

A CALL FOR SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

Biological Conservation is seeking submission of manuscripts reporting on the outcomes of systematic reviews on the effectiveness of conservation interventions or the impacts of human activities on biodiversity.

A systematic review follows an explicit methodology for critically appraising evidence on the effectiveness or impact of an intervention. It follows preset criteria for maximising data capture and minimising bias. It discriminates between studies on the basis of methodological quality and seeks to synthesise datasets (qualitative or quantitative) and may use meta-analytical techniques to increase statistical power. Conclusions contain a statement on the effectiveness of the intervention or extent of impact and an assessment of the statistical uncertainty surrounding that statement.

More background to systematic reviews, including guidelines, can be viewed at www.environmentalevidence.org. Systematic review is an transparent, open and objective process and anyone considering undertaking a review is advised to contact Andrew Pullin (a.s.pullin@bangor.ac.uk) at an early stage.