

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 is well structured and very well written. There is a clear narrative, with very well-described objectives, methodology, and discussion of the results.

It is recommended to include further recommendations on how the study can be used by Gabon to build a solid management system for Rattan in the future. Consider how the article can be a stepping stone for updating national forest policies/management strategies and how NTFP management from Rattan can be promoted.