

***Interactive comment on “Rangeland degradation assessment: a new strategy based on indigenous ecological knowledge of pastoralists” by B. Behmanesh et al.***

**Anonymous Referee #3**

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The work deals with identifying and applying land degradation indicators by pastoralists for two rangeland sites in Iran that in fact incorporates indigenous and scientific aspects. So the study seems important both to interdisciplinary social and environmental sciences and to efforts for inclusive policy-making especially for countries like Iran that all restoration practices will fail without indigenous people support. This research is valuable because they introduce some new indicators and it is one of the few studies where pastoralists evaluate their own lands. However, before to be accepted the manuscript should be improved (please see specific comments below). Therefore, I am going to suggest to the Editor a Minor Revision. Although the English can be follow but it should be improved and the paper would benefit from editing for language.

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Did you compare your method with regular one? Why the number of sampling plots differ in two site?

For more comments, questions and suggestions see the attached MS word file.

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