

Review of: "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa"

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Introduction

-The opening sentence is a blanket statement which requires clarification: "Forest elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) Crop Depredation Incidents (CDIs) have persisted in Africa's Congo Basin, leading to increased rural poverty (Lahm, 1996; Parker & Osborn, 2006; Madden & McQuinn, 2014)."

Authors should explain how activities lead to poverty.

- Authors should correct this at the end of the first paragraph of introduction: The dual ..."
- Reference needed for statement "Gathering such knowledge is particularly important in Gabon, as the government established a network of 13 national parks, which could have contributed to CDIs in nearby villages, across the country in 2002 for biodiversity protection."

Methods

- The two study sites from where the villagers were selected, "Kazamabika and Ramba," cannot be found on the map.
- Also, why were these two areas selected and not other areas?
- Authors should explain why the choice of twenty-four villagers (52%) and twenty-two conservation professionals (48%) was interviewed.

Discussions

- After presenting the "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation," authors need to also bring out the policy implications for conservationists, villagers, and policymakers to inform decision making regarding the core problem.