



**SDI Review Form 1.6**

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Annual Research &amp; Review in Biology</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_ARRB_46070
Title of the Manuscript:	Assessment of sediments pollution by trace metals in the Moloundou swamp, southeast Cameroon
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

**General guideline for Peer Review process:**

This journal's peer review policy states that **NO** manuscript should be rejected only on the basis of '**lack of Novelty**', provided the manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound. To know the complete guideline for Peer Review process, reviewers are requested to visit this link:

(<http://www.sciencedomain.org/page.php?id=sdi-general-editorial-policy#Peer-Review-Guideline>)

**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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Give the specific geology of your study area. The geologic description you gave in lines 52 and 53 are largely regional.</li> <li>◆ Add the corresponding UCC reference values to Table 1.</li> <li>◆ Mention the exact economic activities carried out within your study area. (There is no evidence that there are copper wire and steel manufacturing industries within and around your study location as contained in lines 148 and 149.)</li> <li>◆ Expunge combustion of fossil fuels in line 148 because copper is not a primary pollutant from combustion and your study location has comparatively low fossil fuel combustion given that it is in a remote area.</li> <li>◆ Reflect the findings of this study on other metals (Fe, Co, Ni, Cr, Zn and Pb) in the conclusion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ It's done.</li> <li>◆ Corresponding UCC has been added.</li> <li>◆ The economic activities are artisanal gold exploitation and agriculture.</li> <li>◆ It's done.</li> <li>◆ The findings of this study on other metals (Fe, Co, Ni, Cr, Zn and Pb) is added in the conclusion.</li> </ul>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Specify which elements are enriched either by natural or anthropogenic means and reflect same in your abstract.</li> <li>■ Revise the sentence in lines 11 and 12 "The results showed that all the swamp is <i>slowly</i> polluted".</li> <li>■ Standard Quality Guidelines in line 43 should be corrected to "Sediment Quality Guidelines".</li> <li>■ The arrow showing the enlarged map of Cameroon should be further stretched from Nigeria into Cameroon while the arrow showing the north point should also be drawn beside the enlarged Cameroon map.</li> <li>■ Give specific examples of what you referred to as natural processes in line 141.</li> <li>■ Revise your grammar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It's done.</li> <li>■ We have revised the sentence.</li> <li>■ We have corrected</li> <li>■ We have done it.</li> <li>■ Please see line 141, We have specified the natural process.</li> <li>■ We revised were possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	❖	



**PART 2:**

	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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	