



Conclusions and Next Steps

1. Restate your investigative question:

2. Were you able to answer your research question with the data and observations you collected? If yes, go to Step 3. If no, explain why not. For example, were you able to make the kinds of observations you were planning to make?

How can you modify or rewrite your question so you are able to answer it using observations you can make at your study site?

3. Write a concise answer to your research question:

4. Now elaborate. What natural occurrences were happening at your study site that explain the data you collected? Be sure to include evidence or observations to support your answer.

5. How could knowing this answer help you or others take actions to benefit people and wildlife?

6. What other questions about your study site could you or others investigate?

7. Choose one question you listed in Step 6 above. Describe the kind of information you would need to collect in order to answer this question. How would you go about collecting that information?

