

Review of: "“Saving the Forest” with a REDD+ Project: Socio-Ecological Repercussions on Indigenous People in Cambodia"

James Roper¹

¹ Universidade Federal do Paraná

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Title:

Socio-ecological repercussions of what on Indigenous People? Saving the forest? I think the title could be improved, something along the lines of “How saving the forest using REDD+ influences Indigenous People in Cambodia.”

The last sentence of the Abstract should state some significant result, and not just state “these findings provide insight.”

The introduction should not start with “Despite being...” because that just doesn’t read well. I would write something like “Cambodia, among the globally least developed countries, has surprisingly been prioritizing the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions for more than a decade.” Then, new sentence.

I thought the methodology in all parts was insufficiently explained. I would have liked to see what the variables were, what the analyses were, and most importantly, what the hypotheses were to begin with. In other words, what exactly was predicted, and then uncovered, by the study?

The findings are not descriptive enough for my preferences. I'd expect to see numbers, graphs, tables, and so on that show the trends the author is suggesting.

Considering the important impact of this study, I think that to present the best argument, the data must be clearly presented. The case the author makes seems to be strong, but it looks too much like hearsay to be accepted by many. Those working in this area will want numbers to be able to justify their conclusions and suggestions.