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<mark>PART 1:</mark> **Review Comments**

<u>**Compulsory**</u> 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)*
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.	This manuscript addresses an important and under-researched area: the socio-economic impact of non-timber forest products (NTFPs) on tribal communities in Gujarat. It provides valuable data on income and employment from NTFPs, which can inform policies aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of marginalized populations dependent on forest resources. However, the manuscript would improve adding more literature review, grammatical error, and a robust discussion section.	
Is the title of the article suitable? **(If not please suggest an alternative title)**	The title is not comprehensive to include all the aspects of the context. Therefore, the suggested title is: *"Socio-Economic Determinants of Non-Timber Forest Product Income Among Tribal Communities in the Dangs Region, Gujarat*	
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.	The abstract needs refinement to meet the standard length of 200-250 words. It should provide a concise overview of the study's purpose, methodology, main findings, conclusion, and recommendations. Currently, it lacks specificity in its objectives and omits broader implications. **Suggested Improvements:** • **State Objectives Clearly:** Provide a precise statement of the primary objectives of the study. • **Highlight Broader Significance:** Include a sentence on the broader significance of the findings, particularly in terms of policy or socio-economic impact. • **Methodology:** Describe the study sites, tools and techniques, and data analysis methods. • **Main Findings:** Summarize the key findings in 1-2 sentences, relating them to the scope of the study. • **Conclusion and Recommendations:** Conclude the abstract succinctly and provide recommendations for further development, policy support, value addition, or as aligned with the research objectives.	
Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?	The subsections and structure of the manuscript are generally appropriate. However, it is advisable to include a map depicting the study area to enhance clarity. The discussion section is entirely missing and should be developed to interpret the findings thoroughly. Additionally, it is recommended to acknowledge the respondents to give credit to their contributions and increase the study's credibility. These enhancements will improve the manuscript's comprehensiveness and impact.	

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.	**Scientific Correctness:** • The manuscript demonstrates a comprehensive approach, ensuring scientific robustness and technical soundness through meticulous data collection and analysis. • It provides a detailed examination of the identified Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs), contributing valuable insights into their consumption patterns. • The findings are well-supported by empirical evidence, enhancing the credibility and reliability of the study. Here are some suggested revisions to address each area for improvement in the manuscript: 1. **Avoid Redundancy**: Replace repetitive phrases like "in an average" with specific language. For example, instead of "in an average yield," consider "average yield per unit," or "typically yields," to make the information more concise and engaging. 2. **Use Definitive Language**: Substitute vague terms like "may" with definitive statements where scientific certainty exists. For example, if describing a well-documented fact, replace "may contribute to…" with "contributes to…" to improve clarity and assertiveness. 3. **Clarify NTFP Details in Introduction**: In the introductory section, specify the Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) under investigation. For example, clearly list each NTFP, such as "Mahua flower, Timru leaves, etc.," and briefly mention their uses or importance to set the research context and focus. 4. **Consistency in Terminology**: Ensure consistent use of NTFP names throughout the manuscript to avoid confusion. For instance, if using "Mahua flower" in one section, avoid switching to "Mahuda flower" in another; keep terminology uniform. 5. **Highlight Local Importance of NTFPs**: Emphasize the local significance of each NTFP in terms of community consumption and cultural or economic value. A section on how these NTFPs impact the local economy or traditional practices would add depth and relevance to the research. 6. **Improve Table Clarity**: Revise Table 1 to include all significant NTFPs, with a clear rationale for the inclusion or exclusion of each item. Ensure each NTFP listed, such as "Timru leaves," is presented with its relevance, quantity, or any selection criteria for clarity. 7. **Explain Socio-Economic Factors**: Provide a brief description of each of the nine socio-economic factors that influence NTFP use. Expanding on each factor, even briefly, will enhance reader understanding of their significance in the study context. 8. **Methodology**: Clearly describe the study area, justifying its selection in terms of its relevance to the research objectives. Detail your data collection methods and tools, specify how respondents were chosen, and provide the total household or population count. Refine the methodology to clearly relate it to the study's goals and findings. Implementing these revisions will enhance the manuscript's clarity, coherence, and scientific rigor, providing a more informative and reader-friendly presentation of the research findings.	
Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. **-**	The manuscript is missing a robust literature review, with only eight references, out of which only three are from journals. The author is advised to add recent journal articles published in the last five to seven years, along with books and reports, to provide context and strengthen the study's foundation.	

<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?**	The language quality of the article is moderate and largely suitable for scholarly communication. With minor improvements, it can reach the required standard for publication. Focus on refining grammar, syntax, and vocabulary to enhance clarity and precision. Pay particular attention to eliminating repetitive phrases and ensuring consistent terminology throughout the manuscript. Additionally, improving the flow and coherence of the text will significantly contribute to its readability and overall impact. By addressing these aspects, the article will be well-prepared for dissemination in academic circles.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The manuscript offers a valuable and detailed analysis of the socio-economic factors affecting NTFP income in the Dangs Range, Gujarat. It effectively highlights the significant role of NTFPs in the livelihoods of the tribal population. While the study is robust and well-documented, improvements in language precision and the inclusion of more recent literature would enhance its scholarly impact. Overall, the manuscript makes a meaningful contribution to understanding the socio-economic dynamics of NTFP-based livelihoods.	

PART 2:

	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)*
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	*(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)*	

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