

Review of: "Human and Environmental Factors Shape Tree Species Assemblages in West African Tropical Forests"

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The article titled "Human and Environmental Factors Shape Tree Species Assemblages in West African Tropical Forests" was reviewed by me. An important deficiency is that the article only contains data from the recent past and does not have historical data on the change in forest assets. For this reason, factors such as geographical distance and altitude have a high impact on tree change. Human impact has not been adequately analyzed. This is a big shortcoming.

The analysis results in Figures 3 and 4 are very similar to each other. This result needs to be evaluated further in the article.

If the results are examined in more detail in the article, they are found suitable for publication in their current form.