

Review of: "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa"

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The article nicely describes and discusses the perceptions of CDI among sampled stakeholders, including villagers and experts. The authors are trying to generalize the views on CDI based on just 24 villagers from two villages grouped into two age groups. The sample size appears too small to estimate population perceptions using statistics. The questionnaire developed for villagers seems like we are trying to put words or answers into the respondents' mouths. Further, based on this limited primary data, the authors tried to explain the CDI phenomenon in Gabon. However, most of the conclusions are just confirmations of the already known rational variables from similar studies elsewhere. The article hardly adds anything new to the existing mental model of man-animal conflicts. Secondary data could have been used to supplement and validate thesis statements and perceptions. Furthermore, the conceptual framework shows a linear relationship among the identified variables; however, in dynamic systems like man-animal conflicts, understanding cyclic behavior depicting cause-and-effect relationships is more relevant, but