

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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First of all, I would like to say that this type of work is necessary to assess the response of biological species to anthropogenic forces like human settlements, movement and disturbances caused by it. The article is very precise and well written. I have a few suggestions for the article though:

- 1. The methodology part needs some elaboration on the statistical tests applied on the data for the public to understand the way its result values interpret.
- 2. The interpretation of positive correlation of number of covid cases and Kite sighting seems a bit unjustified as it can depend on factors like human movements, vehicle frequency, waterway usage etc. Moreover, with the number of covid cases, total number of households/population or Human settlements must be described to understand what percent of population was isolated.
- 3. It would be great of some discussion is added on the fate of species post covid situation when human activities are fully restored.
- 4. One more suggestion is to change the axes of the plot in primary and secondary. One for the active cases and one for the BKseeing to clearly observe the time series trend. Or if you want to observe a relation between the two, remove the time data and make a scatterplot.

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