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PART 1: Review Comments

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	<p><i>synergies and tradeoffs of Maasai's livelihoods, of wildlife biodiversity, or their diverse intersections unfold?</i></p> <p>KINDLY REMOVE THESE, THEY WILL JUST ADD MORE CONFUSION IN THE STUDY.</p> <p>8. Apropos this last point, the harmonious co-existence is excellently captured in a recent study:</p> <p>“Concerning the rarely done extraction of wild fauna, the Maasai only kill animals on an as-needed basis. For example, they might consume wild animals, such as the eland, particularly in times of drought or other famine-causing catastrophes. In fact, they consider wild herbivores that resemble cattle (e.g., kudu, kongoni, and the like) as their second cattle that are provided by the land and used as appropriate given fluctuations in environmental or social conditions. The <i>Il-Moran</i> would hunt a kudu, which is consumed by a number of households during times of drought; sharing is an unspoken and strongly held virtuous norm among the Maasai. The kudu's skin and horns would be conserved for other uses—for example, the latter is blown during <i>eunoto</i> ceremony to call the attention of the <i>Il-Moran</i>; the former is used to make ropes for tying a bundle of firewood that is ferried on one's (female) back, restraining cow's legs when milking, and other uses. Among the Maasai, “... <i>you don't kill a wild animal unless it is perilously crucial</i> ...,” a Maasai-elder informs during one of the participatory interviews [5].”-KINDLY REMOVE THIS.</p> <p>9. Please cite specific recommendations.</p>	<p>8. “Concerning the rarely done extraction of wild fauna [...].I have removed these</p> <p>9. I have cited specific recommendations</p>
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<p>Minor REVISION comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INTRODUCTION PART: The reasons for vulnerability of emerging-agricultural systems are partly attributable to maladaptation/non-adoption of practical skills; and as one agropastoralists explained, "... unlike livestock, crops cannot be migrated ... so you suffer loss." Paradoxically, some household weathered drought by feeding their stocks on purchased (sometimes freely given) maize-stovers from non-Maasai agricultural farms in the same, and even drier, region.-PLEASE REMOVE THIS KIND OF SENTENCE. 2. Please justify (as format) the manuscript for easy reading. 3. Please include pictures or any illustration; this may encourage more readers of the manuscript and additional information. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. INTRODUCTION PART: "... unlike livestock, crops cannot be migrated ... so you suffer loss." I have removed these 2. I have justified the format. 3. I have included pictures and illustrations.
<p>Optional/General comments</p>	<p>Please revise the words use in the study; it is too confusing to read since so many different ideas were written in one paragraph.</p>	<p>I have revised the entire manuscript: the current manuscript has great clarity. Thank you for your valuable comments, I appreciate it.</p>

PART 2:

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