

Methods

• The most “specialised” part of your paper, be very specific

- Do not rehash study goals, but -where necessary- include short indications of *'Why?'*

• Break into subsections

• Use figures and tables

justify and explain your methodological choices (where necessary)

• Cited ~~common~~ / reused / adapted methods

• Name and cite software and libraries used for analysis and plots/figures

Demonstrate that you used a scientifically valid method

- **Give all information that would be required for somebody to redo your study (data collection & analysis)**

What does my audience need to know in order to trust, and replicate, my study?

“To quantify habitat resource availability...”

“To investigate the effects of social factors...”

“To assess the potential for X to influence Y...”

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