

Review of: "Assessing the Forest Transition Hypothesis: Are Deforestation Dynamics Different Across Continents?"

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The article is interesting, and the results are potentially useful. However, I found difficulties in reading for a few reasons:

1. The text needs to be better structured in terms of methods, results, and discussion. I suggest a detailed revision, placing each section in its respective place to facilitate reading and understanding. For example, I found some results in the Methods, some methods in the Results, some discussion in the Results, and also some paragraphs that should be in the Discussion, in the Methods.
2. Use of acronyms: Please consider using acronyms correctly by defining them in the introduction and then using them throughout the text. As a general rule, define them appropriately (and only once) in the introduction or at the first time they appear. After their definition, try to use only the acronyms throughout the text.
3. In my opinion, the term 'forest transition' should be replaced, throughout the text, with 'forest transition hypothesis.'
4. To be easier for a broader audience, it is necessary to explain, in the introduction, what the Forest Transition Hypothesis is and what the cubic relationship means.
5. The term 'development level' in the text is expressed as GDP, income per capita, and HDI. It is necessary to clarify which term is used in each specific situation.
6. Please see the specific comments in the attached version.