Decreasing trends of chinstrap penguin breeding colonies in a region of major and ongoing environmental change: a statistical critique and reanalysis of Krüger (2023)

30-year population change at 57 sites with at least one count (accuracy < 5) prior to 2005 and at least one count (accuracy < 5) after 2004

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1 Krüger (2023) reanalysis

This script provides a reanalysis of chinstrap penguin population trends, in the context of Krüger (2023) (Citation: Krüger, L. (2023). Decreasing Trends of Chinstrap Penguin Breeding Colonies in a Region of Major and Ongoing Rapid Environmental Changes Suggest Population Level Vulnerability. Diversity, 15(3), 327.).

• To reduce extrapolation beyond the range of observed data, this revised analysis restricted predictions of population trends between 1980 and 2019.

• This script evaluated the 30-year population change between 1990 and 2019 at all sites (n = 57) with at least one count (with accuracy < 5) prior to 2005 (i.e., within 15 years of 1990) and at least one count (with accuracy < 5) after 2004 (i.e., within 15 years of 2019)

2 Load packages and set plotting theme

```
# Load packages
library(tidyverse)
library(MCMCglmm)
library(scales)
library(ggforce)
library(colorspace)
library(scales)
library(patchwork)
library(broom.mixed)
```

3 Load and process MAPPPD data for area 48.1 and 48.2:

```
# Humphries et al. (2017) Mapping Application for Penguin Populations
# and Projected Dynamics (MAPPPD): data and tools for dynamic management
# and decision support. Polar Record 53 (269): 160-166 doi:10.1017/S0032247417000055
df <- read.csv(here::here("./data/mapppd AllCounts_V_4_0.csv"))</pre>
# subset data to chinstrap penguins only
chins<-subset(df,common_name=="chinstrap penguin")</pre>
# subset to use only nest counts
nests <- subset(chins,count_type=="nests")</pre>
# subset to cammlr_region 48.1 and 48.2
nests <- subset(nests,cammlr_region =="48.1" | cammlr_region =="48.2")</pre>
# remove the most uncertain counts (could be very inaccurate - an order of magnitude)
# This is a choice we made for the current analysis.
# Comment this line of code out to run analysis including uncertain counts
nests <- subset(nests, accuracy < 5)</pre>
nests = subset(nests, nests$season_starting> 1979)
which(colSums(is.na(nests))>0)
##
     day month
##
       7
```

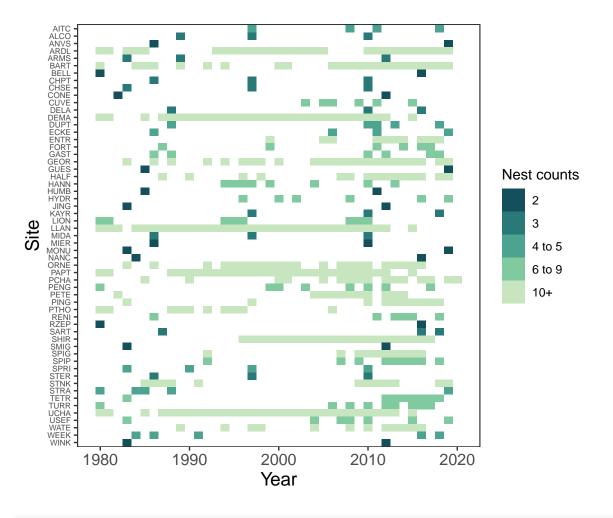
3.1 Processed data summary

```
# summarizing number of populations and number of counts
countsN <- plyr::ddply(nestM, c("site_id","Lat","Lon"), summarise,</pre>
               ncounts=length(nests),
               minseason=(min(season_starting)),
               maxseason=(max(season_starting)),
               interval=(max(season_starting)-min(season_starting)))
summary(as.factor(countsN$ncounts)) # most populations are only counted once
##
                                    9 10 11 12 15 16 22 23 24 28 30 31
## 152 35 13 7 4 5
                                  2 5
                                            2
## 33
##
   1
npops=length(countsN$ncounts[countsN$ncounts>1])
npops # number of populations with more than 2 counts
## [1] 91
nestM2 <- merge(nestM,countsN) # add number of counts for each population to nestM2
# Subset to sites with more than 1 count:
nestm3 = subset(nestM2, ncounts>1)
# Subset to sites with counts at least 10 years apart
# nestm3 = subset(nestm3, nestm3$interval > 9)
# Subset to sites with counts within 15 years of end points
nestm3 = subset(nestm3, nestm3$minseason < 2005 & nestm3$maxseason > 2004)
nestM3 <- nestm3</pre>
countspersite = nestM3 %>%
     group_by(site_id) %>%
     summarise(counts = mean(ncounts))
summary(countspersite$counts)
##
     Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu.
                                             Max.
##
    2.000 3.000 6.000 8.982 10.000 33.000
```

3.2 Data distribution figures

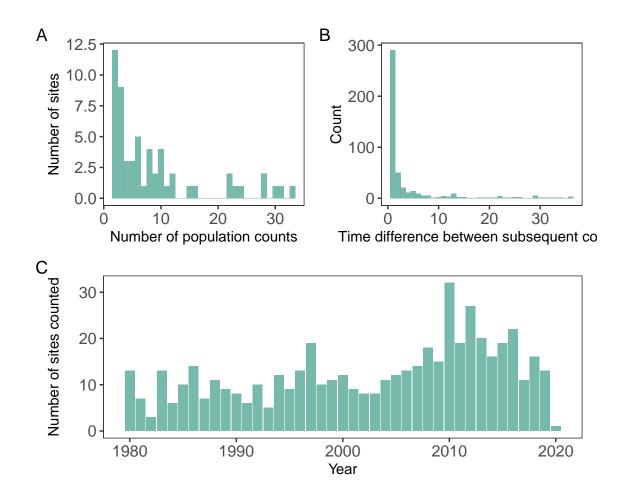
```
samplesize = nestM3 %>% group_by(site_id, ncounts) %>% tally()
length(unique(nestM3$site_id))
## [1] 57
samplesize.plot <- samplesize %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=n)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=1, fill="#69b3a2", alpha=0.9) +
  theme bw()+
  ylab("Number of sites")+
  xlab("Number of population counts") +
  theme(axis.text=element_text(size=12),
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank())
# samplesize.plot
samplesizeYear = nestM3 %>% group_by(season_starting) %>% tally()
samplesizeYear.plot = samplesizeYear %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=season_starting, y = n)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill="#69b3a2", alpha=0.9) +
 theme_bw() +
  ylab("Number of sites counted")+
  xlab("Year") +
  theme(axis.text=element text(size=12),
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank())+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1960, 2020, by = 10))
# samplesizeYear.plot
# time between counts per site
diff = nestm3 %>%
  dplyr::arrange(site_id, season_starting) %>%
  dplyr::group_by(site_id) %>%
 dplyr::mutate(time.difference = season_starting - lag(season_starting))
#diff
diff.plot = diff %>%
  ggplot(aes(x=time.difference)) +
  geom_histogram(binwidth=1, fill="#69b3a2", alpha=0.9) +
  theme bw()+
 ylab("Count")+
  xlab("Time difference between subsequent counts") +
  theme(axis.text=element_text(size=12),
       panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank())+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 50, by = 10))
```

```
# diff.plot
nestm3$countbreaks = cut(nestm3$ncounts, c(0, 2, 3, 5, 9, Inf))
heat = ggplot(nestm3, aes(x = as.numeric(season_starting),
                   y = site_id,
                   fill= cut(ncounts, c(0, 2, 3, 5, 9, Inf),
                              labels = c('2', '3', '4 \text{ to } 5', '6 \text{ to } 9', '10+')))) +
  geom_tile() +
  scale_fill_discrete_sequential(palette = "BluGrn", rev = F)+
  guides(fill=guide_legend(title="Nest counts")) +
  theme_bw()+
  ylab("Site")+
  xlab("Year") +
  theme(axis.text.x=element_text(size=12),
        axis.title.x=element_text(size=14),
        axis.text.y = element_text(size = 6),
        axis.title.y=element_text(size=14),
        panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank())+
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = seq(1960, 2020, by = 10))+
  scale_y_discrete(limits=rev)
heat
```



```
combinedfig = (samplesize.plot | diff.plot) / samplesizeYear.plot +
  plot_layout(nrow = 2, widths = c(1, 3)) +
  plot_annotation(tag_levels = 'A')

combinedfig
```



4 Fit revised GLMM

```
family="poisson", mev=NULL,
data=nestM3,start=NULL, nodes="ALL", scale=TRUE,
nitt=50000, thin=10, burnin=20000, pr=T,
pl=FALSE, verbose=F, DIC=TRUE, singular.ok=FALSE, saveX=TRUE,
prior=prior, saveZ=TRUE, saveXL=TRUE, slice=FALSE,
ginverse=NULL, trunc=FALSE)
```

summary(mc2)

##

##

##

##

```
##
##
   Iterations = 20001:49991
   Thinning interval = 10
   Sample size = 3000
##
##
  DIC: 4621.441
##
##
##
   G-structure: ~us(1 + Zseason_starting):site_id
##
##
                                            post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp
## (Intercept):(Intercept).site_id
                                                                 10.802
                                                         4.8264
                                                                          1176.0
                                                7.6274
## Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id
                                                1.5721
                                                         0.7761
                                                                   2.470
                                                                           756.7
## (Intercept):Zseason_starting.site_id
                                                1.5721
                                                        0.7761
                                                                   2.470
                                                                           756.7
## Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id
                                               0.7648
                                                         0.4585
                                                                   1.116
                                                                          1062.1
##
##
   R-structure: ~units
##
         post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp
           0.1016 0.08228
## units
                             0.1208
                                         2199
##
  Location effects: nests ~ Zseason_starting * ZLat
##
##
                                                                pMCMC
##
                        post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp
## (Intercept)
                           5.03937 4.21472 5.75047
                                                        2575 < 3e-04 ***
## Zseason_starting
                         -0.50315 -0.75550 -0.26012
                                                         2529 0.000667 ***
## ZLat
                          1.61152 0.93274 2.33785
                                                         2760 < 3e-04 ***
## Zseason_starting:ZLat -0.22777 -0.47865 -0.01011
                                                        1143 0.054000 .
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```

4.1 MCMCglmm diagnostics for mc2

(Intercept):(Intercept).site_id

Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id

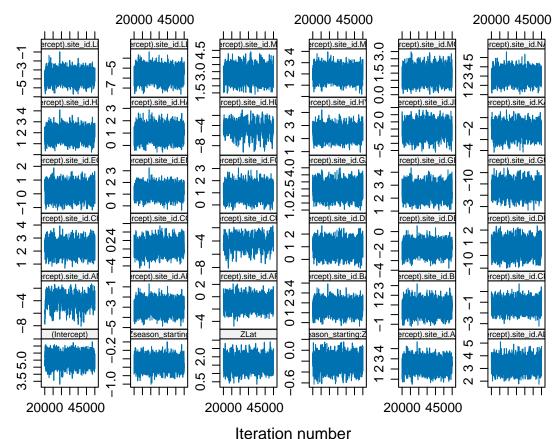
```
# Assessing model convergence. We do this separately for both fixed
# and random effects. The trace plot should look like a fuzzy caterpillar
# effective sample size
coda::effectiveSize(mc2$VCV)
```

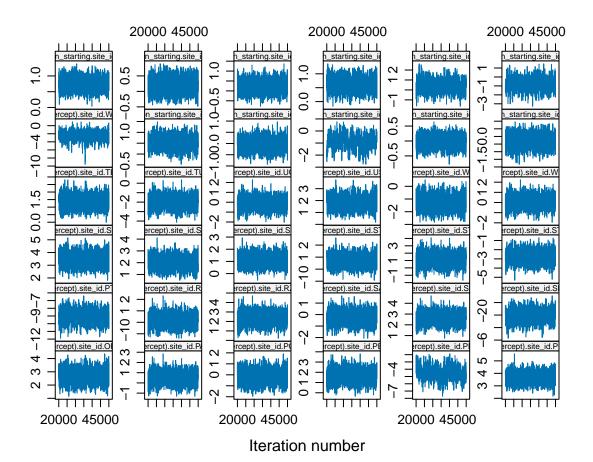
1176.0275

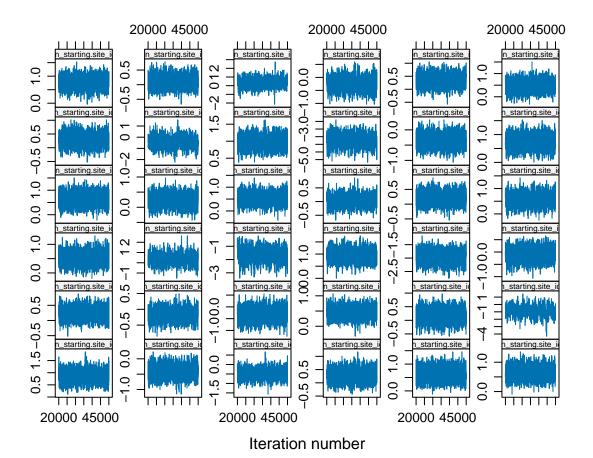
756.7414

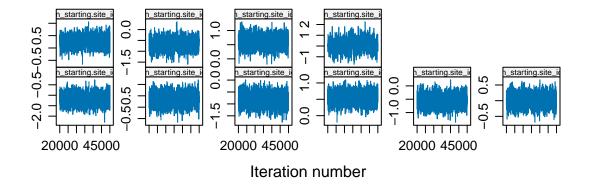
```
## (Intercept):Zseason_starting.site_id
## 756.7414
## Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id
## 1062.1369
## units
## 2198.6498
```

```
# check that the mcmc chain is mixing well - should be "white noise"
lattice::xyplot(as.mcmc(mc2$Sol), layout=c(6,6), par.strip.text=list(cex=0.5))
```

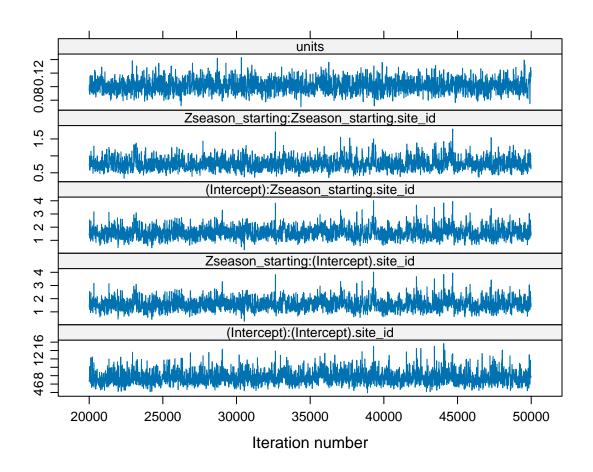








the variance components
lattice::xyplot(as.mcmc(mc2\$VCV), par.strip.text=list(cex=0.8))



```
# from MCMC Course notes (page 60):
diag(autocorr(mc2$VCV)[2, , ])  # low autocorrelation
```

```
##
              (Intercept):(Intercept).site_id
##
                                    0.09900165
##
        Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id
##
                                    0.17254715
##
        (Intercept): Zseason_starting.site_id
##
                                    0.17254715
##
   Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id
##
                                    0.20226759
##
                                         units
##
                                    0.15172902
```

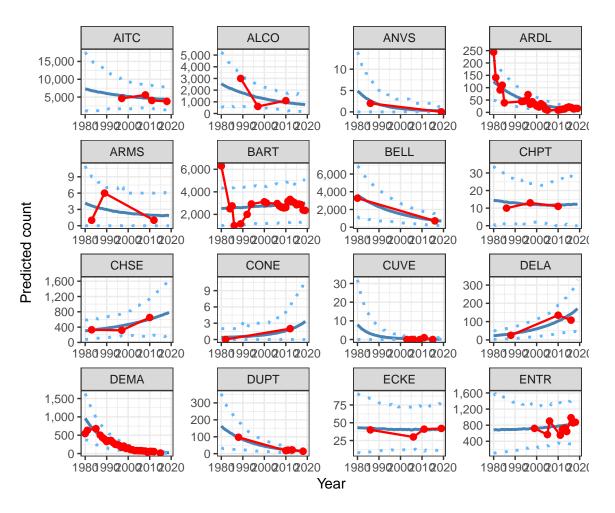
5 Predict counts for every year

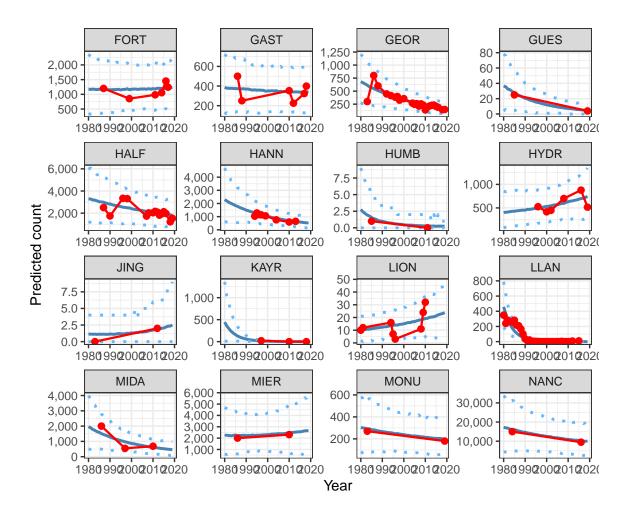
```
# construct dataframe to predict to
# need to predict to z-standardized variables
Z1 = dplyr::select(nestM3, season_starting, Lat)
```

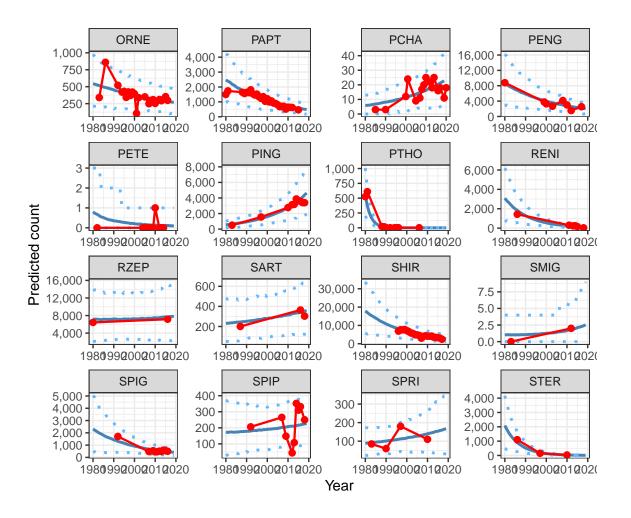
```
Z2 <- scale(Z1)</pre>
attr(Z2, "scaled:center")
## season_starting
                               Lat.
##
        2002.70703
                         -63.19972
attr(Z2, "scaled:scale")
## season starting
                               Lat
##
         11.341010
                          1.234008
ave_ss = attr(Z2, "scaled:center")[[1]]
ave_lat = attr(Z2, "scaled:center")[[2]]
sd_ss = attr(Z2, "scaled:scale")[[1]]
sd_lat = attr(Z2, "scaled:scale")[[2]]
years<-data.frame(season_starting=c(1980:2019)) # extrapolate to 1980</pre>
pops<-data.frame(site_id=countsN\$site_id[countsN\$ncounts>1],
                 Lat=countsN$Lat[countsN$ncounts>1])
popy<-merge(pops,years)</pre>
popy$nests<-c(0) ### MCMCglmm needs a column with the response variable
popy$Zseason_starting = (popy$season_starting - ave_ss)/sd_ss
popy$ZLat = (popy$Lat - ave_lat)/sd_lat
head(popy)
     site_id
                 Lat season_starting nests Zseason_starting
                                                   -2.002205 1.9762578
## 1
        ACUN -60.761
                                1980
                                         0
        AITC -62.407
## 2
                                1980
                                         0
                                                   -2.002205 0.6423933
## 3
        ALCO -64.240
                                1980
                                         0
                                                  -2.002205 -0.8430099
        ANVS -64.661
                                1980
                                         0
                                                  -2.002205 -1.1841745
        ARDL -62.213
## 5
                                1980
                                         0
                                                   -2.002205 0.7996046
## 6
        ARMS -65.884
                                1980
                                                  -2.002205 -2.1752536
# Don't extrapolate more than X years
first_last_season = nestM3 %>%
        dplyr::group_by(site_id) %>%
        dplyr::summarise(minyear = min(season_starting),
                         maxyear = max(season_starting)) %>%
        dplyr::arrange(minyear)
first_last_season
## # A tibble: 57 x 3
      site_id minyear maxyear
##
##
      <chr>
              <int>
                        <int>
                 1980
                         2019
## 1 ARDL
## 2 BART
                1980
                         2019
## 3 BELL
                 1980
                         2016
```

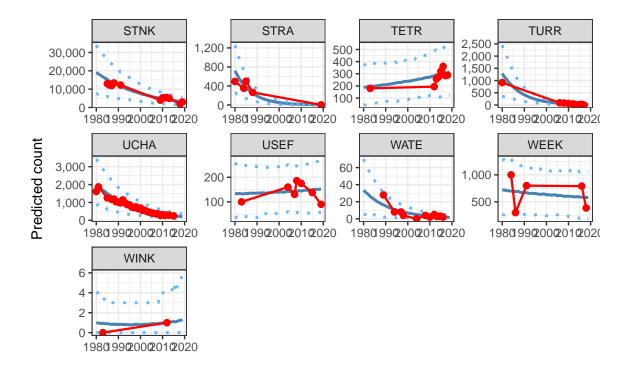
```
2015
## 4 DEMA
                 1980
## 5 LION
                 1980
                         2010
                         2015
## 6 LLAN
                 1980
## 7 PAPT
                 1980
                         2015
## 8 PENG
                 1980
                         2017
## 9 PTHO
                 1980
                         2006
## 10 RZEP
                 1980
                         2016
## # i 47 more rows
popy = merge(popy, first_last_season)
length(unique(popy$site_id))
## [1] 57
popypred <- data.frame(predict(mc2,</pre>
                             newdata=popy,
                             type="response",
                                                  # crucial, and not default code.
                             marginal=NULL,
                          # marginal=~us(1 + Zseason_starting):site_id,
                           interval="prediction",
                             posterior="all"))
head(popypred)
##
          fit lwr
                     upr
## 1 6002.527 1446 11998
## 2 5927.046 1731 12217
## 3 4389.310 1403 7950
## 4 4500.230 1616 7685
## 5 6379.323 1176 13596
## 6 4890.838 1840 8540
popy$Zfit = popypred$fit
popy$Zlwr = popypred$lwr
popy$Zupr = popypred$upr
```

5.1 Conditional model predictions





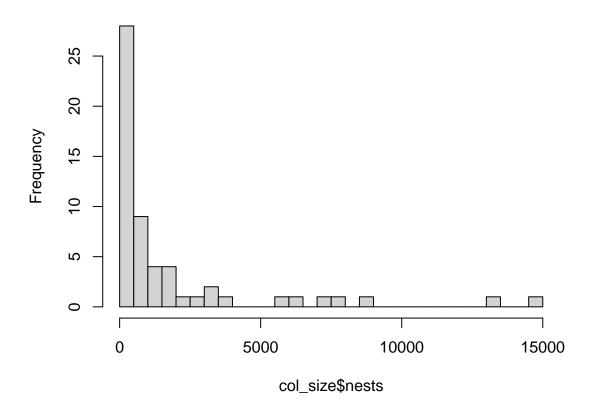




Year

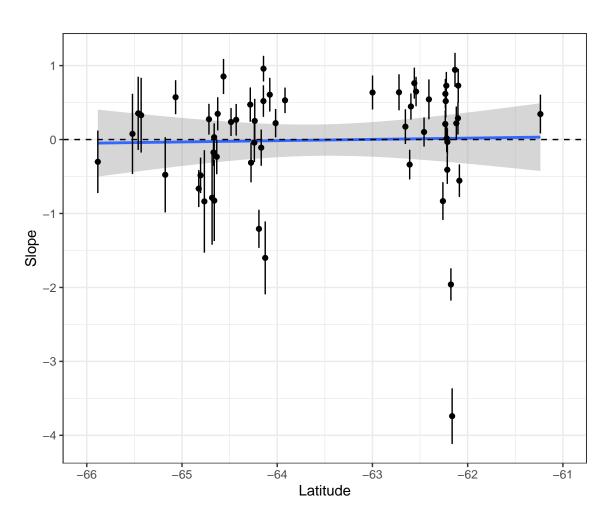
```
# Predictions are generally good
# Look at some sites with temporally sparse data and strong extrapolation
nestM3 %>% dplyr::filter(site_id == "MUCK")
##
    [1] site_id
                         Lat
                                          Lon
                                                            season_starting
##
    [5] nests
                         ncounts
                                          minseason
                                                            maxseason
   [9] interval
                         Zseason_starting ZLat
## <0 rows> (or 0-length row.names)
col_size = nestM3 %>%
          group_by(site_id) %>%
          slice(which.max(nests))
hist(col_size$nests, breaks = 30)
```

Histogram of col_size\$nests

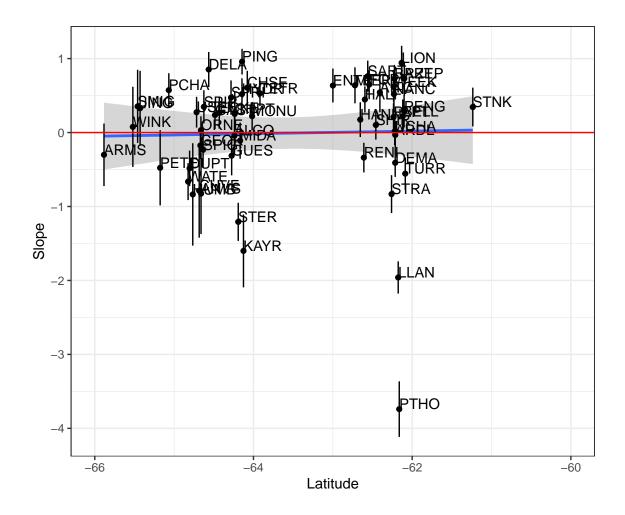


```
# extract random effects from MCMCglmm
{\it \# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/64562052/extract-random-effects-from-mcmcglmm}
re = tidy(mc2, effects="ran_vals")
unique(re$group)
## [1] "site_id"
re = re %>%
    dplyr::select(-group, -effect) %>%
    pivot_wider(names_from = term, values_from = c(estimate, std.error))
head(re)
## # A tibble: 6 x 5
     level 'estimate_(Intercept)' estimate_Zseason_starting 'std.error_(Intercept)'
     <chr>>
                             <dbl>
                                                        <dbl>
                                                                                 <dbl>
                             2.38
                                                       0.544
                                                                                 0.542
## 1 AITC
                             3.30
                                                                                 0.449
## 2 ALCO
                                                      -0.0418
## 3 ANVS
                            -4.00
                                                      -0.825
                                                                                 1.08
## 4 ARDL
                            -3.00
                                                      -0.0323
                                                                                 0.550
## 5 ARMS
                            -0.920
                                                      -0.301
                                                                                 0.897
```

```
# estimate_(Intercept) is related to the initial population size
# estimate_Zseason_starting is the slope of population increase (+)
# or decrease (-)
names(re) = c("site_id", "est_int", "estZss",
              "se_int", "seZss")
# add latitude
nestM3_lat = dplyr::select(nestM3, Lat, site_id) %>%
             dplyr::distinct(site_id, Lat)
re = left_join(re, nestM3_lat, by = "site_id")
# plot relationship between slope and latitude
lat_plot = ggplot(data = re, aes(x = Lat, y = estZss))+
  stat_smooth(method="gam",formula=y~s(x,k=2))+
  \# geom\_smooth(method='lm', formula= y~x)+
  geom_point()+
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=estZss-seZss,
                    ymax=estZss+seZss))+
  theme_bw()+
  ylab("Slope")+
  scale_x_continuous(lim = c(-66, -61), breaks = seq(-66, -61, by = 1))+
  xlab("Latitude")+
  geom_hline(yintercept=0,
             color = "black", lty = 2)
lat_plot
```



```
## Save Plot
# pdf("./figures/MS_Latitude.pdf",
       useDingbats = FALSE, width = 5, height = 4)
# plot(lat_plot)
# dev.off()
ggplot(data = re, aes(x = Lat, y = estZss, label = site_id))+
  stat_smooth(method="gam",formula=y~s(x,k=2))+
  \# geom\_smooth(method='lm', formula= y~x)+
  geom_point()+
  geom_text(hjust=0, vjust=0) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=estZss-seZss,
                    ymax=estZss+seZss))+
  theme bw()+
  ylab("Slope")+xlim(-66,-60)+
  xlab("Latitude")+
  geom_hline(yintercept=0,
            color = "red")
```



6 Estimate 30-year population change from entire posterior distribution

```
# extract posterior draws of fixed effects and random effects
posterior <- as.matrix(mc2$Sol)

# collect site-level information
site_and_lat <- nestM3 %>%
   as_tibble() %>%
   select(site_id, ZLat) %>%
   distinct()
site_and_lat
```

```
## # A tibble: 57 x 2
## site_id ZLat[,1]
## <chr> <dbl>
## 1 AITC 0.642
## 2 ALCO -0.843
```

```
## 3 ANVS
                -1.18
## 4 ARDL
                 0.800
## 5 ARMS
                -2.18
## 6 BART
                 0.791
## 7 BELL
                 0.876
## 8 CHPT
                -0.840
## 9 CHSE
                -0.712
## 10 CONE
                -3.63
## # i 47 more rows
# map years which to predict to (standardised scale)
# Here, the first year is 1990 and the last year is 2020 (30 year change)
year1 = 1990
year2 = 2019
first_year <- (year1 - mean(nestM3\season_starting)) / sd(nestM3\season_starting)
last_year <- (year2 - mean(nestM3$season_starting)) / sd(nestM3$season_starting)</pre>
# define function to predict with or without random effects
get_predictions <- function(posterior,</pre>
                             site_and_lat,
                             first year,
                             last_year,
                             use_random_effects = FALSE) {
  # matrices for predictions at each site in year 1 (1990) and year 2 (2020)
  # each row is a prediction from a different posterior sample, each column is a site
  pred_pop_per_site.first <- matrix(NA, nrow = nrow(posterior), ncol = nrow(site_and_lat))</pre>
  pred_pop_per_site.last <- matrix(NA, nrow = nrow(posterior), ncol = nrow(site_and_lat))</pre>
  for (s in 1:nrow(posterior)) {
    theta <- posterior[s,]</pre>
    for (j in 1:nrow(site_and_lat)) {
      site_id <- site_and_lat$site_id[j]</pre>
      ZLat <- site_and_lat$ZLat[j]</pre>
      # predict pop at site j in first year
      lin_pred <- theta["(Intercept)"] +</pre>
        theta["Zseason_starting"] * first_year +
        theta["ZLat"] * ZLat +
        theta["Zseason_starting:ZLat"] * first_year * ZLat
      if (use_random_effects) {
        lin_pred <- lin_pred +</pre>
          theta[ str_c("(Intercept).site_id.",site_id) ] +
          theta[ str_c("Zseason_starting.site_id.",site_id) ] * first_year
      pred_pop_per_site.first[s,j] <- exp( lin_pred )</pre>
      # predict pop at site j in last year
      lin_pred <- theta["(Intercept)"] +</pre>
        theta["Zseason_starting"] * last_year +
        theta["ZLat"] * ZLat +
        theta["Zseason_starting:ZLat"] * last_year * ZLat
```

```
if (use_random_effects) {
        lin_pred <- lin_pred +</pre>
          theta[ str_c("(Intercept).site_id.",site_id) ] +
          theta[ str_c("Zseason_starting.site_id.",site_id) ] * last_year
      pred_pop_per_site.last[s,j] <- exp( lin_pred )</pre>
    }
  }
  # sum over sites for population level predictions
  pred_pop.first <- rowSums(pred_pop_per_site.first)</pre>
  pred_pop.last <- rowSums(pred_pop_per_site.last)</pre>
  # percent change from year1 to year2
  pred_pop_change <- 100 * ( pred_pop.last - pred_pop.first ) / pred_pop.first</pre>
  # outputs
  predictions <- list(pop_per_site.first = pred_pop_per_site.first,</pre>
                       pop_per_site.last = pred_pop_per_site.last,
                       pop.first = pred_pop.first,
                       pop.last = pred_pop.last,
                       pop_change = pred_pop_change)
 predictions
}
# Make predictions with and without random effects
pred_re <- get_predictions(posterior, site_and_lat, first_year, last_year,</pre>
                            use_random_effects = TRUE)
# Plot histogram of population change using random effects in prediction:
hist_growth =
  ggplot(data = data.frame(pred_re$pop_change), aes(x = pred_re.pop_change,
                                                       after_stat(density)))+
  geom_histogram(bins = 80, colour = "black", fill = "grey51")+
  theme_bw()+
  scale_x_continuous(n.breaks = 10)+
  labs(y= "Density (scaled to a maximum of 1)",
       x = "Change in population size (1990 - 2019) (%)")
hist_growth
```

```
# can calculate the probability that the population has decreased by
# at least thirty percent with
sum(pred_re$pop_change < -30)/2000 # McElreath Chapter 3</pre>
```

[1] 1.3125

```
mean(pred_re$pop_change < -30)</pre>
```

[1] 0.875

```
mean(pred_re$pop_change < 0)</pre>
```

[1] 1

```
quantile(pred_re$pop_change,c(0.05,0.95))
```

```
## 5% 95%
## -48.63167 -25.58211
```

```
length(unique(nestm3$site_id))
```

[1] 57

```
# estimated population size in year1 (with random effects)
pred_first = as.data.frame(pred_re$pop.first)
names(pred_first) = "pred_first"

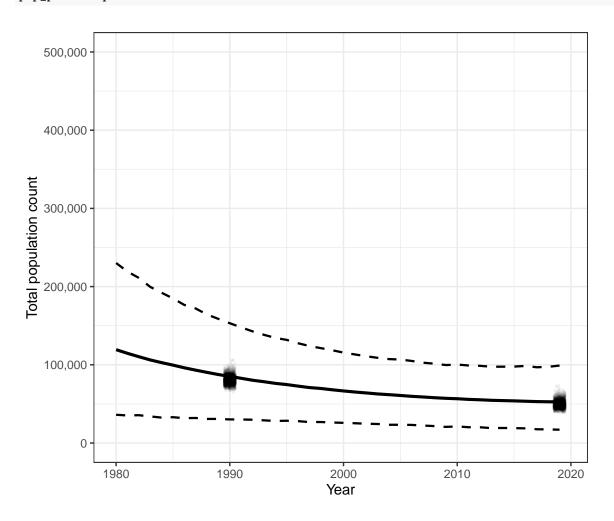
# estimated population size in year2 (with random effects)
pred_last = as.data.frame(pred_re$pop.last)
names(pred_last) = "pred_last"
```

6.1 Plot overall population trend

```
# How many penquins were there, per year, across all sites?
# We don't know, as we only have intermittent counts.
pop_predict = popy %>%
            dplyr::filter(site id != "HARM") %>%
              dplyr::group_by(season_starting) %>%
              dplyr::summarise(total pred = sum(Zfit),
                       min_pred = sum(Zlwr),
                       max_pred = sum(Zupr))
pop_predict.p = ggplot(data = pop_predict) +
geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = total_pred),
           lty = 1, linewidth = 1.1)+
  geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = min_pred), lty = 2, linewidth = 0.8)+
  geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = max_pred), lty = 2, linewidth = 0.8)+
 labs(x = "Year", y = "Total population count") +
 theme bw()+
  scale_y_continuous(label = comma)
#pop_predict.p
pop predict.p = pop predict.p +
 geom_jitter(data = pred_first, aes(x = year1, y = pred_first),
             col = "black", size = 1, height = 0, width = 0.5,
              alpha = 0.05, stroke = NA) +
  geom_jitter(data = pred_last, aes(x = year2, y = pred_last),
             col = "black", size = 1, height = 0, width = 0.5,
              alpha = 0.05, stroke = NA) +
   scale_y_continuous(lim = c(0, 500000), labels = scales::comma)
```

```
## Scale for y is already present.
## Adding another scale for y, which will replace the existing scale.
```

pop_predict.p



```
## Save Plot
# pdf("./figures/MS_Population_change.pdf",
# useDingbats = FALSE, width = 10, height = 4)
# cowplot::plot_grid(pop_predict.p, hist_growth, labels = c('A', 'B'), ncol = 2, label_size = 12)
# dev.off()
```