

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57010

Title: Bird community of the damaged Natio-Kobadara dam lake in Korhogo, northern CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Recommendation:

Accept as it is
 Accept after minor revision.....
Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			x	
Techn. Quality		x		
Clarity			x	
Significance			x	

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

This manuscript presents an ornithological inventory of a degraded wetland in northern Côte d'Ivoire, providing useful baseline data on bird diversity in an understudied region. However, several significant issues require attention before publication can be recommended. The title contains an error ("waste" should read "was the subject"), and the abstract requires thorough revision for grammatical clarity and logical flow. The introduction adequately contextualizes the study but would benefit from explicitly stated hypotheses. The methods section lacks crucial details: the rationale for selecting only four observation points and the justification for the three-month sampling period (June-August 2022) are not provided, and the statement that surveys occurred "during the height of the rainy season" contradicts the description of rainy season extending from April to October. The results are presented comprehensively, but Table I is excessively dense and difficult to interpret; consider splitting into multiple tables or supplementary materials. The discussion appropriately compares findings with nearby sites but overstates the novelty of *Vanellus tectus* and *Merops bullocki* given that these species are known from the broader region. Additionally, the conclusion that rehabilitation is essential does not follow directly from the data presented, as the study did not assess pre-degradation conditions. Language throughout requires professional editing for grammar, syntax, and terminology consistency. The reference list includes sources dated 2025 and 2026, which is problematic for a 2022 study. These issues must be addressed to strengthen the manuscript's scientific rigor and clarity.