

Review of: "Negative and Extrapositive Attitudes Towards Cold-Blooded Tetrapods Among Students of the Secondary Education Course: Ethical and Normative Aspects"

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Dear Authors,

I appreciate the opportunity to review your manuscript about students' perception of reptiles. This study addresses an important aspect of educational engagement with wildlife and offers valuable insights into students' attitudes. However, several key revisions are necessary to improve the final product:

Survey Clarity: Include the complete survey in the manuscript. Some questions appear biased; it's important to discuss the implications of this bias in your findings. Consider refining the questions to ensure neutrality.

Methodology: Please provide a detailed account of your sampling process, describe the process of student selection (or, if there was none, state it clearly), and, more importantly, the selection of the questions for the surveys (some appear biased while others somewhat redundant).

Literature Review: Expand the literature review in the introduction and discussion (especially the discussion) to better contextualize the significance of your research (e.g., including more comparisons in the discussion, better justification for the study in the introduction).

Data: Instead of tables, perhaps some plots can visually represent the data. Additionally, incorporating statistical analyses and results will provide a more robust examination of your results.

Language: Ensure that scientific terminology is used correctly throughout the manuscript (e.g., "venomous" vs. "poisonous," as it has been stated by another reviewer). Also, consider revising the manuscript for grammatical English errors, as there are some awkward sentences.

In addition, these are some minor issues I found:

_Where it reads

"In this regard, more and more research was directed towards socioecological studies, since only research and knowledge about public attitudes towards animals can provide an answer as to why conservation policies for some

species were successful and others were not (Kellert, 1979, Stokes, 2007, Ceríaco, 2012)."

The "only" in that sentence should be modified to soften the language of the sentence. Answers about the success or failure of a conservation policy can be found elsewhere as well.

_The sentence:

"Reptiles are among the most problematic animals in this regard."

Problematic is too broad a term to use here, especially since this is the first sentence of the paragraph.