

## Field work preparedness: it's much more than the science

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When planning for our field studies, we often start conceptualizing and laying the ground work for the science many months (sometimes even years) in advance. Although careful study design and logistics planning are essential, these are not necessarily the most important aspects of field work preparedness. A successful field season also depends heavily on being prepared for many other critical aspects of field research: permitting, field safety, team planning, and follow up amongst other key elements. This session will review and discuss the critical elements that are required for being prepared for the science, safety, and psychology required to carry out a successful field research in remote locations.