**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 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 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)