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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)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1.Indeed the manuscript is important for scientific community as it addresses a critical issue that affects communities with opportunities at forest reserves. It addresses the gap in participatory forest reserve that often times causes long term legal issues and consistent conflicts that oftens leaves communities in disarray. This topic enhances the call for participation at all levels as a key strategy for ownership and sustainability of processes making it a functional model. This paper thus is novel in its stand on the need for participatory development and therefore serves to the scientific community the power of participation as a tool to sustainable park transformation</p> <p>2.It would - need a little tweek. Specifically, I think it could be titled' The Kitulo National Park Transformation and the implications on sustainable Livelihoods to adjacent Local Communities in Makete district, Tanzania- Im yet to understand the need for the word adjacent and clarity on if the issue is the reserve being adjacent or the fact that the people are not carried along.If its not a case of adjacency then replae the word to have elements of participation as the focus of the issue</p> <p>3.Yes the abstract is fair having all the key elements of an abstract it could be improved with mainstreaming a little on the problem statement. The park...has led to loss of ,,This paper thus seeks to..</p> <p>4.Yes fairly appropriate and written in clear language</p> <p>5.Yes it is scientifically correct</p> <p>6NO NO NO The references require a complete overhaul who references a 2023 action paper with a 1992 reference .ALL references MUST be no later than 2021 please to show to the world the global trends of incidents like these and the currency of ways in which many communities are addressing the issues and finding solutions. The refrences must be completely reviewed and replaced with current references to show the current state of similar issues and best practices current trending in addressing the issues</p> <p>The author should work on these for now to clean up the work and also ensure to mainstream the cons so far experienced in the course of getting the reserve</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>I had earlier mentioned that language is clear but needs to move from story telling format in some paragrapgs to scientific language</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>This is a relevant paper and will serve as a key learning tool to not only researchers but communities who are about to face issues like these.I am a typical example of this situation and nothing works better than applying the participatory approach.So the world out there will need to be reminded that the bottom top apprch no matter how tedious it may seem is the best approach</p>	

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PART 2:

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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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