

## ***Interactive comment on “Linking soil erosion to onsite financial cost: lessons from watersheds in the Blue Nile basin” by T. Erkossa et al.***

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I am sincerely grateful for the honest and meticulous review, which undoubtedly helped us improve the paper. Apparently, some of the comments coincide with that of reviewer 1 to which I responded earlier. However, because of the large number of changes that had to be made to the paper based on reviewer 2, we decided to revise the paper in the word format which is then converted to pdf as attached. We have also incorporated some of the comments from reviewer 1 in this latest version. The major corrections made: In addition to the editorial corrections, which were all accepted, the following corrections were made: 1. The result and discussion section restructured with several sub-sections, and a separate section for conclusion and recommendation introduced 2. Equations improved, including removing redundancies using suitable fonts and cases

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3. Number of Figures reduced by combining information from two figs into one, figures layout , line quality, legends, size, scale, map legends improved, 4. Table footnotes incorporated into captions

The suggestion to include the duration of the study period (one season) into the Title did not convince us, but we have clearly admitted the limitation in the discussion as well as the conclusion, as mentioned also in response to reviewer 1. We believe the merit of the paper is not the absolute values of the soil erosion, nutrient loss and corresponding financial cost, but the approach and the relative trend across watersheds under different land use and degradation levels.

Please also note the supplement to this comment:

<http://www.solid-earth-discuss.net/7/C428/2015/sed-7-C428-2015-supplement.pdf>

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