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On Avian Mortality Associated with Human Activities

makers not to insist on documented species population decline resulting from a single mortality source as the standard of evidence required before action. The world is more complicated than this, and even compensatory mortality has adverse effects on community structure and function. Instead, a precautionary approach is warranted (Cooney 2004), where

