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Title of the Manuscript:	Structure of the woody stands of the future pre-release site of North African ostrich (<i>Struthio camelus camelus</i> (Linnaeus, 1858)) in Koutous, Niger
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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>Although sympathetic to the aim of this study: reintroduction of ostriches to a particular area., I am not convinced that this area will be able to feed a small group of hopefully breeding ostriches without extra food provision. The authors have done some elaborate mathematics to show the tree cover and the regeneration, but they admit that they found that 65% of the trees had been cut/damage etc by anthropocentric activities, and they mention only that the ostriches like the seed pods of the acacias that remain. What about grasses etc in the herb layer, will there be any or is it all grazed by the local population?</p> <p>The problem for their argument also arises that because of anthropocentric activities, the majority of trees are too young to fruit although they are regenerating. How are they going to control the activities of local pastoralists? This paper points out that it might be possible to support a reintroduction of ostriches but more important is how are they going to control the local activities of an every growing human population, what extra food can be provided for the ostriches (even if they have had a re-education programme on what to eat and how to find it, which also needs outlining). Some more details of these questions should be addressed. The problem of reintroduction of species cannot be assessed just by mathematics which actually show what most people will see when they visit the area, without doing the maths!</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	Some English revision. It is not always grammatical and the meanings sometimes muddled.	
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)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> <p>Problems how to ensure the resident pastoralists do not destroy the environment further and appreciate the ostriches.</p>	

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