

## ***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 #3**

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The monitoring framework presented by Szantoi et al. is most welcomed, especially for African countries that may not readily have the necessary resources and tools, and / or have access to the required resources for developing such a monitoring framework. Such a monitoring framework is invaluable, and I anticipate interest and use by many organizations globally. The datasets are easily downloadable over a high speed internet. However, I suspect this may not be true for many African countries / organizations that have limited internet access. Perhaps the authors could recommend / give thought to alternatives for easing data accessibility. The authors should also comment on how countries with limited expertise can improve their automated outputs considering that classification errors and false alarms are inevitable.

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Please also note the supplement to this comment:  
<https://essd.copernicus.org/preprints/essd-2020-77/essd-2020-77-RC3-supplement.pdf>

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