

Review of: "Culture Lockdown, Nature Freedom: Respite for Biodiversity during the COVID Pandemic – A Limited Case Study in La Union, Philippines"

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The article demonstrates great potential for broader comparative studies regarding correlation/causation analyses of the impact of COVID and COVID-related restrictions on wildlife recovery in urban areas throughout the world. The case study has important merits and demonstrates arguable points based on quantitative analysis, but requires more context, particularly regarding human activities during the time period documented. There is not enough evidence, as currently presented, that demonstrates sufficient causation to support the article's central argument. The article could benefit from ethnographic context, as well as a comparative analysis of similar cases in the same region or in other parts of the world. The article needs more bibliography and generally more written analysis to be considered viable for publication.