

# Review of: "Ecological diversity, structure and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the Nkoltang forest, Estuary province of Gabon"

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The article "Ecological diversity, structure, and exploitation of rattan stands according to a disturbance gradient around the article by Nkoltang Forest, Estuary province of Gabon," by Ephrem Nzengue, Donald Midoko Iponga, Christian Mickolo, and Henri Paul Mouyebissi, carried out in Nkoltang, located 30 km from Libreville, Gabon, evaluates the abundance of rattan in three areas of the Nkoltang forest.

This study showed the distribution, exploitation pressure, regeneration, and the presence of seven (7) species exploited differently. The results do not affect the abundance and regeneration of wicker stands adversely. I believe that this statement should be the subject of a study of the raw material's life cycle and the crops' recovery cycle. Environmental considerations should be more carefully evaluated and confirmed with agricultural studies and directed plantation care. Therefore, the methodology used in this study may serve as a basis for future work, but it needs more robust confirmation and complementary studies with targeted field research.

I congratulate the authors on the article and encourage them to continue this important line of research.