

## Review Form 3

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### PART 1: 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)
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	This manuscript holds significant importance for the scientific community as it provides valuable insights into the participation of Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) members in biodiversity conservation training programs, a crucial yet under-researched area. By analyzing the training gaps and the factors influencing participation, the study highlights the urgent need to strengthen capacity-building initiatives to enhance local biodiversity stewardship.	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	The title of the article is appropriate as it clearly conveys the focus of the study on BMC members' involvement in training programs. However, to make it more engaging and reflect the study's core insights and implications, an alternative title could be: <b>"Enhancing Grassroots Biodiversity Conservation: Training Participation Among BMC Members in Kerala"</b> Or <b>"Bridging Capacity Gaps: Analysis of Biodiversity Training Participation by BMC Members in Kerala"</b>	
<b>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.</b>	The abstract of the article is largely comprehensive. However, there are opportunities to enhance its clarity and impact as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The abstract mentions participation percentages but does not emphasize the notable lack of training for 18.89% of BMC members. Including this can highlight the gap and need for capacity-building efforts.</b></li> <li><b>Mentioning how these findings can inform policy or training program designs can make the abstract more impactful.</b></li> <li><b>The abstract repeatedly discusses the importance of participation. Reducing redundancy would make space for more specific insights or implications.</b></li> </ol>	
<b>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</b>	The manuscript appears scientifically accurate based on the provided content. Some areas need attention to enhance the scientific robustness: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add more recent data or reports to reflect the current state of biodiversity conservation initiatives.</li> <li>While the selection of 180 BMC members from six districts is good, a justifying discussion on potential sampling biases or limitations would strengthen the scientific reliability.</li> </ol>	
<b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</b>	Please add more and some recent references.	
<b>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b>	Its Good.	
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The introduction could provide more context on the global and national importance of biodiversity conservation</li> <li>While data is presented in tables, additional visual aids like bar graphs or pie charts could enhance readability and engagement</li> <li>The discussion could delve deeper into why certain trends, such as low training participation among some members, are observed. This would provide a richer understanding of the findings.</li> </ol>	

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