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Journal Name:	International Journal of Environment and Climate Change
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Title of the Manuscript:	MAINSTREAMING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE INTO CLIMATE CHANGE POLICIES IN CAMEROON
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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 manuscript offers valuable insights into the integration of indigenous knowledge systems, particularly those of Mbororo pastoralists, into climate adaptation policies in Cameroon. The focus on pastoralists as a vulnerable group to climate change impacts is crucial for broader discussions on climate resilience in developing countries. The paper provides a strong case for the need to mainstream traditional knowledge in national policies, which can contribute to sustainable development and the achievement of SDGs. However, it would be beneficial to highlight more directly how the study's findings could inform policy reform or decision-making processes in Cameroon.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title accurately reflects the core focus of the paper. However, it could be made more specific by indicating the focus on pastoralist communities in Cameroon. A possible revision could be: <i>Mainstreaming Indigenous Knowledge of Pastoralists into Climate Change Policies: A Case Study from Cameroon.</i></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>The abstract is clear and concise, providing a good overview of the research objectives, methodology, and key findings. However, the abstract could be improved by including a sentence on the policy implications of the findings. It would help reinforce the relevance of the study to policy-makers and stakeholders in climate adaptation. Include a sentence to describe the location of the study.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The structure of the manuscript is coherent and follows a logical flow from the introduction to methodology, results, and discussions. Each section is well-defined, and the subsections break down the content effectively. One suggestion is to include a more distinct section dedicated to "Policy Recommendations" to emphasize the actionable aspects of the study.</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>This manuscript is scientifically sound and provides a robust qualitative analysis of the indigenous knowledge systems of Mbororo pastoralists. The use of in-depth interviews and thematic content analysis through Atlas.Ti software ensures a comprehensive approach to the topic. The results are well-supported by relevant citations, and the discussion appropriately links the findings to broader issues of climate adaptation.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>The references are relevant and sufficient, with a good mix of recent and foundational studies on indigenous knowledge and climate adaptation. Some references are from as late as 2020, which is commendable. However, including a few more recent sources, especially on current climate policy frameworks in Cameroon or similar regions, would further strengthen the literature review.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>The manuscript's language is clear. The methodology section could benefit from more detail on how participants were selected for the interviews. Providing a brief explanation of the purposive sampling process would offer more transparency. Ensure that all figures and tables are properly labeled and referenced in the text. A brief explanation of the purpose and content of each table/figure could enhance their clarity.</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Consider expanding the discussion on how indigenous knowledge systems can be integrated with scientific knowledge for climate adaptation. This could provide more insights for policymakers on creating hybrid solutions that respect traditional practices while incorporating modern approaches. Including a comparative analysis with other regions or countries where indigenous knowledge has been successfully mainstreamed into climate policies could offer valuable lessons for Cameroon and its policymakers.</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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