

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

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To explore existing perceptions of socioecological factors influencing forest elephant crop depredation incidents around Lope National Park in Gabon, the authors analysed interviews with 46 villagers and conservation professionals. Applying a thematic analysis, the authors identified how elephant crop depredation impacts both villagers' livelihoods and elephant conservation, and how elephant crop depredation incidents were related to various landscape contexts. Furthermore, the analysis revealed the most important drivers, dynamics, and key problems. This is a well-written and highly interesting paper. The background and context are well described, and the methods and analysis applied reflect a solid piece of work relevant and interesting for scholars working not only with elephant crop depredation but also with conservation conflicts in general.