

ERIC MARCON

Currently lecturer and researcher with AgroParisTech, PhD.

I am a researcher in Tropical Ecology with [Amap lab](#), a professor at [AgroParisTech](#) and a coordinator of the [BioGET](#) course of the Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution master's degree at AgroParisTech and Montpellier University.

I'm the director of training with [Ceba Excellence Laboratory](#) (Centre d'Etudes de la Biodiversité Amazonienne) and a member of the [Scientific Council](#) of the French Office for Biodiversity.

I am 56 years old and I live in Montpellier, France.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Présent**
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2020
● **Lecturer-researcher in charge of a master's programme**
AgroParisTech, Amap lab. 📍 Montpellier, France
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2006
● **Campus director with AgroParisTech**
AgroParisTech 📍 Kourou, French Guiana
- 2006
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2002
● **Educational engineer**
Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts (post-graduate, environment engineering and public administration school, now merged with AgroParisTech)
📍 Kourou, French Guiana
- 2002
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1999
● **Head of IT at Cemagref General Management**
Research Institute for Agricultural and Environmental Engineering (now merged with Inrae: National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment)
📍 Antony, France
- 1997
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1995
● **Head of IT at Engref General Management**
Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts
📍 Paris, France
- 1995
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1991
● **Forest engineer**
Head of Division with the National Forest Office
📍 Charleville-Mézières, France

EDUCATION

- 2016
● **University of French Guiana**
Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches (French qualification to supervise research) in Ecology
📍 Kourou, French Guiana

[Thesis](#): Measuring biodiversity and spatial structures (in French)
- 2010
● **AgroParisTech**
PhD in Ecology 📍 Paris, France

[Thesis](#): Spatial statistics with applications to ecology and economics (in French)

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SKILLS

Experienced in management, research, teaching, forestry and IT.

Skilled in ecology, economics, forest science, statistics, data analysis and modelling.

Highly skilled in R.

LANGUAGE

- French: mother tongue (C2)
- English: fluent (C1)
- Italian: advanced (B2)
- Portuguese: advanced (B1)
- Spanish: operational (A2)

- 1999 • **Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts**
Post-Graduate Engineering School of Public Administration
📍 Paris, France
- 1999 • **University of Paris, Panthéon Sorbonne**
MSc in International Economic
📍 Paris, France

Thesis: The international timber trade (in French)
- 1990 • **Ecole Nationale des Ingénieurs des Travaux des Eaux et Forêts**
Graduate Engineering School of Forestry
📍 Nogent sur Vernisson, France

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Present | 2020 • **Researcher in Tropical Ecology**
Associate researcher at AMAP lab.
📍 Montpellier, France
- 2020 | 2006 • **Head of Research Unit Ecology of Guiana Forests**
AgroParisTech
📍 Kourou, French Guiana
• Deputy director from 2006 to 2009 and director from 2010.

 [Amap Lab](#)

 [EcoFoG Lab](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Present | 2020 • **Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, BioGET master's programme**
AgroParisTech and University of Montpellier
📍 Montpellier, France
I coordinate the Plant Biodiversity and Management of Tropical Ecosystems (BioGET) programme, which is co-organised by the University of Montpellier and AgroParisTech.
- Present | 2022 • **AgroParisTech final year**
AgroParisTech
📍 Montpellier, France
I teach tropical forest ecology, epistemology in ecology and statistics with R to final-year, graduate engineering students in the Environmental Management of Tropical Ecosystems and Forests major.
- Present | 2010 • **Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution, EFT master's programme**
AgroParisTech and University of French Guiana
📍 Kourou, French Guiana
I teach biodiversity measurement and species abundance distributions to Master 2 students in the Ecology of Tropical Forests programme. This course receives students from the Erasmus Mundus Tropimundo Master's, coordinated by the Free University of Brussels.
- Present | 2022 • **Erasmus Mundus Global Forestry master's programme**
University of Copenhagen
📍 Copenhagen, Denmark
I teach tropical forest ecology and sustainable forest management in the Erasmus Mundus Global Forestry Master 1 programme, coordinated by the University of Copenhagen.

 [Master BioGET](#)

 [Geeft MSc](#)

 [EFT MSc](#)

 [Tropimundo MSc](#)

 [Global Forestry MSc](#)



PUBLICATIONS

2017
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2012

Measurement of Biodiversity

I wrote a series of papers to contribute to the development of methods to measure diversity rigorously, including an R package and a book.

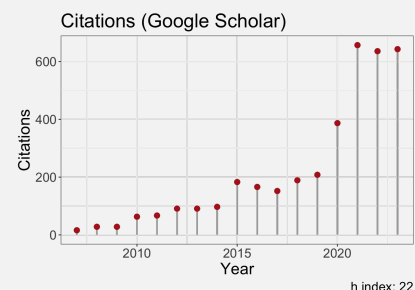
- Grabchak, M., Marcon, E., Lang, G., & Zhang, Z. (2017). The generalized Simpson's entropy is a measure of biodiversity. *Plos One*, **12**, [e0173305](#).
- Buckland, S. T., Yuan, Y., & Marcon, E. (2017). Measuring temporal trends in biodiversity. *ASTA Advances in Statistical Analysis*, **101**, [461–474](#).
- Pavoine, S., Marcon, E., & Ricotta, C. (2016). 'Equivalent numbers' for species, phylogenetic or functional diversity in a nested hierarchy of multiple scales. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, **7**(10), [1152–1163](#).
- Marcon, E., & Hérault, B. (2015). Decomposing phylodiversity. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, **6**, [333–339](#).
- Marcon, E., & Hérault, B. (2015). *entropart*, an R package to measure and partition diversity. *Journal of Statistical Software*, **67**, [1–26](#).
- Marcon, E., Scotti, I., Hérault, B., Rossi, V., & Lang, G. (2014). Generalization of the partitioning of Shannon diversity. *Plos One*, **9**, [e90289](#).
- Marcon, E., Hérault, B., Baraloto, C., & Lang, G. (2012). The decomposition of Shannon's entropy and a confidence interval for beta diversity. *Oikos*, **121**, [516–522](#).

2023
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2003

Characterization of spatial patterns

I co-authored with Florence Puech a series of papers in the field of spatial microeconometrics. An R package is available.

- Lang, G., Marcon, E., & Puech, F. (2020). Distance-based measures of spatial concentration: Introducing a relative density function. *The Annals of Regional Science*, **64**, [243–265](#).
- Marcon, E. (2019). Mesure de la biodiversité et de la structuration spatiale de l'activité économique par l'entropie. *Revue Économique*, **70**(3), [305–326](#). [English translation](#).
- Floch, J.-M., Marcon, E., & Puech, F. (2018). Spatial distribution of points. In V. Loonis & M.-P. (de) Bellefon (Eds.), *Handbook of spatial analysis* (pp. [71–111](#)). Insee-Eurostat.
- Marcon, E., & Puech, F. (2017). A typology of distance-based measures of spatial concentration. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, **62**, [56–67](#).
- Marcon, E., Traissac, S., Puech, F., & Lang, G. (2015). Tools to characterize point patterns: *dbmss* for R. *Journal of Statistical Software*, **67**, [1–15](#).
- Marcon, E., Traissac, S., & Lang, G. (2013). A statistical test for Ripley's function rejection of poisson null hypothesis. *ISRN Ecology*, [Article ID 753475](#).
- Lang, G., & Marcon, E. (2013). Testing randomness of spatial point patterns with the Ripley statistic. *ESAIM: Probability and Statistics*, **17**, [767–788](#).
- Marcon, E., Puech, F., & Traissac, S. (2012). Characterizing the relative spatial structure of point patterns. *International Journal of Ecology*, [Article ID 619281](#).
- Marcon, E., & Puech, F. (2010). Measures of the geographic concentration of industries: Improving distance-based methods. *Journal of Economic Geography*, **10**, [745–762](#).
- Marcon, E., & Puech, F. (2003). Evaluating the geographic concentration of industries using distance-based methods. *Journal of Economic Geography*, **3**, [409–428](#).



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2007

Tropical Forest Ecology

I contributed to several research programmes in French Guiana.

📍 Kourou, Guyane française

- Schmitt, S. *et al.* (2020). Topography consistently drives intra- and inter-specific leaf trait variation within tree species complexes in a Neotropical forest. *Oikos*, **129**, 1521–1530.
- Richard-Hansen *et al.* (2015). Landscape patterns influence communities of medium- to large-bodied vertebrate in undisturbed terra firme forests of French Guiana. *Journal of Tropical Ecology*, **31**, 423–436.
- Coste, S. *et al.* (2010). Assessing foliar chlorophyll contents with the SPAD-502 chlorophyll meter: A calibration test with thirteen tree species of tropical rainforest in French Guiana. *Annals of Forest Science*, **67**, 607.
- Baraloto, C., Marcon, E., Morneau, F., Pavoine, S., & Roggy, J.-C. (2010). Integrating functional diversity into tropical forest plantation designs to study ecosystem processes. *Annals of Forest Science*, **67**, 303.
- Blanc, L. *et al.* (2009). Dynamics of aboveground carbon stocks in a selectively logged tropical forest. *Ecological Applications*, **19**, 1397–1404.
- Bonal, D. *et al.* (2007). The successional status of tropical rainforest tree species is associated with differences in leaf carbon isotope discrimination and functional traits. *Annals of Forest Science*, **64**, 169–176.

2023
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2019

Ecology

I contributed to synthesis and large-scale studies papers in ecology.

- Ma, H. *et al.* (2023). The global biogeography of tree leaf form and habit. *Nature Plants*, **9**, 1795–1809.
- Hordijk, I. *et al.* (2023). Evenness mediates the global relationship between forest productivity and richness. *Journal of Ecology*, **111**, 1308–1326.
- Mo, L. *et al.* (2023). Integrated global assessment of the natural forest carbon potential. *Nature*, [in press](#).
- Delavaux, C. S. *et al.* (2023). Native diversity buffers against severity of non-native tree invasions. *Nature*, **621**, 773–781.
- Liang, J. *et al.* (2022). Co-limitation towards lower latitudes shapes global forest diversity gradients. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, **6**, 1423–1437.
- Kattge, J. *et al.* (2020). TRY plant trait database – enhanced coverage and open access. *Global Change Biology*, **26**, 119–188.
- Steidinger, B. S. *et al.* (2019). Climatic controls of decomposition drive the global biogeography of forest tree symbioses. *Nature*, **569**, 404–408.

Present
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2007

Student supervision

I contributed to the publications of students I supervised.

- Penel, B., Freycon, V., Marcon, E., Rossi, V., Cornu, G., Bénédet, F., Forni, E., & Gourlet-Fleury, S. (2022). Macrotermes termite mounds influence the spatial pattern of tree species in two African rainforest sites, in northern Congo. But were they really forests in the past? *Journal of Tropical Ecology*, **38**, 267–274.
- Mirabel, A., Marcon, E., & Hérault, B. (2021). 30 Years of postdisturbance recruitment in a Neotropical forest. *Ecology and Evolution*, **11**, 14448–14458.
- Mirabel, A., Hérault, B., & Marcon, E. (2020). Diverging taxonomic and functional trajectories following disturbance in a Neotropical forest. *Science of The Total Environment*, **720**, 137397.
- Ollivier, M., Baraloto, C., & Marcon, E. (2007). A trait database for Guianan rain forest trees permits intra- and inter-specific contrasts. *Annals of Forest Science*, **64**, 781–786.

Present
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2015

Books

I wrote two scientific books which are available in open access on HAL and are kept up to date on GitHub.

- Marcon, E. (2021). Working R. UMR Amap. Montpellier, France. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5778902>.
- Marcon, E. (2018). Mesures de la Biodiversité. UMR EcoFoG Kourou, France. <https://agroparistech.hal.science/cel-01205813v5>.

 [Working with R](#)

 [Travailler avec R](#) (in French)

 [Mesures de la Biodiversité](#) (in French)

Present
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2003

Reviewing

I've been a reviewer for many scientific journals.

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| • Acta Biotheoretica | • Journal of Geographical Systems |
| • Annals of Forest Science | • Journal of the Royal Statistical Society |
| • ASTA Advances in Statistical Analysis | • Journal of Theoretical Biology |
| • Biodiversity and Conservation | • Journal of Vegetation Science |
| • Bois et Forêts des Tropiques | • Mathematics |
| • Cybergeog | • Methods in Ecology and Evolution |
| • Diversity | • Microorganisms |
| • Ecography | • Molecular Ecology Resources |
| • Ecological Indicators | • Oecologia |
| • Ecology and Evolution | • Papers in Regional Science |
| • Économie et Prévision | • PeerJ |
| • Économie et Statistique | • Planning Practice and Research |
| • Empirical Economics | • Plos ONE |
| • Entropy | • Regional Science and Urban Economics |
| • Environmental and Ecological Statistics | • Regional Studies |
| • Environmetrics | • Science of the Total Environment |
| • Forest Ecosystems | • Spatial Economic Analysis |
| • Geographical Analysis | • Stochastic Environmental Research and Risk Assessment |
| • Hacettepe Journal of Mathematics and Statistics | • The R Journal |
| • Indian Journal of Science & Technology | • Theoretical Ecology |
| • Journal of Classification | • Urban Geography |
| • Journal of Economic Geography | • Urban Studies |
| | • Web Ecology |

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

2015

entropart

entropart is an R package that provides functions to calculate alpha, beta and gamma diversity of communities, including phylogenetic and functional diversity. Estimation-bias corrections are available.

 [Package entropart](#)

2015

● **dbmss**

dbmss is an R package for simple computation of spatial statistic functions of distance to characterize the spatial structures of mapped objects, including classical ones (Ripley's K and others) and more recent ones used by spatial economists (Duranton and Overman's K_d , Marcon and Puech's M). It relies on spatstat for some core calculation.

 [Package dbmss](#)

2021

● **memoiR**

Templates to publish well-formatted and reproducible documents both in HTML and PDF formats.

 [Package memoir](#)