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Making Monitoring and Research Useful for Conservation Decisions

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Monitoring and research are central a wide range of conservation activities, but its value for conservation is rarely evaluated. Even when it is evaluated, the focus is often on the proximate value of monitoring and research for reducing uncertainty, rather than the ultimate value for improving conservation outcomes. In this talk I will discuss some of the limitations of existing approaches for making investment decisions in monitoring and research and evaluating their benefits. I will then describe some of the recent work of my group on evaluating monitoring and research benefits and the implications for monitoring decision-making.



Bio

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