

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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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

1. The use of the Kali or Brahminy kite as an indicator of intact biodiversity pyramids is interesting. However, it would be beneficial to briefly explain why quaternary consumers like this bird are reliable indicators and how they are monitored.
2. The last sentence of the abstract is about the subordination of nature in the "new normal." However, it might be clearer if this statement was directly connected to the research findings.
3. It is advisable to include the scientific name of the bird under investigation, along with a brief introduction and information about its distribution. This will facilitate effective communication with the wider scientific community.
4. The transition from discussing dialectical analysis to trophic levels could be smoother. A sentence or phrase to bridge these two topics might improve the flow of the paragraph.
5. The introduction section needs to be re-written with simple language by providing more context and explanation of concepts, improving the flow, and ensuring that the ideas are connected more coherently to enhance readability and comprehension.
6. The method mentions using remotely piloted aircraft systems (COTS-RPAS) to observe these birds. It's essential to clarify how this data collection method is relevant to the research and its advantages over other methods.
7. The reference to La Union Province in the Philippines suggests a geographical focus for the study. It would be helpful to briefly explain why this area was chosen and if it is representative of broader trends.
8. The result reports the skewness and kurtosis values for both Brahminy kite sightings and total active COVID cases. However, it could be helpful to briefly explain what these values mean in the context of the analysis.
9. The references with supporting data or figures that bolster the findings of this study are not adequate.
10. The conclusion effectively wraps up the study by summarizing the impact of the pandemic on Brahminy kite sightings and the correlation with lockdowns and COVID-19 cases. It maintains clarity and conciseness, providing a concise summary of the research's key points.