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<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>A very good demonstration of how RS and GIS can be used to make informed decisions and policies for sustainable growth and development. Largely ok and ready for scientific publication.</p>	

PART 2:

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