

Review of: "“Saving the Forest” with a REDD+ Project: Socio-Ecological Repercussions on Indigenous People in Cambodia"

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This is a highly relevant subject with contemporary relevance extending beyond the case study. There is much of value in the research findings extracted from the field work. However, much more could be made of these findings through a more detailed narrative and analysis rather than a bullet point presentation of conclusions. It would also be useful to have a clearer time frame within which to locate the material, i.e., pre-declaration, the process around selecting and declaring this a protected area, and experiences since then, incorporating at each stage the involvement or lack thereof of the various stakeholders. For those not familiar with the country or the people, it would also be useful to have an introduction to the indigenous people, particularly their relationship with the forest and its resources, and an indication of how this has changed over time/across different groups, etc. There is a tendency towards generalisation, and it would be good to have a more nuanced analysis, especially regarding indigenous viewpoints. Given the article is based on field work, it would also be good to have a little reflection on some of the challenges encountered and to what extent the views and opinions were influenced by other factors or biased.