

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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Comments:

- On Introduction - concise the literature review on Southeast Asia studies on rattan. It gives the false idea that you are going to make comparisons, while in fact, you only concentrate on the rattans in your study site, Gabon, in Central Africa.
- On Methods and Results - You only look into rattan species; how about the related plant species?
- On Methods: Give a basis for establishing the undisturbed, moderately disturbed, and highly disturbed sites. You only provided descriptions of these but not the scientific or logical basis for the selection of these sites.
- Suggested addition: - include biodiversity indices; also, include ANOVA and post-hoc tests in your data analysis