

# 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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## General observations:

1. The manuscript presents research on bird sightings between the months of January (2022) and February (2023), but it does not clarify which criteria were used to delimit this period, was there a "lockdown"? It would be very important to evaluate the period since March 11, 2020, when COVID-19 was characterized by the WHO as a pandemic. What raises my biggest concerns is the very limited investigation period and area of investigation. The discussion is based on a very limited amount of data.
2. The main objective indicated by the Authors was not clear, is it to evaluate the resilience of the ecosystem or the simple correlation between sightings and cases of COVID-19?

## Study method and data analysis:

1. As reported, the research campaign time test was chosen to analyze periods with many and few sightings following COVID-19 outbreaks. What was the situation before the Pandemic? Are there data from this period? Were the studies carried out in other months, including those perhaps covered by greater "lockdown" restrictions? If so, why were they not presented for comparisons?
2. It is necessary to describe how the monitoring and recording of sightings was carried out, in particular, through the use of aircraft systems remotely.