

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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This is an interesting study due to it have been collected a good dataset and implement an excellent approach. The paper is generally well written and structured. However, in my opinion the paper has some shortcomings as in the following:

1. Sample size: the sample size used in the study may be small, which may affect the representativeness and generalization of the results. It may be better to use a larger sample to get more accurate and representative results.
2. Scope of the study: the scope of the study is centered on the nkoltan forest in the estori province of Gabon, and this may be limited to a limited geographical area. It may be useful to conduct further studies in different areas or expand the scope of the study to achieve more comprehensive results.
3. Environmental impact factors: it may be necessary to clarify or identify the surrounding environmental factors affecting the distribution and structure of rattan trees. For example, changes in the soil, water regime and climatic changes may have an impact on the results.
4. Human impacts: human activities such as forest exploitation and trade can affect the distribution and sustainability of rattan trees. It may be necessary to analyze the effects of these factors and clarify them in the study.