

Editor's Comments:

I note the following:

1. The author(s) has worked on most of the issues raised to my satisfaction
2. The author(s), however need to:
 - Provide more clarification on use of Chi-square in 2.6 (under Statistical analysis). Explain here the variables subjected to chi-square analysis. Comment on efforts made (by this study) to meet the requirements for use of Chi-square.
 - Attend to numbering of sub-headings. e.g there are three sub-sections numbered 2.6 (pp 6-7)
 - Attend to typos, especially spacing between words. Its a major issue.

Thank you for the privilege to review the manuscript

Author's feedback :

- The authors made use of categorical (nominal) data for this chi-square analysis and only intended to show if there exist a statistically significant change in land use/cover categories between 2016 and 2031. Hence, areas occupied by LU/C categories (i.e. vegetation, impervious surface, soil and water) and their respective years formed the study variables. We agree with the reviewer that other sophisticated means of analysis, especially at a sub-pixel level is possible but that is not intended or within the scope of this study. However, authors have been able to give more explanation as required.
- Numbering of sub-headings have been fixed/corrected.
- Typos have been attended to. The Editor can however proceed with other of such errors noted but must be ratified by authors, preferably on the galley proof copy.