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To

A/Prof Vanessa Wong

Editor, Journal of Land Degradation & Development (Special Issue: "Climate Change and Land Degradation")

Subject: Submission of a manuscript

Dear Editor,

Please consider the submission of the manuscript entitled "Context of salinization and adaptation preferences in the coastal areas of Bangladesh: Bringing together farmers' salinity perspectives into policy to achieve SDGs" by Islam M. A. et al. for consideration of publication in the **special issue** "Climate Change and Land Degradation" of the "Journal of **Land Degradation & Development**".

Considering the rapid transformation to sustainability in coastal areas research, we believe that this paper is a very timely and novel effort, as no one has investigated the differential framing of salinization problem by different types of farmer in the coastal areas, and their adaptation preferences that could inform policymakers for holistic adaptation decisions to cope with salinity. In this article, we have investigated context of salinity problem as perceived by different types of farmer (i.e. rice, shrimp and salt farmers) who are affected by salinity and their locally preferred adaptation options. We believe that understanding salinity perspectives by including farmers' experience and knowledge is relevant to policymakers in guiding integrated coastal resource management to achieve the SDGs. Moreover, the manuscript is highly multidisciplinary in nature as it is discussing the consistency and importance of farmers' salinity perceptions and their adaptation preferences in a diverse land use pattern.

The manuscript has been edited by native English speakers, and all authors have approved it. We think that this manuscript is very appropriate for the Journal of Land Degradation & Development (special Issue: Climate Change and Land Degradation) as an international and interdisciplinary journal it is concerned with critical environmental issues and planning aspects to manage these problems in an integrated approach, and we hope you will consider it for publication. This manuscript has not been submitted anywhere else for publication.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to your decision.

Sincerely yours, and on behalf of all authors,

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