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## Overview

Spatial capture-recapture (SCR) models are used to estimate animal density. They use a combination of information

SCR models rely on data in which individual animals are observed on multiple occasions, either being captured, marked and released, or individuals being identified on multiple occasions via specific diagnostic features (e.g., leopard print patterns, dolphin fin markings, etc.).

## Advanced

Spatial capture-recapture (SCR) models can be applied to any survey method where animals are individually identifiable and trap locations are known: live trapping and tagging, DNA sampling, camera trapping, etc. (Royle et al., 2014). Here, we will discuss camera trap SCR.

SCR models break populations down into the activity, or home range, centres of individual animals. Let us first imagine we know the number and location of all individuals’ activity centres in a population. If we did, we could easily estimate density:</br>

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assuming each member of the population has an activity centre, and so the number of activity centres is equivalent to population size; and since the area encompassing all activity centres is the total area sampled by the camera array (i.e., the sampling frame; Sollmann, 2018). In reality, we do not know the number and location of activity centres – indeed, the estimated number and location of activity centres is the SCR model output. <br>

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To resolve the number and location of activity centres – and thus estimate density – SCR models combine information about 1) where animals are detected in space (using an observation model) and 2) how animals are distributed in space (using a spatial process model; Figure 4; Royle, 16). <br>

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The observation model uses the record of where each individual was detected (i.e., individuals’ detection histories) to infer the location of each individual’s respective activity centre (**Figure 5A;** Chandler & Royle, 2013, Royle, 2016). It relies on the inverse relationship between detection probability and cameratrap-to-activity-centre distance: as the distance between a camera and an individual’s activity centre increases, the likelihood that individual will be detected there decreases (**Figure 5B;** Royle et al., 2014). So, animals will be detected most frequently at camera traps near their activity centres, and least frequently (or not at all) at camera traps far from their activity centres. Because the locations of activity centres are unknown, we use a spatial process model to approximate their distribution. Point-process models are a common choice (Royle, 16). A point-process model is a random pattern of points in space (Baddeley, no date); it can be homogenous (completely spatially random) or inhomogeneous (the density of points depends on landscape/habitat covariates; Royle, 2016). <br>

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Taken together: SCR essentially “downscales” density – a population-level estimator – to the level of the individual. The model asks: where does each animal live (Royle, 16)? Although the location of animals’ activity centres is not known, we can use information about where individuals are captured (detection histories) and how activity centres are distributed in space (point-process model) to infer where they live, and thus estimate density (Royle, 16). SCR can be implemented using many statistical frameworks, including full likelihood estimation (Borchers and Efford 2008), dataaugmented maximum likelihood estimation (Royle et al., 2014), and data-augmented Bayesian estimation (Royle and Young 2008; Morin et al., 2022). <br>

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When deploying cameras for SCR analysis, practitioners must balance the area covered by the camera array with trap spacing to maximize both the number of unique individuals captured and the number of spatial recaptures of each individual. A larger sampling area will yield a higher count of unique individuals; closely-spaced traps will yield a higher number of spatial recaptures (i.e., detections of the same individual at different camera traps; Royle et al., 2014). Both are important for SCR density estimation. Cameras should also be deployed across habitat types with different levels of use (Morin et al., 2022, Sun et al., 2014). Grid and clustered sampling designs can help meet all these needs (Clark, 2019, Sun et al., 2014). Note that optimal camera trap placement and spacing will change with focal species, landscape and project limitations. <br>

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See Clark (2019), Dupont et al., (2021), Fleming et al., (2021), McFarlane et al., (2020), Nawaz et al., (2021), Romairone et al., 2018, Sollmann et al., (2012) and Sun et al., (2014) for more detailed explorations of SCR study design. <br>

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Another aspect of sampling design practitioners must consider is the number and configuration of cameras deployed at a station to identify animals to the individual. Left and right flanks may need to be photographed simultaneously, for example, to avoid assigning different identities to each side {{Augustine et al., 2018}}; as another example, chest markings may need to be photographed from multiple angles at bait stations to be able to resolve identity {{Proctor et al., 2022}}.<br>

## Figures

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Spatial capture-recapture (SCR) modelling

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| R package | R package “secr” | resource4\_note | Package info: <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/secr/index.html>  Help forum: <www.phidot.org> | resource4\_ref\_id |
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## Notes

(Efford et al., 2009) - Centers are fixed for the duration of the study, and the population is closed to births, deaths, immigration, and emigration. Probability of detection declines radially with increasing distance from the center, and the density of centers is the population parameter of interest. Centers are not observed directly.