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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comments (if agreed with reviewer, corrects the manuscript and highlight <i>that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here</i>)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<i>This manuscript needs to rewrite, because it is too long. If possible please make shorten up to 7-10 pages.</i> It will be better to check by native English speaker for grammar correction Topic: IMPACTS OF LAND USE CHANGES ON BIODIVERSITY IN THE MOUNT CAMEROON REGION is not suitable according to your result It will be better to write like "Agriculture Practice and Its impact on Forest Cover and Individual Tree" because this manuscript has focus on existing land use and agriculture practice, trend of forest cover change and individual tree damage So the research topic should be accordingly Thus I suggest to change the topic, introduction, objectives according to presented results and discussion Introduction: It is essential to include the global, regional and national level data of land use change especially into non-forest area from forest area Also include the biodiversity status threaten, endangered	The entire manuscript has been summarised The topic has been changed as proposed by the reviewer This changes have been considered as suggested Correction done as proposed, see lines 33 – 38 No published information is found for Cameroon on these



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	and extinct Objective: I think it will be better to write like i, To show the existing land use and agriculture practice ii. To evaluate the trend of forest cover loss iii. to evaluate the damage analysis of individual tree Method : It is more or less good but it will be better to coincide and specific Please rewrite stepwise method of Site and map of research site Experimental design Data collection: Sampling process, sampling intensity for each objective For example: socioeconomic, biophysical and image data were collected. The socioeconomic data were collected using key informant interview using preset questionnaire Biophysical data: This is focus on damage of individual tree.... Satellite image: At the same time remotely sensed Image TM, ETM of year ... were down loaded. The images were georeferenced and geocoded. Then these were classified using supervised classifier applying ERDAS image analysis software version.... The GPS coordinates were collected from land use category Data analysis (Please describe in brief) Socio-economic data analysis Bio-physical data analysis Image data analysis	Objectives revised as proposed, see lines 84 – 86 Done as proposed by reviewer, see lines 85 – 158
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	Result: Please remove the demographic part, not relevant for this research Please rewrite results under subheadings like t. Existing Land use and Agriculture Practice ii. Trend of forest cover change iii. Record of Tree Damage Discussion i. Farming Practice in CRM ii. Forest Cover Change Pattern iii. Destruction of Trees on the Farm and their status Conclusion and recommendation It will be better to rewrite Point wise conclusion and recommendation Recommendation is missing	The material has been removed This has been changed as proposed, see lines 161, 180 and 192 The headings have been changed as proposed, see lines 232, 254 and 279 respectively This has been done as proposed, see lines 330 - 342
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