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Comments and Suggestions for Authors

R: Dear Reviewer,

We would like to thank the reviewer for his/her assessment of the manuscript and the constructive comments that he/she has provided. We have made several adjustments to the document based on your suggestions.

This is an opinion article about dry tropical forests in Bolivia. The manuscript is well prepared and interesting for readers. The aims of the manuscript are clear and important. However, the background for risks remains vague as the current situation is not well explained (human population dynamics, wildfire statistics etc.).

R: Thank you very much for this recommendation. It is true that the information presented seems vague, since we have only included information on the main problems that are occurring in the ecoregion. The idea is to put more emphasis on proposed solutions, rather than just focusing on describing the problems. However, it is important to mention that there is very little published information on the Chiquitano forest, compared to other ecoregions. One of the reasons why, and we mention it in the document, is that there is almost no information. This was a motivation for writing the document. The figures presented in some cases are evaluations that we made for this study and that are not yet published.

Your recommendation brought to our attention that there was no section on human population in the CDF and that is why we have included the following sentence in the introduction section:

The region contains a rich cultural heritage made up of indigenous (Chiquitano, Guarayo, and Ayoreo peoples), as well as indigenous peoples from western Bolivia (Quechua and Aymara), Creoles and Mennonite settlers [9]. We estimate that between the two countries there are about 3 million people living in the CDF (Chiquitano Forest Conservation Foundation; FCBC, unpublished data).

The planned conservation policy measures might be too specific for Bolivian situation and not easy to follow. The English is fine.

R Thank you very much for this recommendation. However, in order for it to be implemented, it is necessary to be specific with each action, otherwise key stakeholders and decision makers will not understand how to achieve it. We have made several adjustments to section 4 of the document, separating paragraphs and modifying the wording.

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