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Title: Crise securitaire, changement climatique et gestion des conflits environnementaux : quelles reponses locales face aux tensions autour des ressources naturelles AÂ Konna (Mali)

Recommendation:

Accept as it isYES.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			✓	
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity		✓		
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Tahir Ahmad

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

Résumé (French Abstract)

The abstract presents a **succinct yet rich overview** of the study.

- **Contextualization:** The dual vulnerability—armed insecurity and climate stress—is presented with clarity and relevance to current realities in central Mali.
- **Research Focus:** The central issue of **resource-based conflicts** is appropriately identified as a threat to **social cohesion**.
- **Methodology:** The use of **qualitative tools** (interviews, observations, and document analysis) reflects methodological adequacy for a context-sensitive inquiry.
- **Findings:** The summary effectively captures major findings, such as:
 - The **weakening of customary regulation**.
 - The **emergence of hybrid governance forms**.
 - The **ambiguous role of external actors** (NGOs, armed groups, local elected officials).

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- Conclusion:** Emphasis is placed on the need for strengthening local capacities for peaceful conflict resolution, with themes of **resilience, equity, and peacebuilding**.

The language is scholarly, concise, and thematically well-integrated.

Abstract (English)

The English abstract closely mirrors the French version in structure and intent.

- Terminology:** Phrases like “armed groups non-state” and “climatic pressures” slightly disrupt fluency due to direct translation patterns, but the overall **semantic meaning remains clear**.
- Thematic Alignment:** All key elements—context, conflict typology, actors, mechanisms, and implications—are retained and coherently expressed.
- Academic Tone:** The English version maintains a **neutral, research-oriented tone**, in line with expectations for international scholarly readership.

Despite minor linguistic artifacts, the abstract is analytically robust and effectively communicates the study's objectives and significance.

Introduction

The introduction provides a strong foundation for the study.

- Contextual Richness:** The opening sentence situates the work within a **broader Sahelian crisis narrative**, highlighting the **interlinkage of ecological stress and governance breakdowns**.
- Thematic Sharpness:** The paragraph clearly identifies **natural resource-based tensions** as a growing source of **intra-community friction**, escalating into **violent conflict** in certain cases.
- Analytical Depth:** The introduction goes beyond description to imply that such conflicts are **symptoms of deeper systemic vulnerabilities**, namely:
 - Weak state presence.

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- Ecological volatility.
- Erosion of traditional conflict resolution frameworks.

The paragraph reflects both a **problem-driven and solution-oriented approach**, hinting at the dual imperative of **understanding and responding** to the complex crisis landscape.

General Observations

- **Structure & Organization:** The document follows a **logical progression** from contextual framing to methodological detailing and analysis of conflict dynamics.
- **Thematic Integration:** There is a coherent interplay between **environmental governance, peacebuilding, and local agency**, suggesting a well-grounded interdisciplinary perspective.
- **Relevance:** The topic is **extremely pertinent** for current debates on **climate-security linkages** in fragile states, particularly in the Sahel.
- **Language Use:** The French version displays academic maturity and precision. The English translation, while structurally aligned, carries slight translational rigidity but remains intelligible and complete.