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Journal Name:	<b><u>Journal of Scientific Research and Reports</u></b>
Manuscript Number:	<b>Ms_JSRR_29457</b>
Title of the Manuscript:	<b>Assessment of Stakeholder Involvement in the Management of Yankari Game Reserve Bauchi, Nigeria</b>
Type of the Article	<b>Original Research Article</b>

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (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)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	The manuscript "Assessment of Stakeholder Involvement in the Management of Yankari Game Reserve Bauchi, Nigeria" shows an interesting analysis of host community and NGOs involvement in the management of a protected area (game reserve) in Nigeria. The manuscript is interesting from the practical point of view for the managers of protected area in Africa. Moreover, the manuscript is well-organized from the theoretical point of view. The main limits are that the method used is not particularly original and the semi-structured questionnaire could go deeper into some interesting aspects such as: reasons for the low involvement of host community members; strategies for a future greater involvement of host community; types of involvement of different NGOs. In addition, it would be appropriate to compare the results of this study with those of other studies conducted in other African Sub-Saharan countries.	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abstract: considering the results of the study I suggest to modify in the "Conclusion" this sentence in the following way: "The management of YGR was therefore carried out primarily by government with the support of NGOs";</li> <li>- Lines 16-17: delete the keywords "Yankari Game Reserve" and "Stakeholder involvement" because they are already in the title. I suggest as keywords: "protected area", "nature conservation" or "questionnaire survey";</li> <li>- Line 21: change from "...for conservation of biodiversity..." to "...for conservation of habitats and species biodiversity...";</li> <li>- Line 22: change from "...impact of human activities on natural habitat and the resources therein..." to "...impact of human activities on natural resources...";</li> <li>- Lines 34-35: this sentence is a repetition of what is reported in "Study area" (lines 85-90). Delete this sentence;</li> <li>- Line 41: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> </ul>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Line 47: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> <li>- Line 51: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> <li>- Line 52: What do you mean with the term "intensive management"? Perhaps you meant "active management"?</li> <li>- Line 64: change from "...management staff..." to "...management staffs...";</li> <li>- Line 69: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> <li>- Line 74: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> <li>- Lines 75-77: Add more information about <i>Burkea africana</i> woodland savanna with special regard to main trees/shrubs species;</li> <li>- Lines 85-89: for all the scientific names also put the author's name, for example <i>Loxondonta africana</i> Blumenbach, <i>Syncerus cafer</i> Sparrman, ...</li> <li>- Lines 91-93: Do you know the total number of inhabitants of 15 host communities? If yes, please add the number of inhabitants because it is an important information in order to understand the relevance of investigated sample;</li> <li>- Lines 98-99: Do you have selected the 8 host communities involved in the survey proportionally to the distance between each host community and YGR (1-5 km)?</li> <li>- Line 103: change from "Yankari Game Reserve" to "YGR";</li> <li>- Line 113: add after the formula "Equation 2";</li> <li>- Lines 126-127: Do you have used the same questions in the two sets of semi-structured questionnaires? Describe in more detailed way the questions used in the two sets of questionnaires;</li> <li>- Lines 131-133: How did you have selected the experts? How many experts for each sector (forest economic, nature conservation, etc...) did you have involved? Add this information in the text.</li> <li>- Line 158: Add a sentence to explain the mean of "traditional rulers association" for the non-African readers of the Journal;</li> <li>- Table 3: there is an error in this table. The sum of frequency is 321, probably the frequency of "traditional rulers associations" is 26 and not 27. Check the number in the Table.</li> <li>- Line 170: change from "Non- Governmental Organizations (NGO)" to "Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)";</li> <li>- Line 175: change from " Non- Governmental Organizations" to</li> </ul>	
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	<p>"NGOs"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Figure 1: the vertical axis is not readable;</li> <li>- Lines 189-193: Do you know the reasons (different management activities, different dimension of NGOs) of a different involvement of five NGOs in YGR management?;</li> <li>- Lines 210-211: I don't agree with this authors' comment because the members of local communities could provide important information about traditional knowledge useful for the management of protected areas;</li> <li>- Lines 231-232: Could you compare your results about NGOs and local communities' involvement in protected area management with the results of other studies carried out in other African Sub-Saharan countries or in other parts of Nigeria;</li> <li>- Line 244: In which way WWF dominated the group of NGOs? Explain in the "Conclusion" section.</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>Optional/General</u></b> comments</p>		

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