

# Supporting documentation: Decreasing trends of chinstrap penguin breeding colonies in a region of major and ongoing environmental change suggest population level vulnerability: a reanalysis of Krüger (2023)

Chris Oosthuizen, Murray Christian, Azwianewi Makhado, Mzabalazo Ngwenya

2023-10-05

## Contents

<b>1</b>	<b>Krüger (2023) reanalysis</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Load packages and set plotting theme</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Load and process MAPPPD data for area 48.1 and 48.2:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Processed data summary</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Oosthuizen et al data distribution figures</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Analysis for Oosthuizen et al. (current)</b>	<b>7</b>
6.1	Fit a better GLMM . . . . .	7
6.2	MCMCglmm diagnostics for mc2 . . . . .	9
6.3	Predict using MCMCglmm mc2 . . . . .	13
6.4	Conditional model predictions . . . . .	15
<b>7</b>	<b>Oosthuizen et al Population change:</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Predicting population change with entire posterior distribution</b>	<b>24</b>

## 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)

# plot theme
th <- theme(axis.text=element_text(size=12, colour="grey30"),
            axis.title=element_text(size=14),
            panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
            panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
            title =element_text(size=12, colour="black"))
```

## 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"))

# subset data to chinstrap penguins only
chins<-subset(df,common_name=="chinstrap penguin")

summary(as.factor(chins$common_name))

## chinstrap penguin
##          1342

summary(as.factor(chins$count_type))

## adults chicks  nests
##      91      147    1104

# subset to use only nest counts
nests <- subset(chins,count_type=="nests")
dim(nests)

## [1] 1104    15
```

```
# subset to cammlr_region 48.1 and 48.2
nests <- subset(nests, cammlr_region == "48.1" | cammlr_region == "48.2")
dim(nests)
```

```
## [1] 1103 15
```

```
# 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)
dim(nests)
```

```
## [1] 944 15
```

```
nests = subset(nests, nests$season_starting > 1979)

which(colSums(is.na(nests)) > 0)
```

```
## day month
## 7 8
```

```
# some populations had multiple counts over the same season:
# this code summarises the count with the maximum nests
nestM = nests %>%
  group_by(site_id, season_starting) %>%
  slice(which.max(penguin_count)) %>% # take only maximum counts
  dplyr::rename(Lat = latitude_epsg_4326,
                Lon = longitude_epsg_4326,
                nests = penguin_count) %>%
  dplyr::select(season_starting, site_id, nests, Lat, Lon)

dim(nestM)
```

```
## [1] 764 5
```

## 4 Processed data summary

```
# summarizing number of populations and number of counts
countsN <- plyr::ddply(nestM, c("site_id", "Lat", "Lon"), summarise,
  ncounts=length(nests),
  minseason=(min(season_starting)),
  maxseason=(max(season_starting)),
  interval=(max(season_starting)-min(season_starting)))
head(countsN)
```

```
## site_id Lat Lon ncounts minseason maxseason interval
## 1 ACUN -60.761 -44.637 2 1983 2004 21
## 2 AILS -60.780 -44.631 1 1983 1983 0
```

```
## 3    AITC -62.407 -59.752      4    1997    2018    21
## 4    AITK -60.738 -44.525      1    1983    1983     0
## 5    ALCO -64.240 -61.127      3    1989    2010    21
## 6    AMPH -60.684 -45.339      1    1983    1983     0
```

```
summary(as.factor(countsN$ncounts)) # most populations are only counted once
```

```
##    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9   10   11   12   15   16   22   23   24   28   30   31
## 152   35   13    7    4    5    1    4    2    5    2    2    1    1    2    1    1    2    1    1
##   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)
```

```
#nestm3 = subset(nestm3, nestm3$interval > 9)
```

```
nestm3 = subset(nestm3, nestm3$minseason < 2005 & nestm3$maxseason > 2004)
```

```
nestM3 <- nestm3
```

```
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
```

## 5 Oosthuizen et al data distribution figures

```
# This shows that there are some 1-count sites in the data being analysed
# (n = 146, not n = 133)
```

```
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

library(colorspace)
library(scales)

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 to 5','6 to 9','10+'))))) +
  geom_tile() +

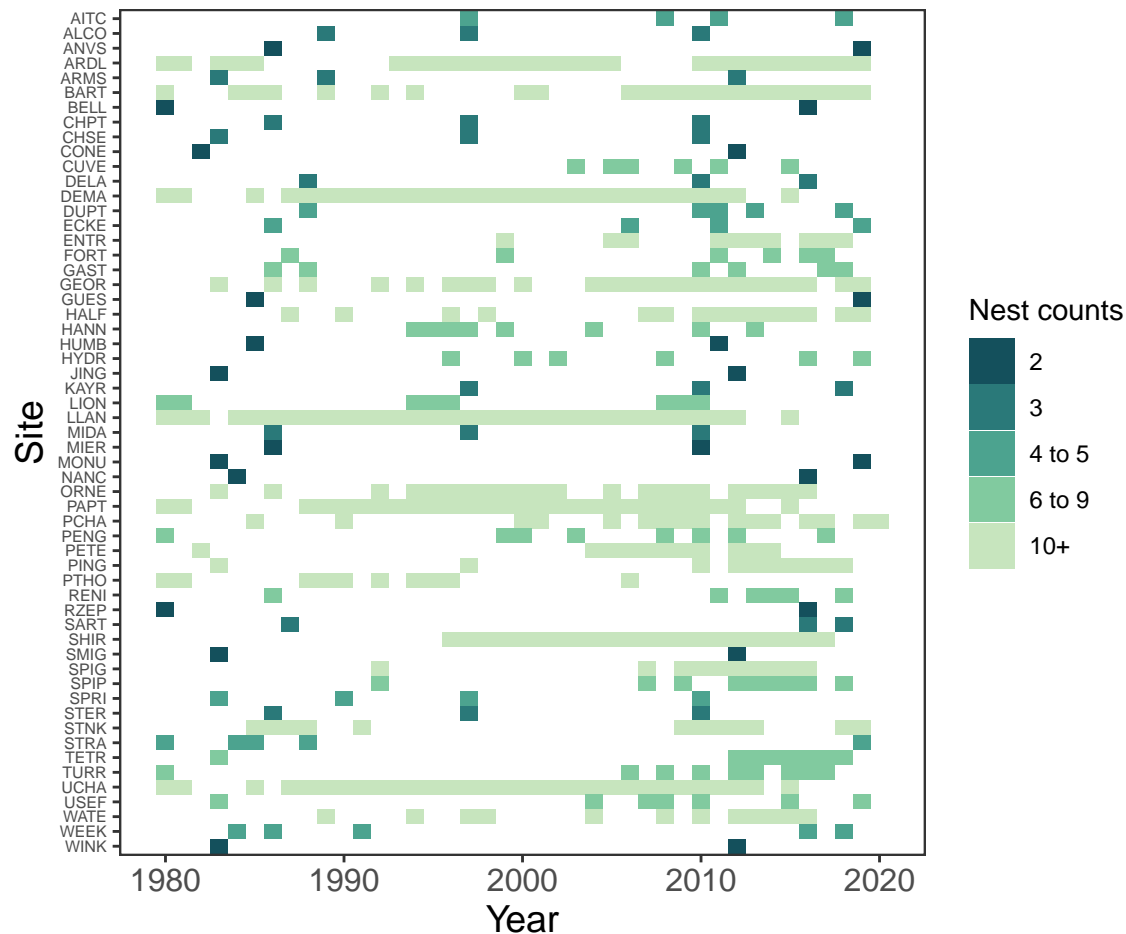
```

```

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

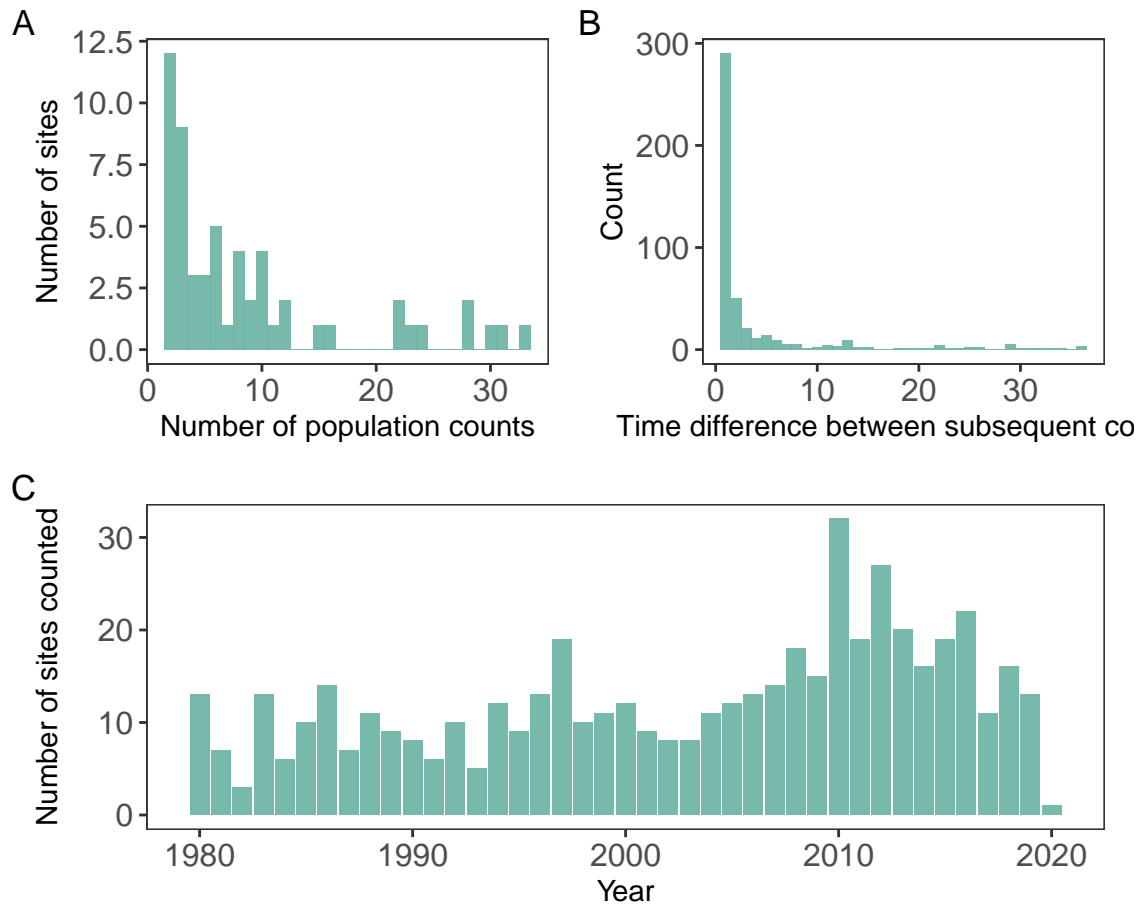


```

# # Save Plot
# pdf("../figures/Supp_Figure samplesize_heat_subset1.pdf",
#       useDingbats = FALSE, width = 7, height = 8)
# heat
# dev.off()

```

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



```
## Save Plot
# pdf("./figures/Supp_Figure combined_subset1.pdf",
#      useDingbats = FALSE, width = 8, height = 6)
# combinedfig
# dev.off()
```

## 6 Analysis for Oosthuizen et al. (current)

### 6.1 Fit a better GLMM

```
# How is this model different to Kruger (2023)?
# 1) We used a different model specification for fixed and random effects
# 2) We z-standardized the covariates before running the model
```

```
# 3) We used longer mcmc chains
# 4) When predicting from the fitted model, we did not marginalise the random effects
```

```
# Covariates should be standardized.
nestM3$Zseason_starting = scale(nestM3$season_starting)
nestM3$ZLat = scale(nestM3$Lat)

prior<- list(R = list(V = 1, nu = 0.002),
             G = list(G1 = list(V = diag(2), nu = 0.002,
                                alpha.mu = rep(0, 2),
                                alpha.V= diag(133, 2, 2))))
```

```
mc2 <- MCMCglmm(nests ~ Zseason_starting * ZLat,
                random=~us(1 + Zseason_starting):site_id,
                rcov=~units,
                family="poisson", mev=NULL,
                data=nestM3,start=NULL, nodes="ALL", scale=TRUE,
                nitt=30000, thin=10, burnin=10000, 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 = 10001:29991
## Thinning interval = 10
## Sample size = 2000
##
## DIC: 4617.671
##
## G-structure: ~us(1 + Zseason_starting):site_id
##
##               post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp
## (Intercept):(Intercept).site_id      7.716   4.8838   10.886   732.0
## Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id    1.585   0.7312    2.516   312.2
## (Intercept):Zseason_starting.site_id    1.585   0.7312    2.516   312.2
## Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id 0.780   0.4618    1.138   478.3
##
## R-structure: ~units
##
##               post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp
## units      0.1016  0.08239   0.1209    1423
##
## Location effects: nests ~ Zseason_starting * ZLat
##
##               post.mean 1-95% CI u-95% CI eff.samp pMCMC
## (Intercept)      5.05086  4.32063  5.79203   2187.2 <5e-04 ***
## Zseason_starting -0.50421 -0.76895 -0.25775   1744.4  0.001 ***
## ZLat            1.63174  0.91381  2.28216   1860.2 <5e-04 ***
## Zseason_starting:ZLat -0.23440 -0.46190  0.02691    627.1  0.063 .
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
```



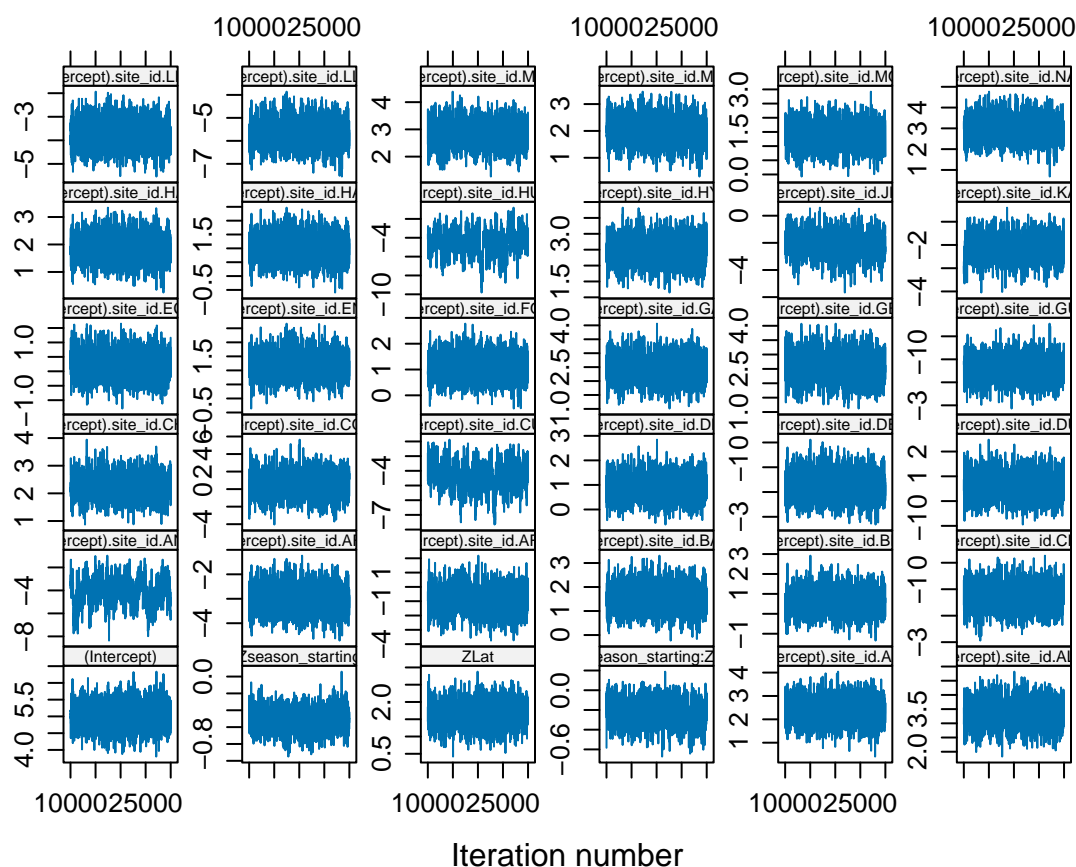
## 6.2 MCMCglmm diagnostics for mc2

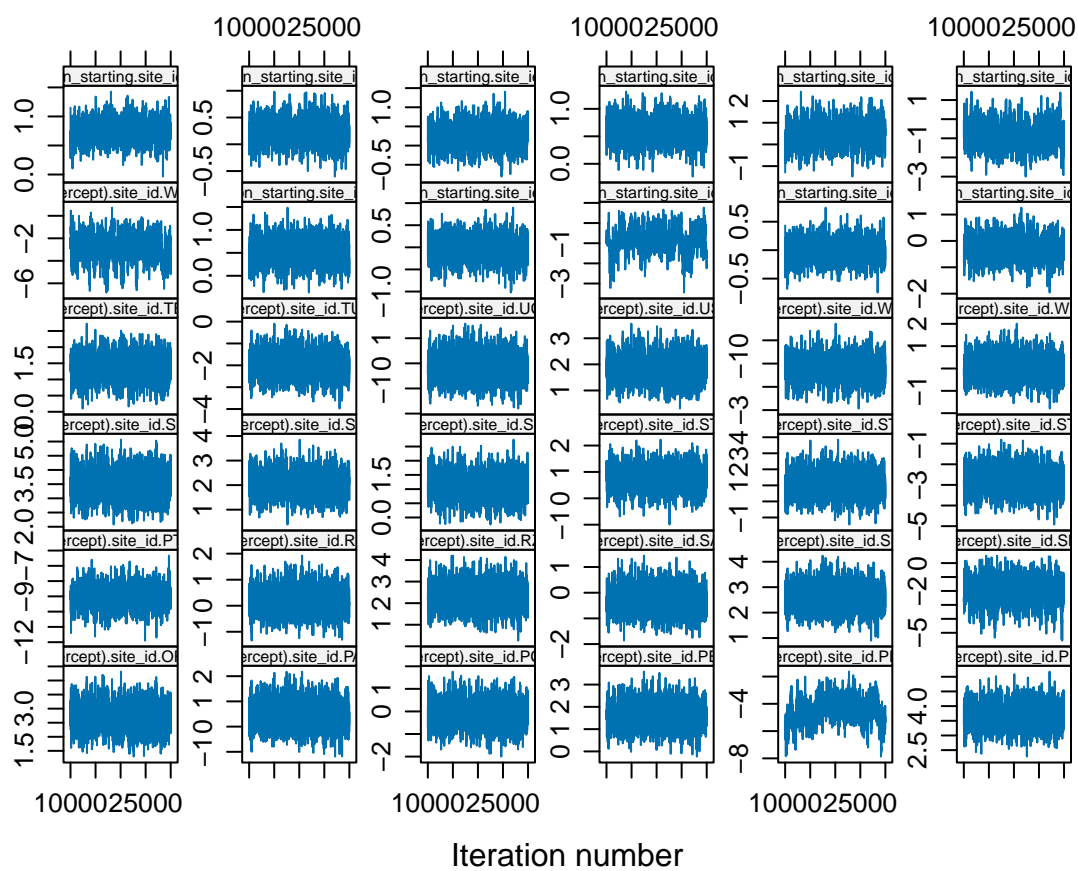
*# Assessing model convergence. We do this separately for both fixed  
# and random effects. The trace plot should look like a fuzzy caterpillar*

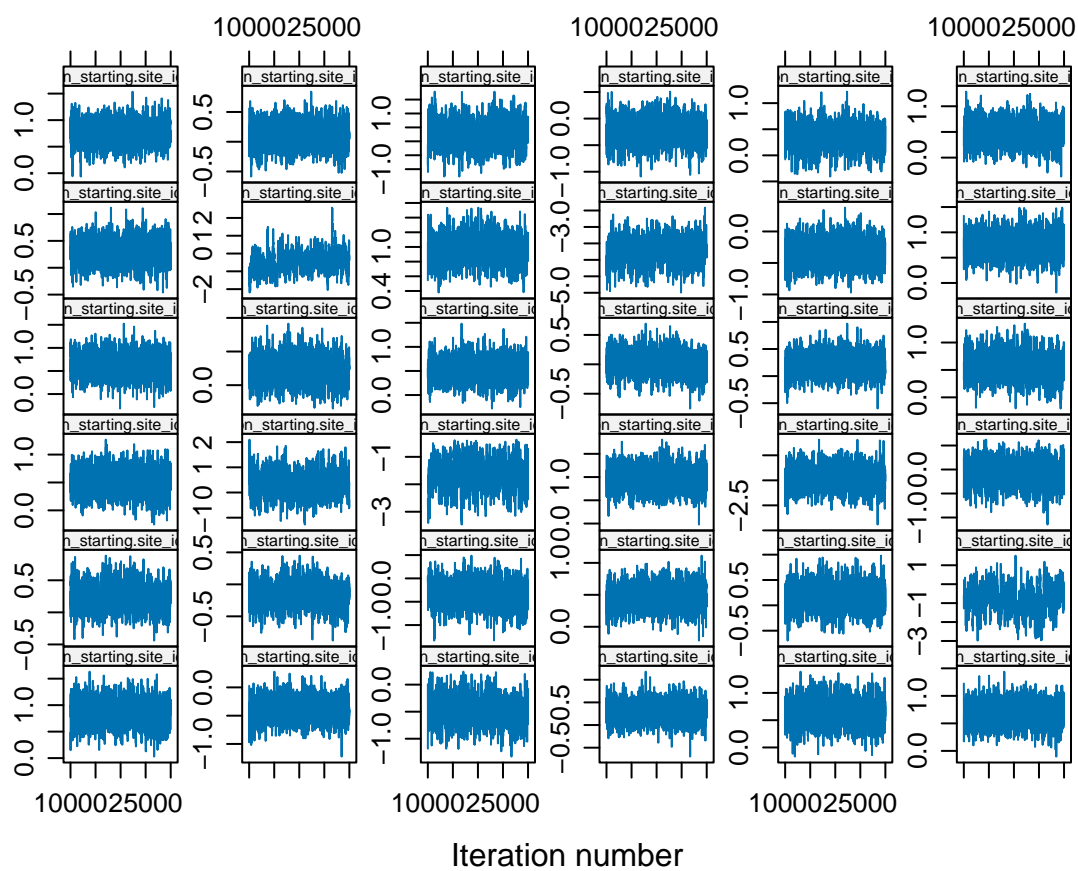
*# effective sample size*  
coda::effectiveSize(mc2\$VCV)

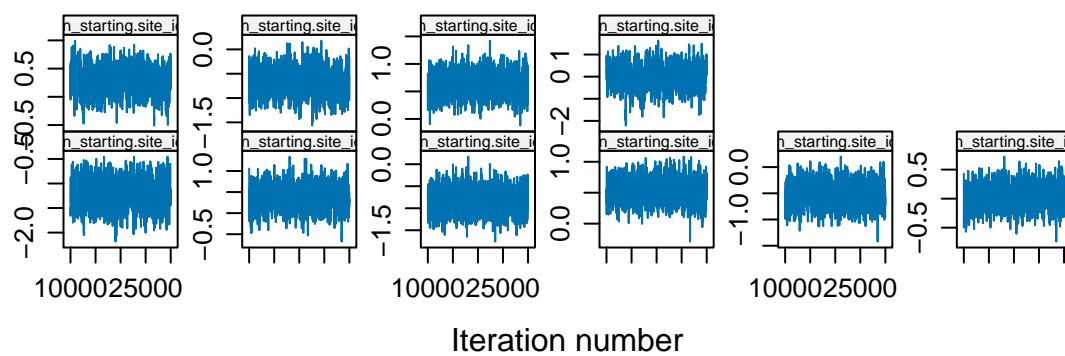
```
##      (Intercept):(Intercept).site_id
##                                731.9822
##      Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id
##                                312.2408
##      (Intercept):Zseason_starting.site_id
##                                312.2408
##      Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id
##                                478.3057
##                                units
##                                1423.2507
```

*# 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))

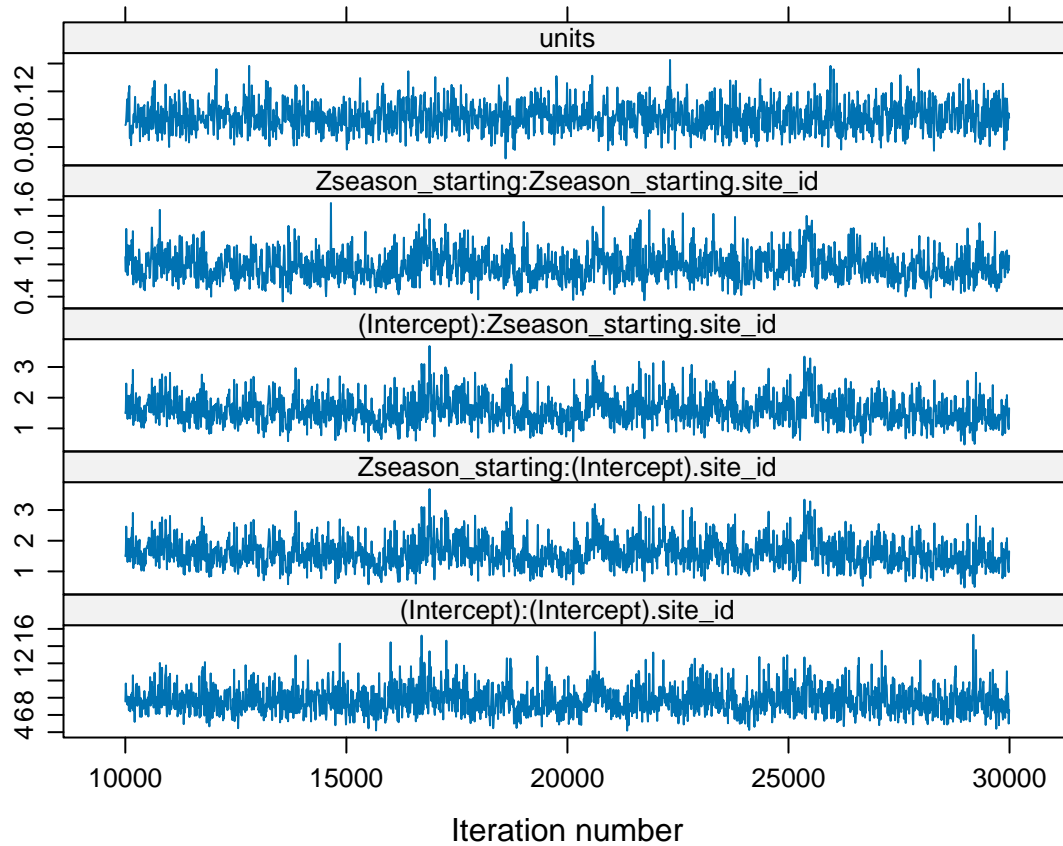








```
# the variance components
lattice::xyplot(as.mcmc(mc2$VCV), par.strip.text=list(cex=0.8))
```



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

```
##      (Intercept):(Intercept).site_id
##                                0.08746764
##      Zseason_starting:(Intercept).site_id
##                                0.20319442
##      (Intercept):Zseason_starting.site_id
##                                0.20319442
##      Zseason_starting:Zseason_starting.site_id
##                                0.17975861
##                                units
##                                0.16823693
```

### 6.3 Predict using MCMCglmm mc2

```
# construct an hypothetical dataframe to predict to

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

```
Z2 <- scale(Z1)
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
```

```
pops<-data.frame(site_id=countsN$site_id[countsN$ncounts>1],
                  Lat=countsN$Lat[countsN$ncounts>1])
```

```
popy<-merge(pops,years)
```

```
popy$nested<-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      ZLat
## 1  ACUN -60.761      1980      0      -2.002205  1.9762578
## 2  AITC -62.407      1980      0      -2.002205  0.6423933
## 3  ALCO -64.240      1980      0      -2.002205 -0.8430099
## 4  ANVS -64.661      1980      0      -2.002205 -1.1841745
## 5  ARDL -62.213      1980      0      -2.002205  0.7996046
## 6  ARMS -65.884      1980      0      -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>
## 1 ARDL      1980    2019
## 2 BART      1980    2019
## 3 BELL      1980    2016
```

```
## 4 DEMA      1980    2015
## 5 LION      1980    2010
## 6 LLAN      1980    2015
## 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)
```

```
# subset so that you only predict for sites with counts at least 20 years from begin and end
```

```
#popy = subset(popy, popy$minyear < 1990)
```

```
#popy = subset(popy, popy$maxyear > 2010)
```

```
length(unique(popy$site_id))
```

```
## [1] 57
```

```
popypred <- data.frame(predict(mc2,
                             newdata=popy,
                             type="response",
                             marginal=NULL,      # crucial, and not default code.
                             # marginal=~us(1 + Zseason_starting):site_id,
                             interval="prediction",
                             posterior="all"))
```

```
head(popypred)
```

```
##      fit  lwr  upr
## 1 6036.833 1506 12436
## 2 6007.757 1544 12264
## 3 4445.318 1388  7956
## 4 4499.581 1742  7852
## 5 6431.462 1192 14059
## 6 4834.620 1872  8349
```

```
popy$Zfit = popypred$fit
```

```
popy$Zlwr = popypred$lwr
```

```
popy$Zupr = popypred$upr
```

```
## How accurate are the predictions relative to observed data?
```

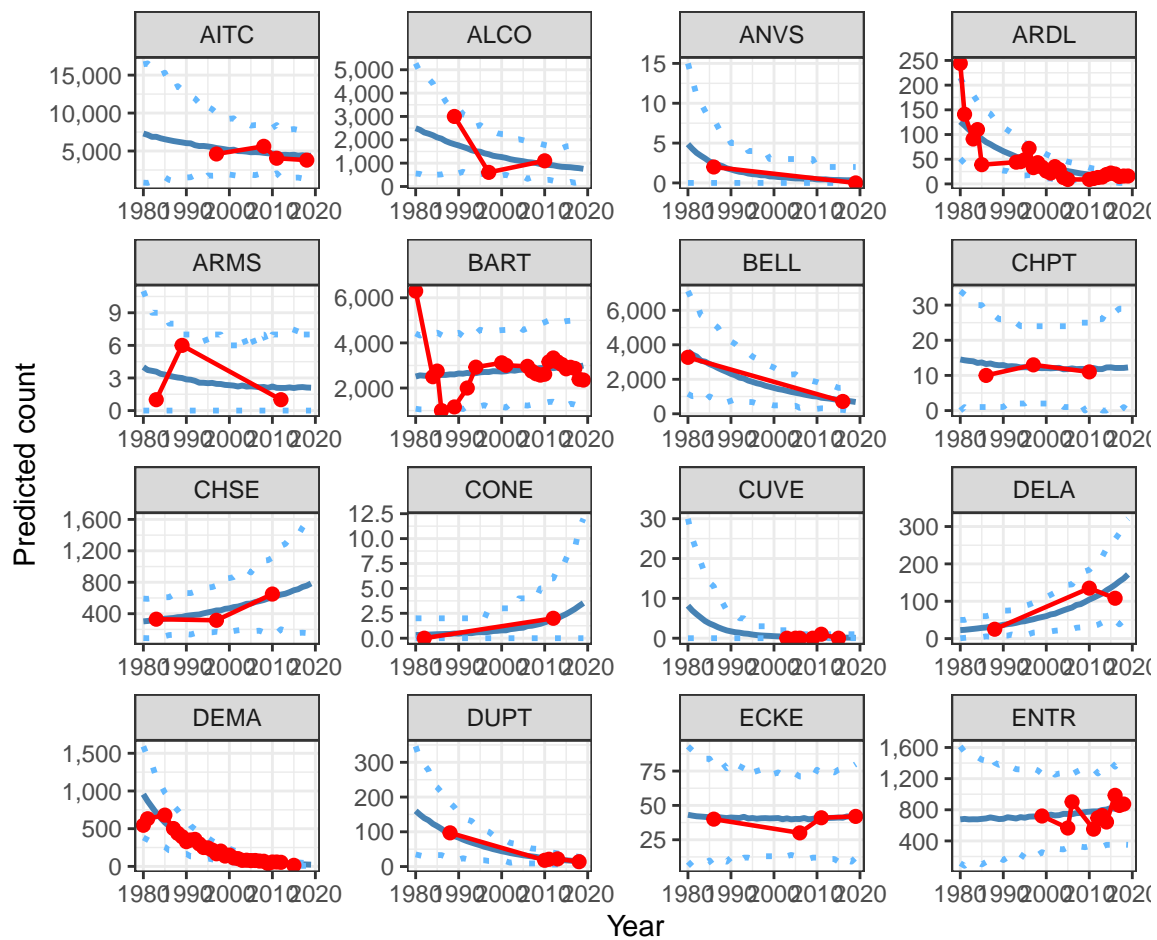
## 6.4 Conditional model predictions

```
#required_n_pages = round(101/16)+1
required_n_pages = round(50/16)+1
for(i in 1:required_n_pages){
```

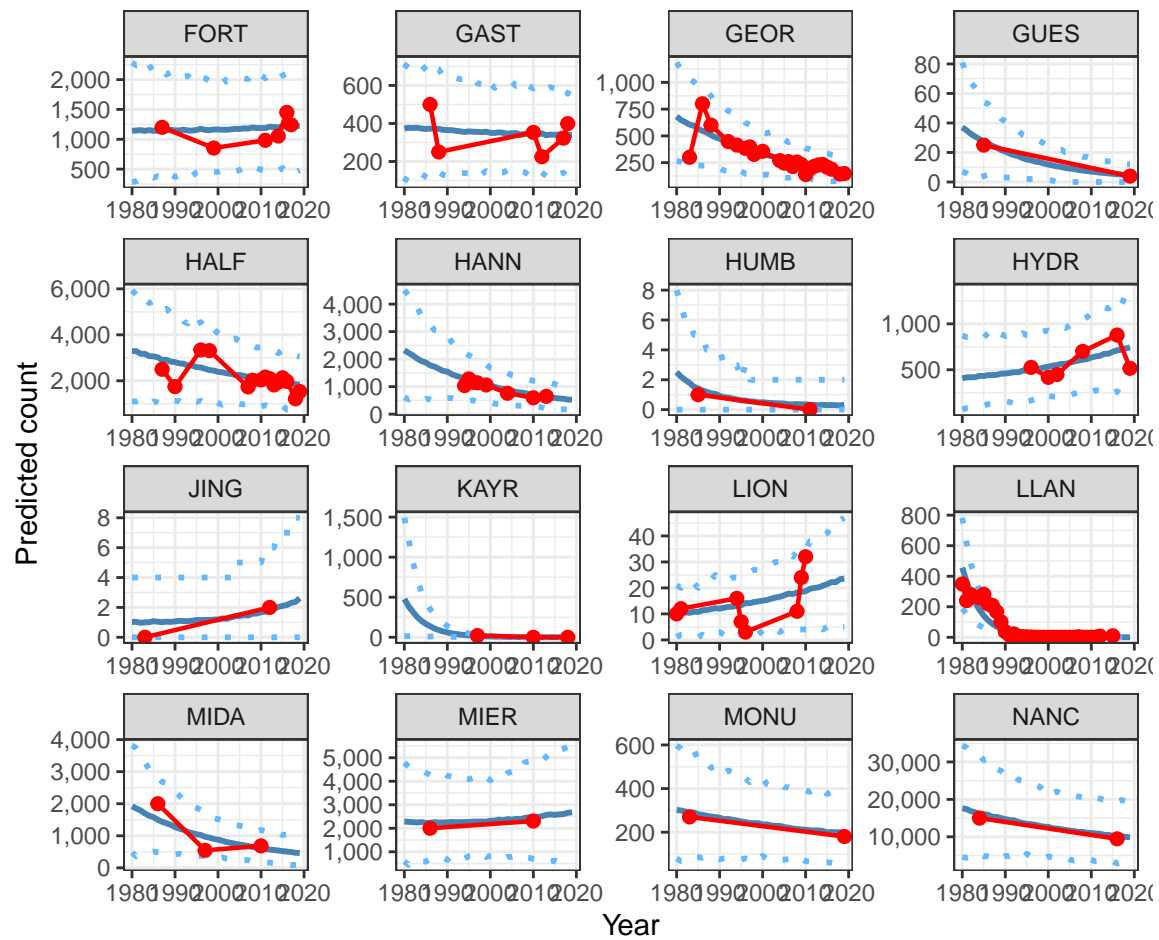
```

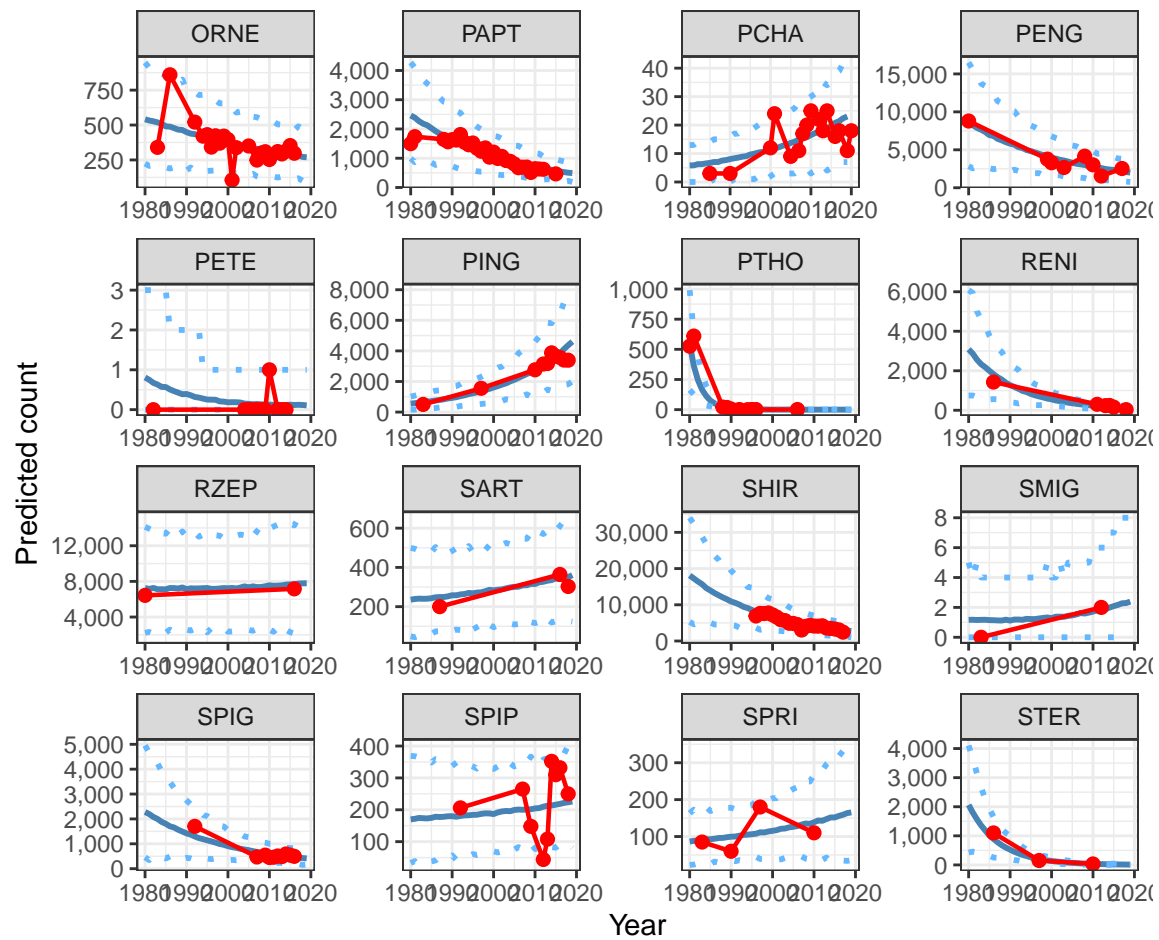
print(ggplot(data = popy) +
  geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = Zfit),
    col = "steelblue", linewidth=1.04) +
  geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = Zlwr),
    col = "steelblue1", linetype="dotted", linewidth = 1.02) +
  geom_line(aes(x = season_starting, y = Zupr),
    col = "steelblue1", linetype="dotted", linewidth=1.02) +
  geom_point(data = nestm3, aes(season_starting, y = nests),
    color = "red", cex = 2) +
  geom_line(data = nestm3, aes(season_starting, y = nests),
    color = "red", linewidth=0.8) +
  theme_bw() +
  xlab("Year") +
  ylab("Predicted count") +
  scale_y_continuous(label = comma)+
  # theme(strip.text = element_text(size = 1.5)) +
  facet_wrap_paginate(~ site_id, ncol = 4, nrow = 4,
    page = i,
    scales = 'free'))}

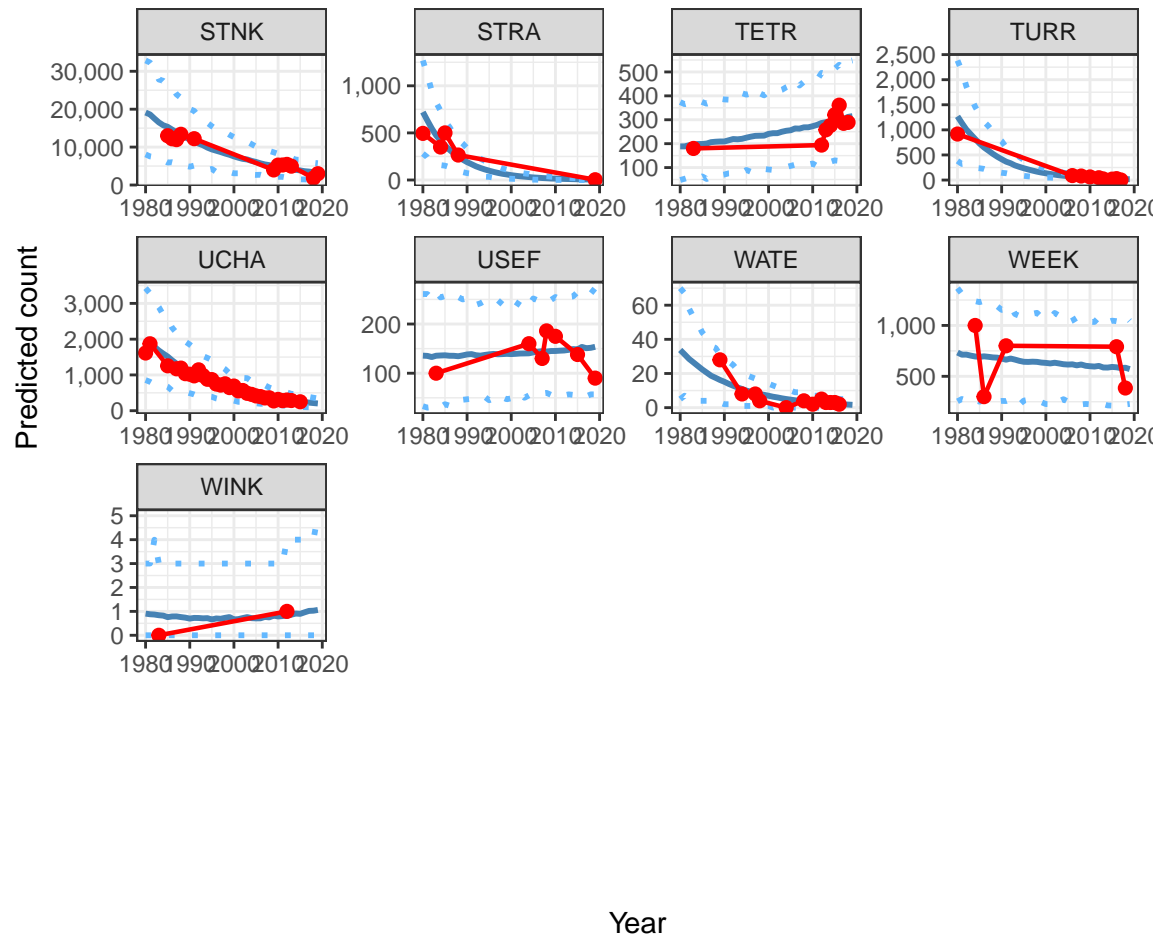
```











*# Predictions are generally good, but back-predicting to 1960 is extrapolation  
 # (there are only 1 or 2 counts prior to 1970) so uncertainty (prediction intervals)  
 # is high.*

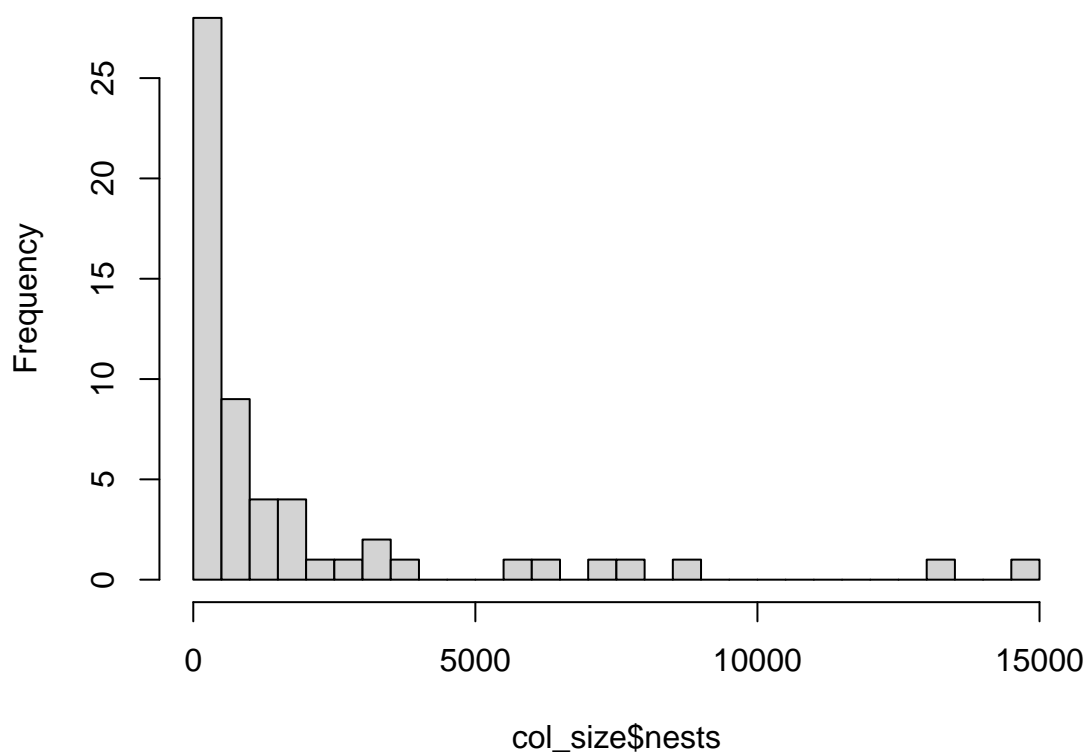
*# Look at some sites with temporally sparse data and strong extrapolation*  
`nestM3 %>% dplyr::filter(site_id == "MUCK")`

```
## [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
# https://stackoverflow.com/questions/64562052/extract-random-effects-from-mcmcglmm
library(broom.mixed)
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>
## 1 AITC           2.34           0.539          0.529
## 2 ALCO           3.31          -0.0507         0.443
## 3 ANVS          -3.99          -0.815          1.17
## 4 ARDL          -3.03          -0.0280         0.544
## 5 ARMS          -0.876         -0.285          0.914
```

```
## 6 BART                                1.52                                0.738                                0.543
## # i 1 more variable: std.error_Zseason_starting <dbl>
```

```
# estimate_(Intercept) is related to the initial population size
# estimate_Zseason_starting is the slope of population increase (+)
# or decrease (-)

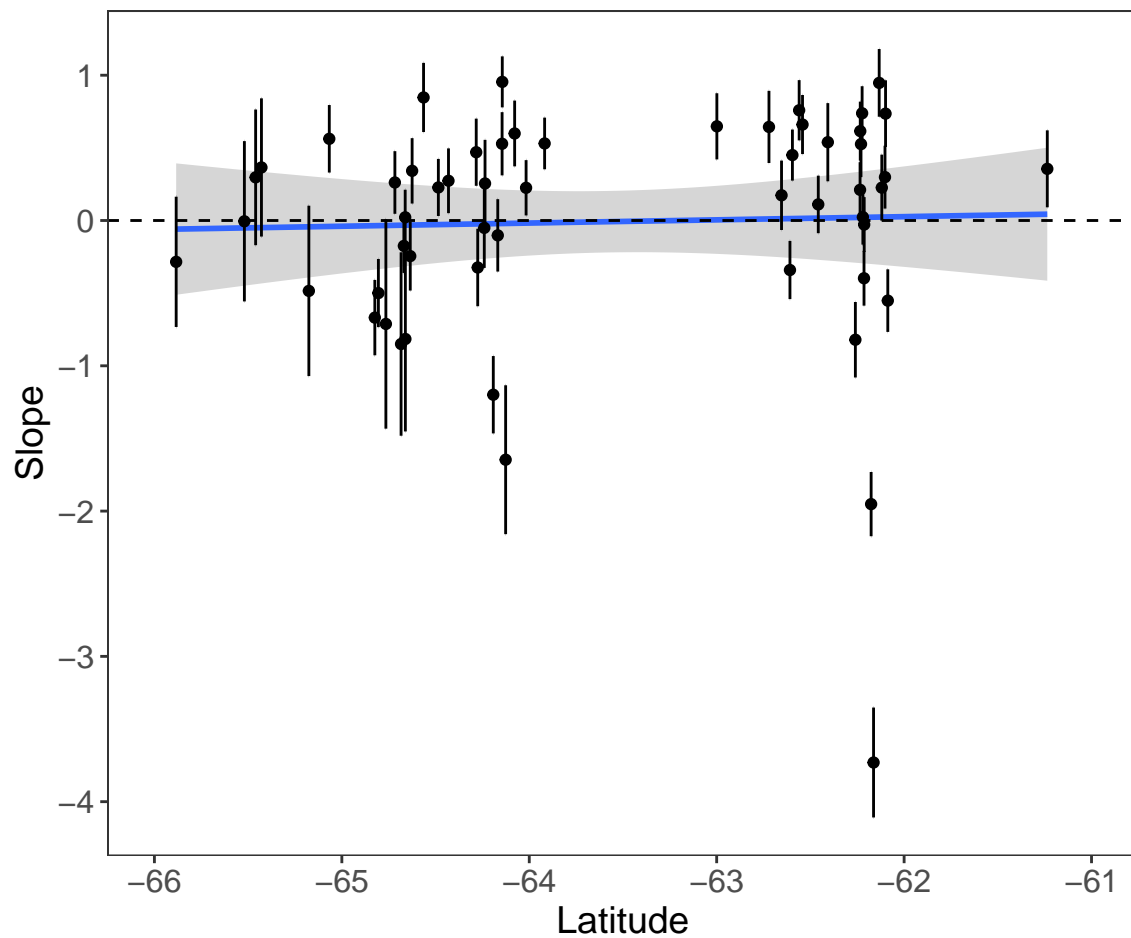
names(re) = c("site_id", "est_int", "estZss",
              "se_int", "seZss")
# add latitude
nestM3_lat = dplyr::select(nestM3, Lat, site_id) %>%
  dplyr::distinct(site_id, Lat)

re = left_join(re, nestM3_lat, by = "site_id")

# plot relationship between slope and latitude

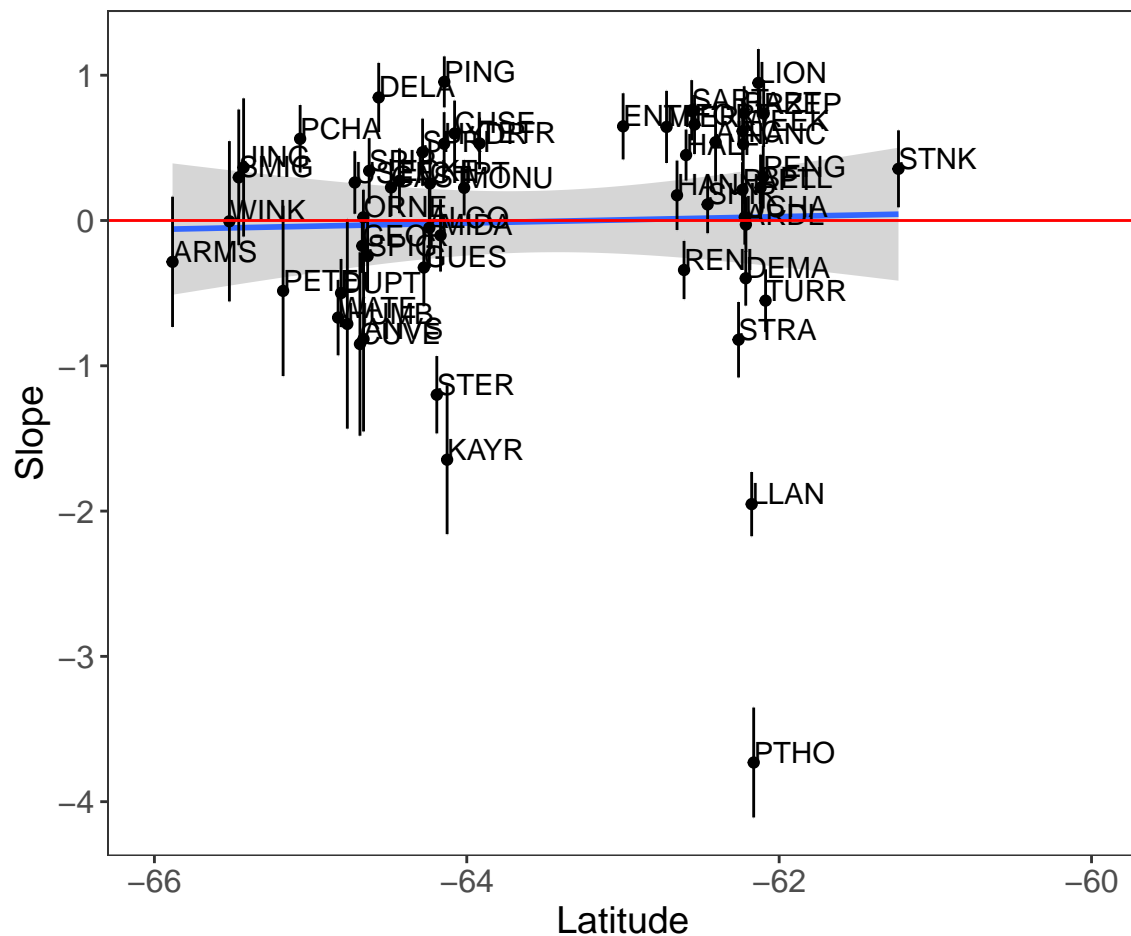
lat_plot = ggplot(data = re, aes(x = Lat, y = estZss))+
  stat_smooth(method="gam", formula=y~s(x,k=2))+
  # geom_smooth(method='lm', formula= y~x)+
  geom_point()+
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=estZss-seZss,
                   ymax=estZss+seZss))+
  theme_bw()+th+
  ylab("Slope")+
  scale_x_continuous(lim = 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()+th+
  ylab("Slope")+xlim(-66,-60)+
  xlab("Latitude")+
  geom_hline(yintercept=0,
             color = "red")
```



## 7 Oosthuizen et al Population change:

```
# How many penguins were there, per year, across all sites?
```

```
# We don't know, as we only have intermittent counts.
```

```
# calculate total population size predicted (how many penguins were there in all populations?)
```

```
head(popy)
```

```
##   site_id    Lat season_starting nests Zseason_starting    ZLat minyear
## 1   AITC -62.407          1990      0      -1.1204497  0.6423933    1997
## 2   AITC -62.407          1991      0      -1.0322742  0.6423933    1997
## 3   AITC -62.407          2017      0       1.2602907  0.6423933    1997
## 4   AITC -62.407          2013      0       0.9075884  0.6423933    1997
## 5   AITC -62.407          1986      0      -1.4731520  0.6423933    1997
## 6   AITC -62.407          2005      0       0.2021838  0.6423933    1997
##   maxyear    Zfit Zlwr  Zupr
## 1   2018 6036.833 1506 12436
## 2   2018 6007.757 1544 12264
## 3   2018 4445.318 1388  7956
## 4   2018 4499.581 1742  7852
```

```
## 5    2018 6431.462 1192 14059
## 6    2018 4834.620 1872  8349
```

```
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)
# labs(subtitle = "Total predicted counts across all sites")+
# guides(color=guide_legend(title="Data source"))+
# theme(legend.position = c(0.7, 0.9))

# pop_predict.p
#
# delta.y = 100 * (pop_predict[40,2] - pop_predict[1,2]) / pop_predict[1,2]
# delta.y
```

## 8 Predicting population change with 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)

# define function to predict with or without random effects
get_predictions <- function(posterior,
                             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))
  pred_pop_per_site.last <- matrix(NA, nrow = nrow(posterior), ncol = nrow(site_and_lat))

  for (s in 1:nrow(posterior)) {
    theta <- posterior[s,]
    for (j in 1:nrow(site_and_lat)) {
      site_id <- site_and_lat$site_id[j]
      ZLat <- site_and_lat$ZLat[j]

      # predict pop at site j in first year
      lin_pred <- theta["(Intercept)"] +
        theta["Zseason_starting"] * first_year +
        theta["ZLat"] * ZLat +
        theta["Zseason_starting:ZLat"] * first_year * ZLat
      if (use_random_effects) {
        lin_pred <- lin_pred +
          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 )

      # predict pop at site j in last year
      lin_pred <- theta["(Intercept)"] +
        theta["Zseason_starting"] * last_year +
        theta["ZLat"] * ZLat +
        theta["Zseason_starting:ZLat"] * last_year * ZLat
      if (use_random_effects) {
        lin_pred <- lin_pred +
          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 )
    }
  }
}
```

```

    }
  }

  # sum over sites for population level predictions
  pred_pop.first <- rowSums(pred_pop_per_site.first)
  pred_pop.last <- rowSums(pred_pop_per_site.last)

  # percent change from year1 to year2
  pred_pop_change <- 100 * ( pred_pop.last - pred_pop.first ) / pred_pop.first

  # outputs
  predictions <- list(pop_per_site.first = pred_pop_per_site.first,
                     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
}

#----- Set Plotting theme-----
gg_theme <- function () {
  theme_bw() %+replace%
  theme(
    axis.text = element_text(colour = "black", size = 11),
    axis.title = element_text(size=13),
    axis.ticks = element_line(colour = "black"),
    # panel.grid = element_blank(),
    # strip.background = element_blank(),
    panel.border = element_rect(colour = "black", fill = NA),
    axis.line = element_line(colour = "black"),
    legend.background = element_blank()
  )
}

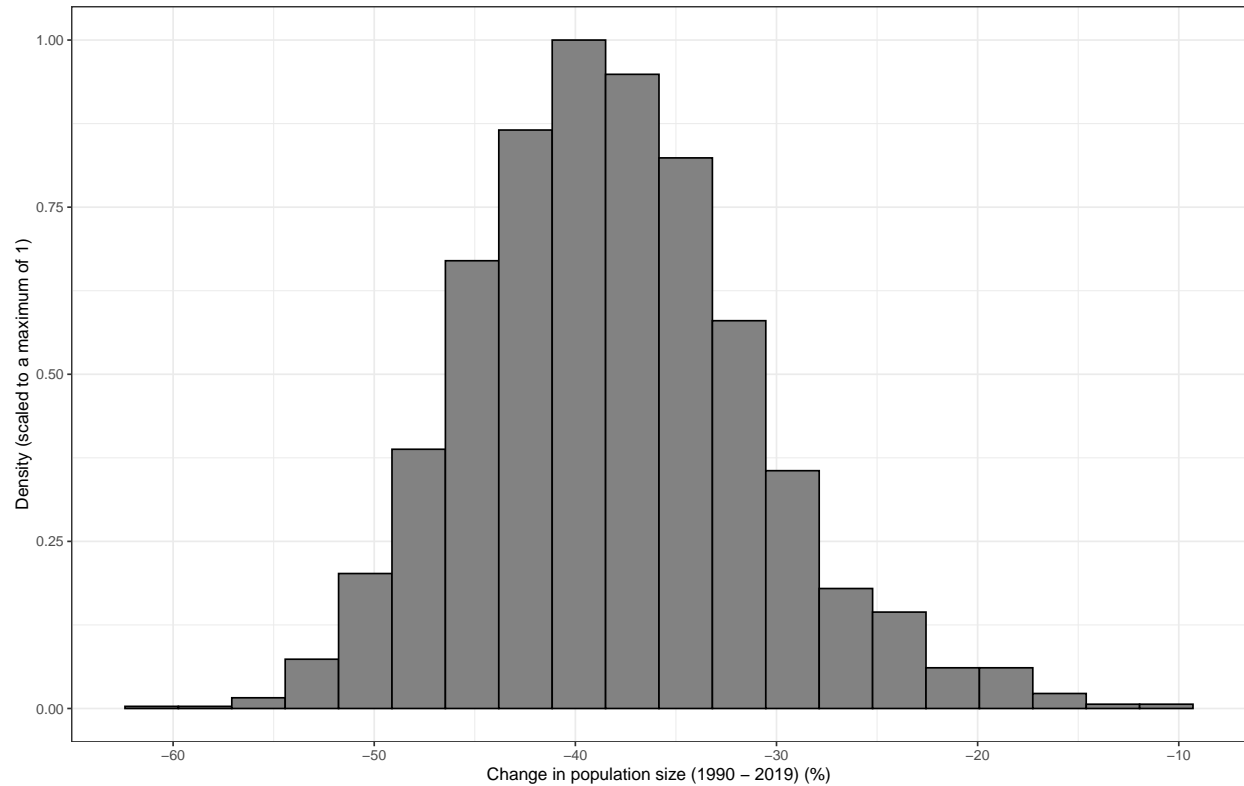
# Make predictions with and without random effects
pred_re <- get_predictions(posterior, site_and_lat, first_year, last_year,
                          use_random_effects = TRUE)

# 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(ndensity)))+
  geom_histogram(bins = 20, 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
```

```
## [1] 0.885
```

```
mean(pred_re$pop_change < -30)
```

```
## [1] 0.885
```

```
mean(pred_re$pop_change > 0)
```

```
## [1] 0
```

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

```
##          5%          95%
## -48.72293 -25.94669
```

```
# estimated population size in year1 (with random effects)
pred_first = as.data.frame(pred_re$pop.first)
names(pred_first) = "pred_first"
#hist(pred_first$pred_first, breaks = 20)
```

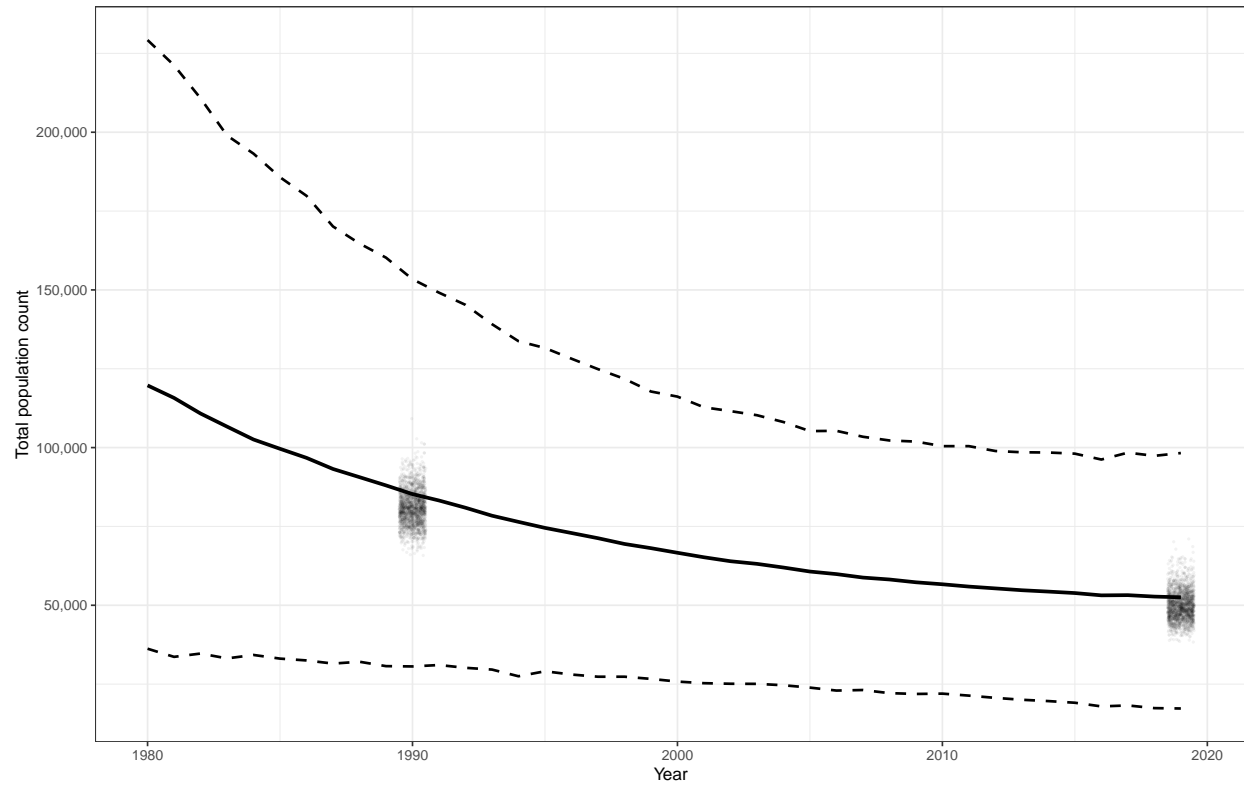
```

# estimated population size in year2 (with random effects)
pred_last = as.data.frame(pred_re$pop.last)
names(pred_last) = "pred_last"
#hist(pred_last$pred_last, breaks = 20)

#-----
# pred_no_re <- get_predictions(posterior, site_and_lat, first_year, last_year,
#                               use_random_effects = FALSE)
#
#
# # Plot histogram of population change without random effects in prediction:
# hist(pred_no_re$pop_change, breaks = 20)
#
# # estimated population size in year1 (no random effects)
# pred_first_noRE = as.data.frame(pred_no_re$pop.first)
# names(pred_first_noRE) = "pred_first"
#
# # estimated population size in year2 (no random effects)
# pred_last_noRE = as.data.frame(pred_no_re$pop.last)
# names(pred_last_noRE) = "pred_last"
#-----
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)

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()
```