

Interactive comment on “Ecological survey of the Native Pinewoods of Scotland 1971” by C. M. Wood and R. G. H. Bunce

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I am impressed with the document and especially the data harnessed from 1971-2, to be available for resurvey. Long-term data are extremely valuable in these days of continued environmental change, and to detect and sort out potential causes of the changes, in this case, over 44 years and counting.

The data are unique, collected at the beginning of Bunce's career, and now at the twilight of his career, I am delighted that his legacy for high quality British survey can be upheld in the Pinewoods, and available for resurvey hopefully in the near future. As defined here, the database is certainly useful and complete as well.

I only have a few minor technical corrections to point out, by line number in the pdf document: 66 insert 'in Britain' after 'woods' 79 dozen forests lost – too vague – what

defines a forest in this context? 83 rewrite this sentence: The effects of these external influences had a range of effects. 109 'here' » 'there' 115 how many regions? I would prefer numbered bullets listing the region groups, mapped. 123 not everyone knows dates of Queen Victoria 133 remove 'two' 157 827 ha is more than 800, listed prior. 187 need period

Thanks for the opportunity to review the document. It is well done.

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