

# ***Interactive comment on “Key Landscapes for Conservation Land Cover and Change Monitoring Thematic and Validation Datasets for Sub-Saharan Africa” by Zoltan Szantoi et al.***

## **Anonymous Referee #1**

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This manuscript describes the classification of land cover and land cover change on a selection of sites of defined important to biodiversity in Africa. Spatial assessment of land cover and land cover change is, as the authors note, a valuable tool in efforts to conserve biodiversity. The manuscript describes actions taken to produce accurate land cover maps using a repeatable legend for multiple sites. As such it makes a useful contribution to an expanding array of tools and data sources. Importantly, the data set and validation data are made available for users. The open availability of such data is to be welcomed.

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