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POSTSCRIPTS

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thehindu.com/sci-tech/science reported it first that marriage proposals have been placed in the acknowledgments

One such proposal published in a [2015 paper in Current Biology](#) reads: “C.M.B. would specifically like to highlight the ongoing and unwavering support of Lorna O’Brien. Lorna, will you marry me?”

Another postscript in [Global Change Biology](#) is more worrying

Jos Barlow, a conservation scientist from Lancaster University in the U.K. and the Federal University of Lavras in Brazil, who led the team, wrote in the acknowledgement: “Some contributors declined authorship to maintain anonymity. We regret this was necessary and thank them for their important contribution.”