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Data analysis https://github.com/rkgumbs/EDGE2"/>

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All summary data for species and clades are available in the Supplementary Data file. The full data underpinning these summary data, derived from 1,000 phylogenetic trees for each clade, are available on Figshare [DOI on publication, private link: <https://figshare.com/s/09ab68484ba1e49cba48>].

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Population characteristics

NA

Recruitment

NA

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NA

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Study description

Calculated the expected loss of evolutionary history and family-level and species-level scores of expected loss that could be averted (EDGE scores) for amphibians, birds, mammals, reptiles, sharks and rays, and ray-finned fish.

Research sample

All described species of amphibians, birds, mammals, reptiles, sharks and rays, and ray-finned fish.

Sampling strategy

We utilised a distribution of 1,000 phylogenies sampled at random from a larger 10,000 phylogeny distribution for each clade to calculate data.

Data collection

Phylogenetic, extinction risk and taxonomic data were collected by the authors for all species from open sources online

Timing and spatial scale

All data were collected between July 2020 the publication of the 2021.1 version of the IUCN Red List, and are global in scale.

Data exclusions

No data were excluded

Reproducibility

NA

Randomization

Null distributions used for comparison with observed data were generated by selecting sets of species at random, with the sets selected to match (and control for) the observed taxonomic and extinction risk distribution of species sets of interest.

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NA

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