

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

Anonymous Referee #2

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I. General comments The manuscript constitutes an application procedure to describe desertification status and future trends in south Vietnam by using a set of combined spatial indicators (multifactorial approach). This methodology is not new and has been successfully applied in the Mediterranean. The paper consists of a thorough and well documented application and is in general well structured and written.

II. Specific comments: A few minor revisions to be considered: 1. An explanation and clarification is necessary for ESAI and ESA: are the same? Also are the same with RI? If not, then specify the differences. This reflects Figures 2 and 4. 2. An explanation is necessary for multi-criteria analysis and how it is connected with the whole methodology. 3. There is a need to clarify the scoring system of individual indicators. Is it objective or subjective? 4. It would be useful if the authors could add

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any limitations and uncertainties of the methodology.

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