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- Research Articles
- Review Articles
- Systematic Reviews
- Conservation in Action
- Opinion Articles
- Short Communications
- Commentaries (invitation-only)
- Perspectives (invitation-only)

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- Methods
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- Implications for Conservation
- Acknowledgements
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