

# Review of: "A Review of the Drawdown Zone in African Reservoirs: Current Knowledge, Understudied Areas and Recommendations for Future Research"

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This is an interesting paper on an important topic. I feel it could be much better written. Most importantly, the Methods are too long, Results should be separated from the Discussion. Discussion does not make very much of the principles of drawdown ecology, some of which come from outside the tropics, eg [Salisbury, 1970](#), The pioneer vegetation of exposed muds and its biological features; Phil. Trans. R. Soc. London, Ser. B, 259 (1970), pp. 207-255. Also [Howard-Williams, 1975](#), *Seasonal and spatial changes in the composition of the aquatic and semi-aquatic vegetation of Lake Chilwa, Malawi*, *Vegetatio*, 30 (1975), pp. 33-39 is worth reading.