



# **Corrigendum: Perspective: Climate Change and the Relocation of Indonesia's Capital to Borneo**

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## A Corrigendum on

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In the original article, there was an error. Page two, paragraph three stated that the estimated cost of moving the political capital from Java to Borneo was 3.3 billion United States dollars, the correct number is 33 billion. A correction has been made to the 4th paragraph

"In response to the considerable sociological issues, pollution, traffic, climate change risks, and political influences, the government of Indonesia has recently announced plans to relocate the country's political capital to the more sparsely inhabited island of Borneo (**Figure 1**), potentially within the eastern Kalimantan region (Ritter, 2019; Watts, 2019). This move is estimated to cost nearly \$33 billion (US), and could signal a new wave of forced relocation or development in tropical areas across the world due to environmental collapse (Thiede and Gray, 2017; Lyons, 2019). This initiative, though made in the good faith of relieving Jakarta of its human burden, could mean that the negative factors driving poor sustainability on Java could be transferred from Jakarta to Borneo, especially during the early stages of moving the capital."

The authors apologize for this error and state that this does not change the scientific conclusions of the article in any way. The original article has been updated.

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