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Subject: RE: Would you be so kind as to put in writing..?

Hi Lin

Even though I am not at DOC anymore, now that it is about to be published I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your work in delivering the paper. My original plan was for a paper containing a fairly straight forward inventory of the benefits of conservation and have that told in an accessible way. From my perspective you delivered above expectations on this. I suspect while a lot of this was owing to your direct input, it was also due to the effort you put into assembling such an able and multi-disciplinary and multi-organisational team ... quite an achievement in itself and something that needs to become far more common if we are to progress the field. Nice to see what the literature (and government) are promoting being put into action.

Speaking of progressing the field, I think the most exciting part of the paper was where you took the opportunity to extend current thinking and examine deeper causal factors behind the proximal pressures on our native biodiversity (and environment in general). In particular bringing in concepts from other disciplines (satisfiers etc.) to offer a framework for solutions in a way that I for one had not seen before. Personally it moved my thinking on and I suspect it has (or will) for the field in general.

I also appreciate your patience with the notoriously slow DOC publication process, from what I can gather it held up publication by nearly a year!!!

So thanks again for all your work.

Warm regards

Ross