

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58660

Title: KNOWLEDGE TO COPE WITH AND ABILITY OF FISHER FOLK TO ENDURE FISH SCARCITY AT SASSANDRA (SOUTHWESTERN COTE 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 addresses an important topic regarding artisanal fishery adaptation to resource scarcity in Côte d'Ivoire, with valuable empirical data from 155 respondents. However, significant revisions are required. The methodology lacks detail on questionnaire validation, sampling framework, and data analysis procedures beyond basic percentages no statistical tests are employed to substantiate findings. The results section is largely descriptive and lacks clear organization, while numerous grammatical errors and awkward phrasing throughout hinder readability. Several figure references are inconsistent, and Figure 2B's categories are unclear. The discussion fails to adequately synthesize findings with the broader literature on fisheries management and adaptation strategies. The conclusion is cursory and does not provide clear policy or management implications. The authors must strengthen methodology with validation details, apply inferential statistics where appropriate, improve language quality, reorganize results, enhance discussion with deeper literature engagement, and expand conclusions with actionable recommendations for fisheries management.