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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJECC_125333
Title of the Manuscript:	The socio-environmental impacts of illegal gold panning in Gwanda District, Matabeleland South, Zimbabwe.
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION 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)
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This article is important for the scientific community. It contributes to the study of the socio-environmental impact of gold mining in Africa and Zimbabwe in particular. I appreciate this article for the following reasons: 1) the data used are original; 2) the results obtained are convincing and 3) the results clearly highlight the negative socio-environmental impacts of gold panning.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>Yes the title of the article is very suitable. The title accurately reflects the content of the article.</p>	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Yes, the abstract of the article is very clear and understandable. It shows the methodology used to collect and process the data. It also highlights the negative socio-environmental impacts of gold mining.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>Yes the subsections and the structure of the manuscript are appropriate.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The manuscript is scientifically and technically correct and rich. A scientific approach consisting of the interpretation of field survey data has been used. The results show how the various stakeholders perceive the negative consequences of gold panning. The results are the fruit of the findings and observations made in the field by the various stakeholders.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>Yes, the bibliographical references are sufficient. These references are of high quality and genuinely deal with artisanal mining activities and their socio-environmental impacts.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The article is very well written in easy English. The sentences are short and easy to understand.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>The article is well written and very informative, with good quality results. The only thing missing was field illustrations for the points below: 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE STUDY AREA: Provide a map showing the location of the study area. This map should show the gold panning sites. 4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION 4.1 Land Degradation: It is important to illustrate land degradation with photos and/or satellite imagery to show changes in land and vegetation degradation. 4.2 Water Pollution: It is important to illustrate water pollution with photos. For example, the turbidity of river water and the chemicals that are often poured into surface waters. 4.4 Impacts on Livelihoods: Positive impacts on households in terms of infrastructure development, income generation, etc. should also be highlighted. 4.5 Health Impacts: It is important to illustrate, for example, the dermatoses observed on the sites with photos.</p>	

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	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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