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REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Non-timber forest products: Diversity and forms of use in the Department of Magaria (Niger)

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

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

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.
The article presents useful information about the diversity and uses of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) in the Magaria region of Niger. The study identifies 161 plant species and discusses their uses in food, traditional medicine, animal fodder, construction, and cultural activities. The topic is relevant to biodiversity conservation and rural livelihoods. However, some methodological details, data presentation, and scientific explanations need improvement.

Strength:

1. The topic is relevant to natural resource conservation and rural development.
2. The study covers 11 villages and includes 209 respondents.
3. A large diversity of 161 plant species has been documented.
4. Different uses of NTFPs are explained clearly.
5. The study highlights the importance of plants in food and traditional medicine.
6. Tables, figures, and photographs support the findings.
7. The article discusses sustainable harvesting and conservation of plant resources.

Weakness:

1. The sampling method is not explained in sufficient detail.
2. The reason for selecting only two communes and 11 villages needs better justification.
3. The questionnaire and interview procedure require more explanation.
4. The statistical analysis is not described clearly. The authors mention SPSS but do not specify the tests used.
5. Some percentages and species counts appear inconsistent and should be checked.
6. Several scientific plant names contain spelling errors or inconsistent formatting

Overall assessment:

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The article addresses an important topic and provides useful ethnobotanical information. However, major improvements are required in methodology, statistical presentation, scientific names, discussion, and overall formatting before publication.

Recommendation: Manuscript accepted for publication after major revision.