Three Paths to an Equitable Human-Wildlife Relationship

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Abstract

Humans are responsible for causing changes in the environment that hurt wild animals and put at risk our security, well-being and survival on the planet. This issue has aroused interest among scholars, who have acknowledged the urgency to find solutions for mitigating the impact of human activities on wildlife. However, academic efforts in this field are limited, and lack a comprehensive interpretation of the phenomenon. Through a systematic review of 145 papers published in the last 14 years, we map existing literature and outline three new possible paths to achieve a more equitable human-wildlife relationship. Specifically, we emphasise the need for researchers to broaden the geographical context of inquiry, integrate the meso-level collaboration between human actors, and adopt an animal stakeholdership lens. This review provides managers and policy makers with insights that have been synthesised from across the business and tourism field.

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