

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58817

Title: Cartographie des acteurs et analyse socio-économique de la chaîne de valeur artisanale du bois dans la région de Faranah, République de Guinée.

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 a valuable socio-economic mapping of the wood value chain in Guinea's Faranah region, addressing an important informal sector with significant livelihood implications. The study's mixed-methods approach combining surveys and focus groups provides useful empirical data on actor distribution, access modes, and profitability. However, substantial revisions are required. The introduction is overly broad and disjointed, lacking a clear problem statement, research questions, and justification for the study. The methodology section describes sampling techniques but fails to provide essential details on sample size per actor category, specific villages surveyed, response rates, or inclusion criteria. The results are presented as disconnected figures without clear narrative flow, and several figures (e.g., marital status) appear irrelevant to the stated objectives. The discussion adequately engages with some literature but could better synthesize findings and address study limitations. The manuscript also contains multiple grammatical errors, inconsistent terminology, and the abstract is duplicated in French and English with translation issues. Additionally, the conclusion does not clearly summarize key findings or provide actionable recommendations for policy or practice. The authors must restructure the introduction, provide detailed methodology, improve figure integration with text, strengthen discussion, and thoroughly revise language quality throughout. With these revisions, this work will contribute meaningfully to understanding informal forest value chains in West Africa.