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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 introduction does not really give a good background to the study as fundamental. The placement of the aim or objective of the study looks quite odd. The objective needs to be restructured as it is difficult to ascertain what the author(s) really have in mind. The map does not provide a good guide to anyone who is not familiar with the region. It does not have a coordinate and is difficult to state which of the two maps is Mingora or Pakistan. The sentence structure and grammar appears poor as it is difficult to ascertain most times what the author(s) mean. For example, in the study design, this sentence was seen "Two 72 teams composed of geologists and a zoologist have collectively conducted this study" Instances like this made the methodology to look quite vague. No reference was made of the contents of the questionnaire (say in an appendix) and there was equally no explanation as regards why the different qualitative methods were chosen and what each was eventually used for. The data analysis section looks so poor. The author(s) would have done some basic statistics in SPSS, Stata or any of the descriptive statistics softwares/methods. No mention was equally made as to what tests were done such as the very basic ones like: averages, frequencies, Chi square, etc. The results and the discussion then seems unacceptable.	



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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Based on the work, it looks difficult to establish that deforestation is growing rapidly as the conclusion asserts. The general observations and conclusions needs to be validated.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The sentences needs to be edited throughout for consistency, tense and grammar.	

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