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Global distribution and changes of languages and biodiversity

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There is a considerable body of research examining the pattern of diversity of species, examining the patterns of decline and the causes of decline. A comparable approach can be adopted for examining languages. The means of classifying the threats to species can also be applied to languages to provide a consistent measure. We will describe how these two subjects have much in common and show similar patterns of richness with similar correlates, but some key differences. We will describe two major analyses: one comparing different countries and one looking at global distributions across a grid.