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Journal Name:	Asian Journal of Environment & Ecology
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Title of the Manuscript:	Gauging factors that render select trees susceptible to crop raids: An insight into Asian Elephants' seasonal foraging preferences from croplands abutting Bannerghatta National Park, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	- The manuscript requires English revision. Unfortunately it can be difficult to follow as the English is poor. Please ensure that the English is corrected throughout the manuscript. - Be more specific in the objectives of the manuscript in the Introduction. This makes the rest of the manuscript more clear. - The title should be shortened. - Please re-evaluate the heading names. You have 2.2 Methodology under 2. Methodology. Also, Results and Discussion should be split, not combined in the same section (3. Results and Discussion). - As you are looking at elephant preferences, try calculate Preference Ratios using the formulae described in Petrides 1975 (assuming you have data of the number of trees available and the number of trees damaged per species in your study area). - There is no discussion on the loss of income results.	- Agreed with the reviewer, corrected and highlighted wherever language has been revised in the manuscript. - Agreed with the reviewer, objectives have been modified in the introduction to be more specific. The edits have been highlighted in the manuscript. - Agreed with the reviewer, title has been shortened and highlighted in the manuscript. - Agreed with the reviewer, heading names have been revised and the Results and Discussion have been split into two sections. - Agreed with the reviewer; the calculated Preference Ratios have aided in clearly demarcating preference among the three species. The edits have been made and highlighted in the manuscript. - Agreed with the reviewer, discussion on the loss of income has been incorporated and highlighted in the manuscript.
Minor REVISION comments	Use the same North arrow in all images, as well as the same scale bars.	Agreed with the reviewer, images have been corrected in the manuscript.



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	• I would remove the 3rd last and last keywords from the manuscript. • Change sp. km to km² • Page 3, Line 57: “minimum of 37 crops” - does this mean 37 individuals or 37 different types of crops? • 3.1 Results: I would put lines 107-112 in a table format. It will make it clearer to read and understand. • Page 7, Line 165: “both trees” - which trees are you referring to here? • Page 9, Line 206: “early 1973s” - either “early 1970s” or “in 1973”. • When referring to bull elephants being spotted more, have a look at Chiyo <i>et al.</i> 2011; Sitati <i>et al.</i> 2003; Sukumar and Gadgil 1988.	• Agreed with the reviewer, corrections have been made in the manuscript. • Agreed with the reviewer, corrected and highlighted in the manuscript. • 37 types of crops - Agreed with the reviewer, corrected and highlighted in the manuscript. • Agreed with the reviewer, a table for the stated data has been created in the manuscript. • Agreed with the reviewer, names have been specified for both the trees and highlighted in the manuscript. • Agreed with the reviewer, corrected and highlighted in the manuscript. • Agreed with the reviewer, appropriate references have been cited and highlighted in the manuscript.
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	• Once you define the objectives more clearly and correct the English in this manuscript, it will make for an easier read.	