

# Review of: "Customary Land Tenure, Mining, and the Development Question: Insights From a Transitional State"

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The study contributes valuable insights into the dynamic relationship between customary land tenure, mining, and development within the context of a transitional state in rural Zimbabwe.

Considering the theoretical-methodological approach selected by the authors, it is desirable that a hypothesis be built with the information and evidence gathered in the field.

Regarding the methodology used, it is clear that the article is oriented towards documentary research (review of literature, technical reports, official documents, published and unpublished articles); however, the information collected in the field could have greater weight and, in that sense, contribute to discussing the theoretical perspective.

The special unit of analysis (the Uzumba Maramba Pfungwe district, UMP) is appropriately documented, but a cartographic representation to illustrate it to readers is desirable.

The argument about the agroecological context of the UMP, which indicates that the analysis “featuring both dry and wet areas, provides a backdrop for understanding the diverse impacts of mining on local communities”, can be interpreted as environmental determinism.

Bearing in mind the length of the article, the conclusions are relatively short.