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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 article suggests changes in forest policy of Nigeria in order to foster the sustainable management of NTFP and, by that, harness the potential of NTFP to national development. This topic is very interesting scientifically speaking, but the problem in the whole article is that it lacks citation of relevant data (especially quantitative data) to support the discussion and suggestions in forest policy. The authors should deepen the literature review to make the article more interesting and scientifically sound. The methodology used is not described in the article. It is supposed to be a review paper and it cited only 20 references. Find below the analysis of each section of the article: Keywords: Bad choices for keywords. Suggestions: Forest Policy, Livelihood Strategies, Sustainable Management of Forest Resources, Rural Development, Africa. Introduction: - line 18: exclude “the” before “forests” and include a comma after “forests”; Include the complete name of the abbreviation NTFP “Non-timber forest products (NTFP)”; replace “represents” for “represent” - line 22: exclude a parentheses in the citation “(CARPE, 2001)” - line 26: exclude the complete name of NTFP, using the abbreviation “NTFP” - Line 26 to 30: Rewrite the part where you explain what NTFP are, avoiding repetition The introduction does not state the objectives of the article nor how it is structured. There is no methodology item in the article. Concept of National Development: This section lacks citation from the scientific literature on the concept of national development. In line 40 there is a misspelling, the right spelling should be “country's”. Concept of NTFPs: This section repeats sentences used in the introduction. It explains what the concept, using only three references. In my opinion, this part could be better explored deepening the literature review. In line 54 there is a space after the parenthesis in “(other than...)”. In line 60, I think Moss and Lichen should be written in low case. Revise. Potentials of NTFPs for National Development: Provision of food: This section lacks quantitative data to support the discussion on the importance of NTFP to the national development of Nigeria, such as official data on people's nutritional level and the role played by NTFP on the provision of food. In line 74 there is a space after the parenthesis in “(like Ocimum...)”. In line 89 replace “However” to “Therefore”. Provision of income: This section is based in very few data and references. The authors should deepen the literature review to insert extra data to support the discussion. In line 123 there is a misspelling, replace to “Northe Central Nigeria”. Remove the extra period. Promotion of communal peace: This section lacks quantitative data to support the discussion. The authors should deepen the literature review to insert extra data to support the discussion. Promotion of medicinal materials: This section is very shallow in discussion and lacks quantitative data that would highlight the importance of NTFP to the provision of medicinal materials. The authors should deepen the literature review on this subject. Harnessing the Potentials of NTFPs for National Development: The best section of the article is this one. It suggests changes in forest policy of Nigeria in order to foster the sustainable management of NTFP and, by that, harness the potential of	First and foremost I want to state that all the corrections made are marked in yellow colour. These corrections start from the key words. Changes were made in the key word as suggested by one of the reviewers. Then problems encountered in the utilization of NTFPs were mentioned in the introduction as suggested by one of the reviewer. All the corrections pointed out by one of the reviewer has been done. More references have been introduced and the total number of references has increased from 20 to 30. All are in colour yellow. I hope the corrections made are satisfactory.



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