

Methods

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- **Demonstrate that you used a scientifically valid method**
- **Give all information that would be required for somebody to redo your study (data collection & analysis)**
- The most “specialised” part of your paper, be very specific
- Do not rehash study goals, but -where necessary- include short indications of ‘Why?’
 - “To quantify habitat resource availability...”*
 - “To investigate the effects of social factors...”*
 - “To assess the potential for X to influence Y,...”*
- Break into subsections
- Use figures and tables
- Justify and explain your methodological choices (where necessary)
- Cite common / reused / adapted methods
- Name and cite software and libraries used for analysis and plots/figures

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