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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJECC_130386
Title of the Manuscript:	Impact of climatic and anthropogenic factors on the spatio-temporal dynamics of mangroves in the Grand-Bassam wetland, Côte d'Ivoire
Type of the Article	Short Research Article

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#### **PART 1:** Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that
		part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write
		his/her feedback here)
Please write a few sentences regarding the	This manuscript provides valuable insights into the spatio-temporal dynamics of mangroves in Côte	
importance of this manuscript for the scientific	d'Ivoire, particularly in the Grand-Bassam Wetland area, highlighting the impacts of climate change and	
community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be	human activities on these crucial ecosystems. The study combines floristic, physicochemical, socio-	
required for this part.	economic, and remote sensing data, offering a comprehensive analysis that is essential for	
	understanding mangrove degradation and its consequences. It also underscores the need for	
	sustainable management and restoration strategies to mitigate further loss, contributing significantly to	
	the scientific knowledge on mangrove conservation and climate resilience. The findings have important	
	implications for future research, policy development, and conservation efforts in coastal and wetland	
	ecosystems globally.	
Is the title of the article suitable?	Yes, the title of the article is suitable as it clearly reflects the main focus of the study, which is the	
(If not please suggest an alternative title)	impact of climatic and anthropogenic factors on the spatio-temporal dynamics of mangroves in the	
	Grand-Bassam Wetland in Côte d'Ivoire. It succinctly conveys the geographical context, the	
	ecosystems under study, and the major influencing factors.	
	However, an alternative title could be: "Spatio-Temporal Dynamics and Conservation Challenges	
	of Mangroves in the Grand-Bassam Wetland, Côte d'Ivoire: Impacts of Climate Change and	
	Human Activities."	
	This alternative title provides clarity on the focus areas.	

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Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.	The abstract of the article is generally comprehensive as it effectively summarizes the background, aim, methodology, results, and conclusion of the study. It provides a clear overview of the research focus on the impact of climatic and anthropogenic factors on the mangroves in Grand-Bassam Wetland, highlighting key findings such as the significant decrease in mangrove cover and the roles of climate change and human activities in this decline.	
	However, a few points could be added for better clarity:	
	<ol> <li>Study significance: A brief mention of the broader implications of the study for mangrove conservation and climate adaptation could strengthen the abstract.</li> <li>Geospatial methods: While remote sensing methods are mentioned, a clearer indication of how these techniques were integrated with socio-economic and physicochemical data could improve understanding of the study's comprehensive approach.</li> <li>Recommendations for management: Including a mention of the study's recommendations for mangrove restoration or conservation measures would offer readers an immediate sense of the practical outcomes.</li> </ol>	
	These additions would make the abstract even more informative and well-rounded without detracting	
Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please	from its conciseness.  Yes, the manuscript is scientifically correct. It employs appropriate methodologies, including remote	
write here.	sensing, floristic analysis, and socio-economic surveys, and aligns with established scientific concepts regarding the impact of climate change and human activities on mangrove ecosystems. The use of recognized indices and the IUCN Red List supports the accuracy of the findings. Overall, the study demonstrates sound scientific methodology.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.	The references are sufficient and include relevant studies and recent.	
Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language quality of the article is generally suitable for scholarly communication. However, there are some areas where sentence structure, clarity, and grammar could be improved for better readability and flow. Minor revisions for grammatical accuracy and coherence would enhance the overall presentation of the manuscript.	
Optional/General comments		

# PART 2:

		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?	(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)	

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