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Hello,

I thought I'd go ahead and attach a cover letter. I recently started the PhD program at University of California Santa Cruz and am trying to find ways to expand on the work summarized in my submitted abstract to finding a soundscape approaches to measuring restoration outcomes. From some of our species specific approaches I've come to realize the utility of more holistic soundscape approaches to interpreting biologically meaningful patterns from acoustic recordings. While the work I'm presenting does include some species specific approaches, I'm hoping that attending this meeting will launch some exciting ideas and collaborations for my PhD research and focus more on using soundscapes to measure ecological patterns in function, diversity and abundance.

I considered writing an abstract about my current research, using simulations to guide what levels of sensitivity soundscape metrics have to changes in diversity, abundance, and changes after restoration. I decided to go with a more complete study of seabird island soundscapes that incorporates varied case studies and empirical evidence. I suppose I should have submitted earlier, but if you feel this abstract is not fitting with the theme of the meeting, I would REALLY appreciate another chance to focus on my more current work. I've been struggling with my interests in soundscape ecology under advisors who come from a conservation background more than acoustics, so I feel attending and networking at this meeting is going to be critical for developing my soundscape related ideas given its size and focus.

Thanks for your consideration,

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