

Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

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The Paper is well articulated; it has a little mix-up of tense (both past and present tense). This needs to be revised accordingly.

In the Abstract:

- Better to arrange the Abstract as follows: Background>Problem>Purpose of the study>materials and methods>results>discussion and conclusion
- What are the conclusions and recommendations from the study?

In the results section of Distribution of the abundance of rattan species as a function of habitats,

- Beyond a statement on ANOVA, refer the reader to the result table showing this analysis.

For the Vegetation state of Each Clump,

- Include the source below the Table, e.g., Adopted from Iponga *et al.*, (2008)

Since it's the first mention of the species, add the Genus too, in full.

Use Mendeley, Zotero, or EndNote to format citations; adjust from manual writing of references and citations.

Review General Comment: Accept with Minor Revisions