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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.	Importance for the scientific community as it critically examines the intersection of traditional agricultural practices, ecological sustainability, and developmental goals. By revisiting shifting cultivation—a deeply rooted cultural and livelihood system in Northeast India—it provides a nuanced understanding of its environmental, social, and economic implications. The study highlights strategies to integrate traditional knowledge with modern sustainable practices, offering a balanced approach to development. This work serves as a vital resource for researchers, policymakers, and conservationists aiming to achieve sustainable land-use planning and preserve indigenous practices while addressing global challenges like climate change and biodiversity loss.	
Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conciseness: A shorter title could still capture the essence, such as <i>Reevaluating Shifting Cultivation in Northeast India: Tradition, Sustainability, and Development</i>. • Specificity: If the manuscript focuses on particular aspects (e.g., socio-economic impacts or biodiversity), including those in the title could make it even more precise. 	

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<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>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Clear Objective: Does the abstract explicitly state the purpose of reevaluating shifting cultivation in Northeast India? Key Points: Does it summarize the main aspects of traditional practices, sustainability, and development? Methodology: Does it briefly mention the approach or methods used in the study? Findings and Implications: Does it highlight key results, insights, or conclusions, including their significance to the scientific community or policymakers? Conciseness: Is it concise yet detailed enough to give the reader a clear overview of the study? 	
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<p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	<p>Yes, It is undarstable. In future you may improve scientific writing skills</p>	
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Relevance and Importance: The manuscript addresses a critical issue by reexamining shifting cultivation, a traditional practice deeply interwoven with the socio-cultural and ecological fabric of Northeast India. Its focus on balancing traditional knowledge with modern sustainability goals is timely and relevant. Holistic Approach: The manuscript successfully integrates diverse perspectives, including environmental, economic, and social dimensions. This interdisciplinary approach enhances its appeal to a broader scientific and policymaking audience. Clarity and Organization: The structure of the manuscript is logical and well-organized, making it easy for readers to follow the narrative. However, some sections could benefit from more detailed explanations, particularly on the methodology or case studies. Contextual Depth: While the study provides valuable insights, incorporating more examples or case studies specific to Northeast India could strengthen the contextual depth and relevance. Actionable Outcomes: The manuscript could further highlight actionable recommendations for policymakers, practitioners, and local communities to implement sustainable practices while respecting traditional knowledge systems. 	

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