# Package: sampbias (via r-universe)

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# Description

An example of the format needed to provide custom areas for calculate\_bias

# Usage

area\_example

## **Format**

An object of class sf (inherits from data.frame) with 2 rows and 1 columns.

# **Examples**

data(area\_example)

borneo Borneo

# Description

The outline of Borneo, as example data for the user-defined study area option of calculate\_bias. From https://www.naturalearthdata.com.

# Usage

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## **Format**

An object of class sf (inherits from data. frame) with 1 rows and 3 columns.

## **Examples**

```
data(borneo)
```

calculate\_bias

Evaluating Sampling Bias in Species Distribution Data

## Description

The major function of the package, calculating the bias effect of sampling bias due to geographic structures, such as the vicinity to cities, airports, rivers and roads. Results are projected to space, and can be compared numerically.

## Usage

```
calculate_bias(
  Χ,
  gaz = NULL,
  res = 1,
  buffer = NULL,
  restrict_sample = NULL,
  terrestrial = TRUE,
  inp_raster = NULL,
 mcmc_rescale_distances = 1000,
 mcmc_iterations = 1e+05,
 mcmc_burnin = 20000,
  mcmc_outfile = NULL,
  prior_q = c(1, 0.01),
  prior_w = c(1, 1),
  plot_raster = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  run_null_model = FALSE,
  use_hyperprior = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

Χ

an object of the class data.frame, with one species occurrence record per line, and at least three columns, named 'species', 'decimalLongitude', and 'decimalLatitude'.

gaz

a list of geographic gazetteers as SpatVector or sf. If NULL, a set of default gazetteers, representing large scale occurrence of airports, cities, rivers, and roads is used. See Details.

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res numerical. The raster resolution for the distance calculation to the geographic

features and the data visualization, in decimal degrees. The default is to one degree, but higher resolution will be desirable for most analyses. res together with the extent of the input data determine computation time and memory re-

quirements.

buffer numerical. The size of the geographic buffer around the extent of ras for the dis-

tance calculations in degrees, to account for geographic structures neighbouring the study area (such as a road right outside the study area). Should be a multiple

of res. Default is to res \* 10. See Details.

restrict\_sample

a SpatVector object. If provided the area for the bias test will be restricted to raster cells within these polygons (and the extent of the sampled points in x).

Make sure to use adequate values for res. Default = NULL.

terrestrial logical. If TRUE, the empirical distribution (and the output maps) are restricted

to terrestrial areas. Uses the rnaturalearth:::ne\_countries to define what

is terrestrial. Default = TRUE.

inp\_raster an object of class SpatRaster. A template raster for the counts and distance cal-

culation. Can be used to provide a special resolution, or for different coordinate

reference systems. See vignette.

mcmc\_rescale\_distances

numerical. rescaling factor for the distance calculation

mcmc\_iterations

numerical. the number of iterations for the MCMC, by default 100,000

mcmc\_burnin numerical. the burn-in for the MCMC, default is to 20,000

mcmc\_outfile character string. the path on where to write the results of the MCMC, optional.

prior\_q the gamma prior for the sampling rate \$q\$, which represents the expected num-

ber of occurrences per cell in the absence of biases. In the format c(shape,rate).

prior\_w the gamma prior for the steepness of the Poisson rate decline, such that w ap-

proximating 0 results in a null model of uniform sampling rate q across cells. In

the format c(shape,rate).

plot\_raster logical. If TRUE, a plot of the occurrence raster is shown for diagnostic pur-

poses. Default = FALSE

verbose logical. If TRUE, progress is reported. Default = FALSE.

run\_null\_model logical. Run a null model with bias weights set to zero.

use\_hyperprior logical. If TRUE a hyperprior on the bias weights is used for regularization to

avoid over-parametrization.

#### **Details**

The default gazetteers delivered with the package are simplified from http://www.naturalearthdata.com/downloads/. They include major features, and for small scale analyses custom gazetteers should be used.

For computational convenience, the gazetteers are cropped to the extent of the point occurrence data sets. To account for the fact, that, relevant structures might lay directly outside this extent, but still influencing the distribution of samples in the study area, the buffer option, gives the area, around the extent that should be included in the distance calculation.

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Visit https://github.com/azizka/sampbias/wiki for more information on distance calculation and the algorithm behind sampbias.

## Value

An object of the S3-class 'sampbias', which is a list including the following objects:

summa A list of summary statistics for the sampbias analyses, including the total num-

ber of occurrence points in x, the total number of species in x, the extent of the output rasters as well as the settings for res, binsize, and convexhull used in

the analyses.

occurrences a SpatRaster indicating occurrence records per grid cell, with resolution res.

species a SpatRaster with indicating the number of species per grid cell, with resolu-

tion res.

biasmaps a list of SpatRaster, with the same length as gaz. Each element is the spatial

projection of the bias effect for a sources of bias in gaz. The last raster in the

list is the average over all bias sources.

biastable a data. frame, with the estimated bias effect for each bias source in gaz, at the

distances specified by biasdist.

#### Note

Check https://github.com/azizka/sampbias/wiki for a tutorial on sampbias.

#### See Also

```
summary.sampbias is.sampbias plot.sampbias
```

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Distance Rasters from a List of Geographic Gazetteers

## **Description**

Creates a list of distances rasters based on a list of geographic gazetteers, as SpatVector objects, and a template SpatRaster, indicating the desired extent and resolution.

## Usage

```
dis_rast(gaz, ras, buffer = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

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gaz	an object of the class list, including one or	more geographic gazetteers of the
5~ <del>-</del>	an object of the class 115t, meraaning one of	more geograpine gazetteers or the

class SpatVector.

ras an object of the class SpatRaster. Defining the extent and resolution of the

distances rasters.

buffer numerical. The size of the geographic buffer around the extent of ras for the

distance calculations in degrees, to account for geographic structures neighbouring the study area (such as a road right outside the study area) Default is to the

resolution of ras.

#### Value

a list of SpatRaster objects of the same length as gaz. The values in each raster correspond to the planar geographic distance to the next feature in gaz, given the resolution of ras

## Note

Check https://github.com/azizka/sampbias/wiki for a tutorial on sampbias.

## See Also

```
calculate_bias
```

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ea\_raster

Equal Area Raster

# Description

An example for an global equal area raster (in Behrmann projection) for the format needed for a custom grid provided to calculate\_bias.

## Usage

ea\_raster

#### **Format**

An object of class PackedSpatRaster of length 1.

# **Examples**

```
data(ea_raster)
ea_raster <- terra::unwrap(ea_raster)</pre>
```

ecoregion\_example

Detailed Example for a Custom Study Area

## **Description**

An example of the format needed to provide custom areas for calculate\_bias based on a publicly available set of global ecoregions.

## Usage

```
ecoregion_example
```

## Format

An object of class sf (inherits from data.frame) with 7 rows and 22 columns.

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## **Source**

https://www.worldwildlife.org/publications/terrestrial-ecoregions-of-the-world

## **Examples**

```
data(ecoregion_example)
```

is.sampbias

Is Method for Class sampbias

## **Description**

Check class of sampbias objects.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sampbias'
is(object, class2 = "sampbias")
```

# Arguments

object an object of the class sampbias

class2 the names of the class to which is relations are to be examined defined, or (more

efficiently) the class definition objects for the classes.

#### **Details**

With two arguments, tests whether object can be treated as from class2. With one argument, returns all the super-classes of this object's class.

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map\_bias

Mapping Projected Bias Effects

## **Description**

A plotting function to visualize the effect of accessibility bias caused by different biasing factors in space.

## Usage

```
map_bias(x, gaz = NULL, sealine = TRUE, type = "sampling_rate")
```

#### **Arguments**

x a raster stack as generate by project\_bias

gaz a list of SpatialObjects, to be printed on the maps. Should be the same objects

provided to calculate\_bias when creating the Object. If gaz is not supplied,

the sampbias package standard gazetteers are used.

sealine logical. Should the coastline be added to the plots? Default is to TRUE.

 $type \qquad \qquad character\ vector.\ One\ of\ c("sampling\_rate","log\_sampling\_rate","diff\_to\_max").$ 

If "sampling\_rate". the plot shows the raw projected sampling rate depending on the biasing factors, if "log\_sampling\_rate", the plot shows the log10 transformed sampling rate, and if "diff\_to\_max", the relative deviation of sampling rate from the maximum rate as calculated using calculate\_bias and projected using project\_bias. For instance, a value of -25 indicates a drop of 25 (e.g. in

a road on river flowing through the city airport).

#### Value

A series of R plots based on ggplot2.

## See Also

```
calculate_bias, project_bias
```

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plot.sampbias

Plotting the Posterior Estimates of the Bias Weights

## **Description**

Plotting method for class sampbias, generating a box-whiskers-plot showing the bias weights for all biasing factors indicating the effect strength for each gazetteer provided to calculate\_bias.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sampbias' plot(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

x an object of the class sampbias.

. . . Additional arguments passed to summary.

## Value

A plot

## See Also

```
calculate_bias, summary.sampbias
```

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project\_bias

Projecting Bias Effects in Space

## **Description**

Uses the the estimated bias weights from a sampbias object to project the bias through space, using the same raster as used for the distance calculation.#'

## Usage

```
project_bias(x, factors = NULL)
```

## Arguments

x an object of the class sampbias.

factors a character vector indicating which biasing factors to project

## Value

A raster stack, with the same length as the number of biasing factors used in calculate\_bias. The names indicate the factors included for each layer.

## See Also

```
calculate_bias, summary.sampbias
```

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summary.sampbias

Summary Method for Class sampbias

# Description

Summary method for objects of the class sampbias.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sampbias'
summary(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

object An object of the class sampbias
... Additional arguments passed to summary.

## Value

Summary printed to screen.

## See Also

```
calculate_bias is.sampbias plot.sampbias
```

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