

Review of: "Did Vulture Decline Increase Death Rates in India?"

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It is a reasonable evaluation of the previous works based on excess human death and vulture population decline in India. The methodology being questioned is to be highly appreciated in this paper. The limitations, weaknesses, and methods are very well questioned by the authors. It has been realistically and structurally presented through arguments on the discussed previous work by the authors, which is commendable.

I have a few suggestions on the “nomadic population being 7%” without any proper references, which needs to be thoroughly addressed as this is one of the argued points on data reliability that you are questioning.

Another area of improvement could be the non-reliance on Birdlife International data on vulture distribution. You could have suggested other mapping ranges, if available for vultures, from any part of the world for the readers to understand.

Regarding the feral dog population and vulture decline, you can refer to SAVE documents that have mentioned different threats region-wise for a betterment of the manuscript, arguing your own points.

Overall, a well-represented paper that could be published.