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

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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
any limitations and uncertainties of the methodology.