

Review of: "Human and Environmental Factors Shape Tree Species Assemblages in West African Tropical Forests"

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Dear Editor,

The manuscript is interesting and clearly written. I have minor revisions. I would suggest to the authors to discuss the limitations concerning the exclusion of wild animals as potential drivers shaping tree species, mainly with the edible tree species.

The role of zoochory is well known in the dispersal of edible tree species. Taking into account the fauna diversity in these forests may also help to understand their potential role in tree species assemblages.