

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

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Stakeholders' Perception of Socioecological Factors Influencing Forest Elephant Crop Depredation in Gabon, Central Africa, by [Memiaghe et al.](#), is an eye-opener to the human-elephant relationship with regards to ecological land use. The paper is well-detailed and publishable after some of the suggestions below are considered.

There should be a reduction in the length of the abstract to capture the concise details of the research.

Is it possible that some of the villagers were crop farmers? If yes, the number should be mentioned in the sampling technique because they are the actual ones challenged with the forest elephant crop depredation incidents (CDIs).

The sampling technique used was not explicitly explained given how the respondents were selected. Was the interview for the villagers based on Focus Group Discussion (FGD)? This is because the researcher mentioned interviewing elders before the villagers, and the total number of villagers mentioned was 24, so I was wondering if elders were part of the 24 respondents.

A legend should be attached to figures 2, 3, and 4 to give clarity on what each of the bars stands for. Also, figures 5 and 6 represent the conceptual framework and should have been

presented before the results presentation.

Lastly, some of the old references can be replaced with recent ones.