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| Describe whether exclusion criteria were pre-established. Report if sample or data points were omitted from analysis. If yes, report if this was due to attrition or intentional exclusion and provide justification. | Two outliers were removed as clarified in the Method section, as follows: “Model validation for the scientific interest model revealed the existence of a highly influential observation corresponding to the Asian elephant (Elephas maximus L.). We therefore refitted the model removing this observation, which yielded almost identical model estimates but a better distribution of residuals versus fitted values. Also in the case of the popular interest model, there was a highly influential observation corresponding to the Mugger crocodile [Crocodylus palustris (Lesson)], which we removed”.  Some data points were dropped prior to analysis due to missing data in some of the extracted variables, resulting in a reduced final sample size, as specified in figure 2 and 3 (“N =”). |  |
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| Describe statistical tests used and justify choice of tests. | Regression analyses (Generalized Linear Mixed Models and Linear Mixed Models with appropriate error distribution). The reason behind this choice and analytical step taken are explained in the section “Data analysis”. |  |
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