

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-57323

Title: Interconnectedness in Sociotechnical Design: A Systematic Review of Sustainable Community Forests Management in Nepal,

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		

Reviewer's ID: JPR-171

Detailed Reviewer's Report

This systematic review provides a timely synthesis of interconnectedness in Nepal's community forest governance, drawing on 36 studies and four analytical dimensions (knowledge-power, multi-level governance, bricolage, socio-ecological linkages). The identification of a gap regarding explicit sociotechnical design frameworks is a valuable contribution. The PRISMA-guided methodology is appropriate, and the proposed design principles offer practical direction.

Several minor issues require attention. First, the PRISMA flow diagram and several tables (e.g., Table 4) are referenced but not included in the provided file; these must be added. Second, the search string appears overly narrow ("interconnected* OR sociotechnical ...") – the authors should justify or acknowledge that literature using related terms (e.g., "coupled systems", "integration") may have been missed. Third, the quality assessment results (CASP/JBI) are mentioned but not summarised; a brief statement of how many studies were rated high/medium/low would improve transparency. Fourth, the manuscript contains minor typographical errors (e.g., "aortsthrough" on page 5, "conjuntural" on page 5). Fifth, the single policy recommendation, while actionable, would benefit from recognising the financial and capacity constraints of the Ministry. These revisions do not alter the core findings and can be completed efficiently.