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Journal Name:	International Journal of Plant & Soil Science
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJPSS_29541
Title of the Manuscript:	Do Coastal forests of Tanzania have the potential to undergo natural vegetation restoration?
Type of the 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)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>Manuscript concerns an very important problem related with the determination of soil seed bank as basis of forest restoration through natural regeneration in Zaraninge and Mbwebwe forests in Bagamoyo District Tanzania.</p> <p>Eighteen sample plots of size 0.07 were used in this study and were analyzed for frequency of germination and seed density of different plant species at the different depths.</p> <p>Abstract is clear, informative, brief and representative of the work and underlines the significance of the subject.</p> <p>Introduction is understandable, clear and comprehensive exposing the reader to the topic. Purpose and objectives are scientifically appropriate. In "Introduction" are cited 21 authors. This is sufficiently.</p> <p>The methods used are aqurate and correctly described. So described they allow experiment to be reproduced. Appropriate statistics was used.</p> <p>The findings are particularly valuable having in a mind importance of the crop studied.</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<p>However, the reviewer has some comments and recommendations to the authors of the manuscript.</p> <p>if it is possible to avoid the repeated reference to the same authors.</p> <p>for example in "Introduction": Quotes [4] [13] are repeated twice.</p> <p>in "Result and discussion": Quotes [30] and [33] also were repeated.</p>	



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	Tables 2 and 3 can be combined in one table and to be presented as Table 1. It must have a table giving results of ANOVA (Analysis of Variance).	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Organization into sections and subsections was well done and paper structure is clear and arranged according to journal style. The proposed peer review manuscript, titled “ Do Coastal forests of Tanzania have the potential to undergo natural vegetation restoration?” is of interest and it deserves to be published in the International Journal of Plant & Soil Science after minor corrections.	

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