

# Review of: "Social and Environmental Drivers of Black-Necked Crane (BNC) Habitat Suitability in Bhutan: Insights from Maxent Modelling and Conservation Implications"

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The article is focused on solving an important issue, namely the development of a conservation strategy for *Grus nigricollis* Prjevalsky, 1876. To achieve this goal, the authors applied modern approaches to modelling species distribution. The material is presented in a meaningful way, and the results are of practical importance. The only limitation, which is natural in the study of rare species, is the small number of species recording points. And although the authors have done a great deal of analytical work, they come to a trivial result when the habitat suitability index based on the results of the study actually coincides with the species recording points that were at the start of the study. To solve this problem, it is possible to consider the possibility of using information about the species' records in other parts of the range. But this proposal can be considered as a recommendation for further research. In general, I recommend the article for publication.