

# Review of: "Armed Conflicts in Africa and Environmental Intelligence for Sustainability"

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The article attempts to propose a strategy called EI to prevent and/or address the challenges to sustainability posed by armed conflicts.

Although I understand the general idea of what the authors are looking for, I believe that the idea needs to be further developed at least in the following aspects:

**Theoretical/** Initially, to lay a sound theoretical foundation regarding the nature of armed conflict and post-conflict in the context of sustainability. Although studies are presented that demonstrate the nexus, it would be important to take a theoretical position regarding the very nature of conflict and sustainability. Furthermore, here I would recommend a review of aspects of political ecology and conflict in order not to instrumentalize conflict-environment management, but to understand it in a more complex context.

**Research gap/** It is not clear to me how the proposal differs from UNEP reports on conflict and other strategies such as strategic environmental management, strategic foresight, or scenario modeling itself. I would recommend that an effort be made here, since the argument is that IE is the right way to address the problems. Here it would be useful to make a critical review of the postulates of the environmental peacebuilding school and the proposed strategies.

**Methods and results/** The article should go beyond saying how it would be done to present more robust empirical data to ground the ideas. This is seen in the results, which present in a very general way the approaches or what should be done. I recommend that in this part, you identify the sources, resources, data, etc., needed and make a modeling/scenario/strategy attuned to a concrete case.

Many thanks for your initiative, and I hope to be able to review a second version of the manuscript soon.