

# Review of: "Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa"

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I really appreciate how much attention elephants-human conflict is getting from scholars. The dual threats to people and elephants make it imperative to better understand the factors influencing forest elephants. It is imperative to identify management strategies that bridge the combined landscape contexts of protected areas, multiple-use forests, and village areas to simultaneously satisfy the unmet needs of both villagers and forest elephants, rather than simply trying to mitigate wildlife-human conflict through improved crop protection alone. An integrated suite of strategies focusing on human-elephant coexistence is highly needed and should aim at supporting the shared use of the larger landscape by both villagers and forest elephants. Achieving the latter will more likely contribute to improving both villagers' socioeconomic conditions and enhancing forest elephant conservation.

The topic is really interesting. Adequate sample size is crucial in ensuring the reliability and generalizability of research outcomes.