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Erratum

Large, secondarily collected data in biological and environmental sciences

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Page 802, col. 3, para 3:

The following sentence was missing in the printed version. It should be inserted after: periods of time. I use ‘secondarily collected data’ to include both ‘secondary data’ as referred to traditionally, as well as ‘primary data’ that are collected secondarily by large numbers of, usually untrained, people, as opposed to solely researchers collecting data. Even graduate students....

Page 803, col. 1, 8th lines onwards till end of para on col. 2 (insertions in quotation mark):

While we may not be unique in this, one important reason why I think we should be wary of large-scale secondarily collected data is that we as a culture do not ‘seem to’ like to admit that we do not know something, however trivial. We are also not a people who can easily refuse something that is asked of us. Therefore, asking someone ‘who is inexperienced’ to fill out a datasheet without strict supervision is likely to lead to all columns being filled out, even if with ‘meaningless values’, rather than an honest account of missing or questionable data. The big picture ‘in these cases’ is rarely explained to those actually collecting data, and the end-users of the data often have little connect with field conditions.

Page 803, col. 2, lines 12 and 13:

Read as ‘large, secondary datasets’ instead of ‘large secondary datasets’

Page 803, col. 2, line 15

Read as ‘secondarily collected data’ instead of ‘secondary data’

Page 803, col. 3

Reference numbers should begin from ‘1’ instead of ‘9’.

Ref 3: Read as ‘Pan Macmillan, London’ instead of ‘Basic Books’.

We regret the errors.