**Appendix S1.** Decision tree used to define the environmental context (*i.e*., well-preserved vs degraded) of the study sites found in the literature review.

No

No

No

Yes

**Degraded**

No

Yes

Has a wild cat species been reintroduced into a mixed land use landscape and is its population being monitored to ensure its conservation?

No

Yes

No

**Degraded**

Yes

Yes

If the disturbance occurred in the past, have previously lost species recovered?

**Well-preserved**

Yes

No

Is tourism/access restricted and controlled?

No

Yes

No

Yes

Yes

**Well-preserved**

**Degraded**

Is the surrounding area characterised by large natural areas with little degradation?

Is the study site located in an area of low population density (less than 25 people/km2 within a 30 km radius)?

Has the protected area experienced significant wildlife disturbance as a result of past or present human intervention (*e.g*., civil war, agricultural expansion, hydroelectric development)?

Is the comparison between sites/areas characterized by different levels of anthropogenic impact?

Is the study site a protected area?

Does the study compare two or more sites/areas within a site?