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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	<p>Thanks, I think this is a nice and well-written, important manuscript; well done. I have six comments before I would approve publication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -add and align with general FAO and The World Bank statements and statistics and their programs on the issue. Arguably, not all will agree but that's part of this presentation, show differences and highlight those. -please add and include the Agriculture at a crossroads - Global report https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/8590 I find it a major summary of the farming situations and to be included here and discussed. -Seeing reality in that part of the world, I am confused on that statement "Our parents were not as fortunate as we are today in agriculture. Farming was very hard for them, they had to do all the operations by using the manual hoe, and they had to get down all day long to feed their families. Today, if you have money you don't even need to bother, technologies exist to do everything". Can authors please clarify, or express that better ? What is the gain when all else falls apart, including more warfare and conservation problems (see details presented in Rahmane Idrissa, Mapping the Sahel, NLR 132, November–December 2021 (newleftreview.org) https://newleftreview.org/issues/ii132/articles/rahmane-idrissa-the-sahel-a-cognitive-mapping as well as Walther B.A. and F. Huettmann (2021) Palearctic passerine migrant declines in African wintering grounds in the Anthropocene (1970–1990 and near future): A conservation assessment using publicly available GIS predictors and machine learning. Science of the Total Environment Feb 27;777:146093. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2021.146093.) -thus far, the science in this MS falls a bit short. Can authors please put the research more in the center of this work, describe the methods and data more, and specifically, put all data as Open Access and shared tables in the appendix, with (basic) metadata ? That's a MUST for repeatable and transparent science. -I think the notion of Globalization, Commercialization, Industrialization, as well as religion (see above Rahmane 2021) should be stated more, and impacts. -what authors describe is not that new. It has happened in many parts of the world, e.g. potatoes in Central Europe and Ireland or Eastern Canada, biofuel, or cacao, or coffee in Papua New Guinea, or palm oil. I would suggest we can have a table that shows those details better for context, e.g. in the discussion. 	
Minor REVISION comments	Perhaps adding another photo of a cotton farm and family conceotmight help	
Optional/General comments	A nice MS, once edits are addressed I think it could be approved for publications to a wider audience.	

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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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