**Comparative metrics for long-term dynamics in ecological communities**

Goals for meeting:

* Make sure all interested people have identified long-term community datasets to work with personally
* Agree on a data format
* Understand how people are identifying potential metrics
* Identifying what the difficulties are in finding or coding new temporal community metrics
* Brainstorm ideas/outcomes we want in a paper on this topic

1) Is everyone able to successfully maneuver github?

-push/pull between local and public

2) Have people looked over other people’s data/code?

-is other people’s code understandable?

3) Has everyone identified datasets to work with?

-multiple datasets?

-multiple taxa?

-are the datasets comparable between each other?

-what is the resolution of the data?

4) Do we agree on the wide format?

-columns: year, species, count

5) Have people identified temporal metrics?

-are they old, new, repurposed?

-are they spatial metrics converted for temporal purposes?

6) How much has reading literature been helpful in finding new metrics?

7) Do published equations seem applicable or easily interpretable for writing code?

8) Do the community metrics you come across tend to relate to stability?

-do you think stability should be a main theme of the paper?

9) Directionality verses variability…

10) Ideas for paper…

Please post interesting paper references to share!

\*Next NCEAS meeting is 5-7 September