

Review of: "Policy-Based Water Management Challenges at the Local Level Under Non-traditional Security Perspective: The Case of Hanoi City, Vietnam"

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1. The paper presents an interesting study of water security in Hanoi. The approach considers the benefits and costs of water supply and employs an integrated water resources management (IWRM) framework for providing water security.
2. On the other hand, the paper needs thorough English editing to make it suitable before it is accepted for wide distribution.
3. There are some methodological issues, such as what appears to be an arbitrary specification of weights (for forests, rivers, groundwater, etc.) in the second column of Table 4. Who assigned the values to the weights?
4. Clearly, this paper deals with a multi-attribute decision-making (MADM) problem. The authors approach it with a tabular accounting of benefits and costs presented in Figures 2 and 3. However, there are alternative quantitative approaches such as TOPSIS (and others) for choosing and ranking alternative strategies in the search for water security. The paper is silent about MADM methods widely used to solve this kind of multicriteria problem.
5. Therefore, I recommend acceptance subject to revision.