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| Journal Name: | International Journal of Plant & Soil Science |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_IJPSS_46708 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | What about the impacts of restoration projects on a Sahelian woody vegetation after 21 years? The Simiri plateaus (Niger) case study |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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PART 1: Review Comments

| | 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) |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments | The research described and compared the dendrometric parameters of restored and un-restored sites after 21 years of their restoration in different plateaus in Niger. They found relatively positive effects on the restored sites, with many parameters, as basal area and recovery rate, being higher than the un-restored sites. Although, species planted in the restored sites are exotic (non-native), introduced to these sites in the restoration process, resulting in their dominance in those sites. These impacts are highlighted and compared with another studies, raising the awareness of the invasive species problem to the studied sites, despite the positive effect on the forest structure. The results in this paper are the first data published about this restoration case, being worth of novelty and proving its importance as a feedback of the restoration efforts made into those areas. The methodology used was standard and correct for the purpose of the paper, using structural and diversity variables to evaluate the restoration among restored and un-restored sites. The conclusions draw the importance of restoration and raise awareness of the potential impacts of introducing exotic species in the restored sites, which now dominates them. | We agreed with the reviewer |
| Minor REVISION comments | I drew some commentaries and suggestions along the manuscript file to contribute with the cope of the article, all of them being minor revisions. | The manuscript is revised as suggested |
| Optional/General comments | | |

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) |
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