

# 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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I join other reviewers in appreciating the laudable work the author has under taken, highlighting how the reduction in human activity might have influenced the biodiversity of the study sites using the quarternary species as proxy indicator. I have the following suggestions:

1. I think the author came up with catchy title. Though some readers may think the title sold them more than it could deliver, I concur with the author using the biodiversity is appropriate given the argument advanced in the body of the paper that the studied bird could serve as a proxy to the biodiversity of the study site.
2. The abstract failed to mention the key finding of the study. Since the abstract is the second most read part of any research paper next to a title, highlighting the key finding and its academic and societal implication is critical.
3. The method: In the method part, the author mentions some findings and failed to show how the data from macroscale, mesoscale and microscale were used and integrated. Detailed description of the study site and data collection methods (for example including the general specification of the drone used at mesoscale) is missing from the method part.
4. The result: How does reduction of human activity influenced the siting of the studies bird species? What is the author`s hypothesis in this regard, considering the duration of the study and the life cycle of the studied bird? Responding to these questions may help readers get better grasp of the paper.