methodology:

Study area:

- The section focuses on the description of the study area but silent on why selecting the area amongst other areas hosting ecosystems and biodiversity, which are also under threat.

Search terms

- "Natural capital", "natural accounting" could both be relevant as key search terms amongst others listed in the paper, to get more information on data needed for the research.

Sources of information: Some sources of information could add a value to the findings on remnant natural capital, and projections on trends.

- Local knowledge from indigenous people could be an important source of information on land use, ecosystems and biodiversity within their localities in the basin;
- Where appropriate and available, cadastral information from the existing national land information system could be an important source of information on existing land tenure and land use, in addition to data extracted from satellites images (Remote Sensing techniques). The two could be relevant to create physical asset accounts on land use land cover change (LULC) for change matrix from one year to another (reductions and additions).