

***Interactive comment on “Spatial indicators for
desertification in south-east Vietnam” by
Le Thi Thu Hien et al.***

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Reply to Reviewer N. Dalezios Thank you for the review, Prof. Dalezios.

There are two questions clarifications to be provided by the authors:

1. A clear distinction should be made in the text between RI and ESA to avoid any confusion. This comment is very pertinent and the confusion has been removed from the manuscript. We have opted for the very well-known terminology ESAI (Environmentally Sensitive Area Indicator).

2. An explanation is necessary for multi-criteria analysis, if it is applied, how and at what stage in the paper. We have used a factorial approach and gave each factor equal weight in the Quality Indicators (QI), and in turn in the Environmentally Sensitive

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Area Indicator (ESAI). We did not use multi-criteria analysis in this research, but the suggestion is very valid and we have added the idea to the discussion section.

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