

# HMSC 1st model runs - KERGUELEN

The purpose here is to run a first series of models for Kerguelen and explore the results I extracted using the HMSC pipeline. Here I show the results for a model using 4 chains, 250 samples, and a thinning of 1000.

## Model inputs

```
# Y = community pres/abs matrix of 1956 sites * 19 species (all but Limosella australis that was too rare)
# XData = the environmental matrix :
XData <- models$`presence-absence model`$XData
head(XData)
```

##	accum_prec	mean_temp	numero_observation	jour	mois	annee	pente	exposition	id
## 1	1777.4	3.241821	K10A02	23	12	2010	22	EE	1
## 2	1777.4	3.241528	K10A03	23	12	2010	22	E	2
## 3	1777.4	3.241357	K10A04	23	12	2010	24	E	3
## 4	1761.6	3.195654	K10A05	23	12	2010	21	EE	4
## 5	1761.6	3.182520	K10A06	23	12	2010	21	E	5
## 6	1761.6	3.159375	K10A07	23	12	2010	21	E	6

accum\_prec = Accumulated precipitation amount over 1 year (bio12 CHELSA), 0.008333 resolution (~1 km)

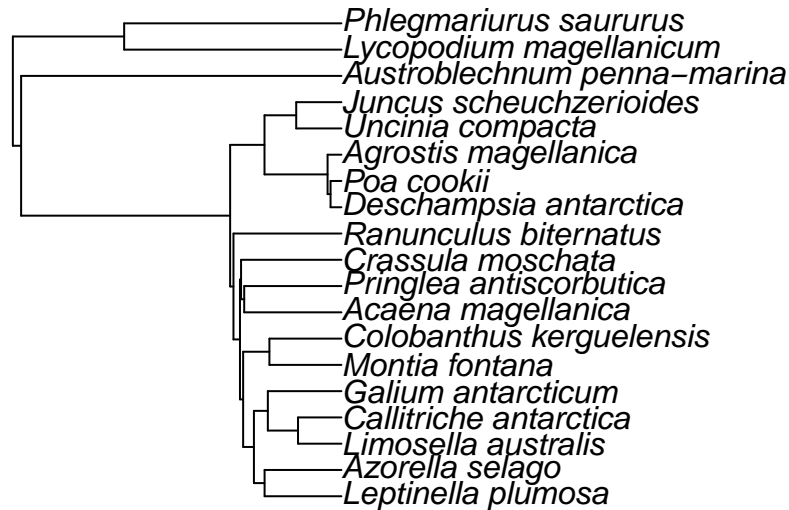
mean\_temp = mean temperature downscaled to ~30m, based on mean annual daily mean air temperatures averaged over 1 year (bio1 CHELSA), from 1981-2010

pente et exposition = terrain variables that come from field measures in the TAAF

jour mois annee = field sampling dates for pres/abs data

```
# phylogenetic tree for Crozet. I kept the phylo.maker one.
phylotree <- ape::read.tree("../data/traits_trees/phylomaker_tree")
phylotree$tip.label <- gsub("_", " ", phylotree$tip.label)

# need to remove Notogrammitis crassior for Kerguelen
phylo_ker <- ape::drop.tip(phylotree, tip = "Notogrammitis crassior")
plot(phylo_ker)
```



Still no traits, and there will be none from TRY ==> not enough traits measured across all plant species.

HMSC also needs the following :

```
# STUDY DESIGN
studyDesign = data.frame(site=XData$numero_observation, id=XData$id)

# RANDOM EFFECT STRUCTURE, HERE Site (hierarchical study design)
rL.site = Hmsc::HmscRandomLevel(units = levels(studyDesign$site))
str(rL.site)

## List of 18
## $ pi          : Factor w/ 2450 levels "K10A02","K10A03",...: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
## $ s           : NULL
## $ sDim        : num 0
## $ spatialMethod: NULL
## $ x           : NULL
## $ xDim        : num 0
## $ N           : int 2450
## $ distMat     : NULL
## $ nfMax       : num Inf
## $ nfMin       : num 2
## $ nNeighbours : NULL
## $ nu          : num 3
## $ a1          : num 50
## $ b1          : num 1
## $ a2          : num 50
```

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## $ b2          : num 1
## $ alphapw     : NULL
## $ call        : language Hmsc::HmscRandomLevel(units = levels(studyDesign$site))
## - attr(*, "class")= chr "HmscRandomLevel"
```

Not too sure what this does in detail, but it has default parameters to estimate the random effects. I didn't alter this.

```
# and optionally id, if we are interested in species associations at that level
rL.id = Hmsc::HmscRandomLevel(units = levels(studyDesign$id))
str(rL.site)
```

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Same structure as the site random level, except this one is supposed to be much finer, at the observation scale.

## Model structure

```
# REGRESSION MODEL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL COVARIATES.
XFormula = ~ mean_temp + accum_prec + pente + exposition

# REGRESSION MODEL FOR TRAITS : none.

# PRESENCE-ABSENCE MODEL FOR INDIVIDUAL SPECIES (COMMON ONLY)
m = Hmsc::Hmsc(Y=Y, XData = XData, XFormula = XFormula,
  # TrData = TrData, TrFormula = TrFormula,
  phyloTree = phylo_ker,
  distr="probit",
  studyDesign = studyDesign, ranLevels=list(site=rL.site, id=rL.id))
```

## Model fit

input parameters :

- nChains = 4
- nParallel = nChains
- samples=250, thin=1000

```
m = Hmsc::sampleMcmc(m, samples = samples, thin=thin,
  adaptNf=rep(ceiling(0.4*samples*thin),m$nr),
  transient = ceiling(0.5*samples*thin),
  nChains = nChains,
  nParallel = nParallel)
```

## Results

See pdf called “ker/results/parameter\_estimates\_ex2.pdf”).

- Variance partitioning plot: The corresponding values are in “ker/results/parameter\_estimates\_VP\_presence\_absence\_

There’s also this : “ker/results/parameter\_estimates\_VP\_R2T\_Beta.csv” : it looks at the beta estimates for each level of the environmental factor variables, but it didn’t work (NAs). Not sure why but doesn’t matter too much for us I think.

- Beta plot : the posterior beta estimates for each plant \* covariate. Corresponding values in “results/parameter\_estimates\_Beta\_presence-absence model.xls”
- Omega plots : associations between species at the site and id level.

## Evaluate model fit

I’m not sure I did this right.

nfold = NULL #Default: two-fold cross-validation. There’s a place in the code where I think we’re supposed to specify the column (variable) over which the fold should be done. I didn’t..

It’s all stored in the “ker/models/MF\_thin\_1000\_samples\_250\_chains\_4\_nfold\_2.RData”, and the results are in “ker/results/model\_fit\_nfold\_2.pdf”. But I don’t understand these plots.

## Make predictions

See the “ker/results/predictions.pdf”.