

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

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

Firstly, I would like to congratulate you on the important topic and for having great clarity in the text. I have some considerations, questions, and suggestions about this manuscript:

1. Put the keywords in alphabetical order and remove the word "reservoirs" because it is already in the title.
2. In the Introduction, I suggest positioning the third paragraph within the first. From the third sentence of the first paragraph to the sixth sentence, position it as paragraph 2.
3. In the last paragraph of the introduction, is it possible to combine objective "i" with "iv"?
4. In "Results and Discussion," explain in section 3.1 how the aquatic zone floods throughout the year (flood height and permanence) and, if there is sufficient data, construct a graph.
5. Could there be a relationship between macrophytes, nutrient dynamics, and climate change?
6. Is there an influence of El Niño and La Niña in the region?
7. On page 14, last paragraph: The first sentence "Humans utilise..." is very similar to the first sentence in section 3.4.
8. Conclusion of the manuscript: How can you suggest a positive change in society and public policies to mitigate the anthropogenic impact in these areas?

I recommend acceptance of the manuscript for publication after revisions.