**Summary Results of Kendall’s τ Examining Rank Correlations for 10 Iterations of the Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI) and Environmental Performance Index (EPI) (*n* = 94 countries).**

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| ESI 2002 | .630\*\* | |  | |  | |  | | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| ESI 2005 | .604\*\* | | .656\*\* | |  | |  | | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2006 | .601\*\* | | .429\*\* | | .443\*\* | |  | | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2008 | .592\*\* | | .481\*\* | | .478\*\* | | .710\*\* | | |  | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2010 | .509\*\* | | .423\*\* | | .404\*\* | | .581\*\* | | | .722\*\* | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2012 | .509\*\* | | .410\*\* | | .410\*\* | | .558\*\* | | | .588\*\* | | .528\*\* | | |  | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2014 | .558\*\* | | .368\*\* | | .368\*\* | | .654\*\* | | | .626\*\* | | .550\*\* | | | .485\*\* | |  | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2016 | .570\*\* | | .407\*\* | | .424\*\* | | .673\*\* | | | .638\*\* | | .572\*\* | | | .447\*\* | | .716\*\* | |  | |  | | |
| EPI 2018 | .519\*\* | | .372\*\* | | .374\*\* | | .636\*\* | | | .621\*\* | | .588\*\* | | | .489\*\* | | .696\*\* | | .730\*\* | |  | | |
| EPI 2020 | .563\*\* | | .393\*\* | | .399\*\* | | .692\*\* | | | .654\*\* | | .599\*\* | | | .509\*\* | | .742\*\* | | .760\*\* | | .760\*\* | | |
|  | ESI 2001 | | ESI 2002 | | ESI 2005 | | EPI 2006 | | | EPI 2008 | | EPI 2010 | | | EPI 2012 | | EPI 2014 | | EPI 2016 | | EPI 2018 | | |
|  | |  | | | |  | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | | |  | | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | | Degree of Correlation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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|  | | weak positive | | moderate positive | | | | strong positive | | |  | | |  | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |
|  | | 0.20 to 0.39 | | 0.40 to 0.59 | | | | 0.60 to 0.79 | | |  | | |  | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |  | |  | |

Note:

\*\*Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2 tailed)