An example of species distribution modeling with ${\tt biomod2}$

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1 Introduction

This vignette illustrates how to build, evaluate and project a single species distribution model using biomod2 package. The three main modeling steps, described bellow, are the following:

- 1. formatting the data
- 2. computing the models
- 3. making the projections

The example is deliberately simple (few technicals explanations) to make sure it is easy to transpose to your own data relatively simply.

Here we are going to modeled the current and future (2050) distribution of Gulo Gulo.

NOTE 1:

Several other vignettes will be written soon to help you to go through biomod2 details and subtleties

2 Formatting the data

In this vignette, we will work (because it is a quite common case) with:

• presences/absences points data

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• environmental raster layers (e.g. Worldclim)

Let's import our data.

```
\_ R input \_
 # load the library
 library(biomod2)
                            \_ R output \_
Loaded gbm 1.6-3.1
                             \_ R input \_
 # load our species data
 DataSpecies <- read.csv(system.file("external/species/mammals_table.csv",
                                       package="biomod2"))
 head(DataSpecies)
                              R output -
 X X_WGS84 Y_WGS84 ConnochaetesGnou GuloGulo PantheraOnca
1 1
      -94.5
                 82
                                    0
                                             0
                                                           0
2 2
      -91.5
                                    0
                                                           0
                 82
                                             1
3 3
      -88.5
                 82
                                    0
                                             1
                                                           0
      -85.5
                                    0
                                             1
                                                           0
4 4
                 82
5 5
      -82.5
                 82
                                    0
                                                           0
                                             1
      -79.5
                                    0
                                                           0
6 6
                 82
                                             1
 PteropusGiganteus TenrecEcaudatus VulpesVulpes
1
                  0
                                   0
2
                  0
                                   0
                                                 0
3
                  0
                                   0
                                                 0
4
                                   0
                                                 0
5
                  0
                                   0
                                                 0
```

```
# the name of studied species

myRespName <- 'GuloGulo'

# the presence/absences data for our species

myResp <- as.numeric(DataSpecies[,myRespName])

# the XY coordinates of species data

myRespXY <- DataSpecies[,c("X_WGS84","Y_WGS84")]
```

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NOTE 2:

You may not have absences data. As all models need both presences and absences to run, you may need to add some pseudo-absences (or background data) to your data. That is necessary in the case of presence-only, and may be useful in the case of insufficient absence data.

biomod2 offers some tools to do it more or less automatically. 3 algorithms are now implemented to extract a range of pseudo-absence data: 'random', 'SRE' and 'disk'. A vignette will be written soon to explain how to do. Waiting for this, you can refer to BIOMOD_FormatingData help file

NOTE 3:

If your environmental data are in matrix/data.frame format, you have to give a species as vector having a length that match with the number of rows of your environmental dataset. That implies to add NA's in all points where you do not have information on species presence/absence.

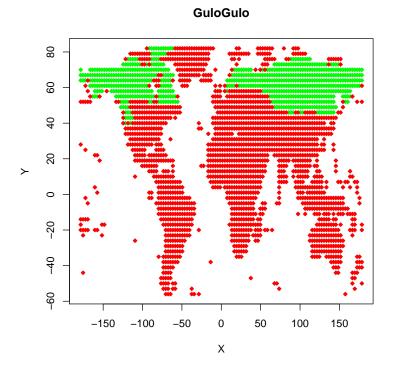
When your data are correctly loaded, you have to transform them in an appropriate biomod2 format. This is done using BIOMOD_FormatingData.

NOTE 4:

If you have both presence-absence data and a large number of presence (not the case here), it's strongly recommended to split your data.frame into two pieces and to keep a part for evaluating all your models on the same data.set (i.e. eval.xxx args)

```
myBiomodData <- BIOMOD_FormatingData(resp.var = myResp,
expl.var = myExpl,
```

```
resp.xy = myRespXY,
                                resp.name = myRespName)
 ______ R output _____
=----- GuloGulo Data Formating -------
> No pseudo absences selection !
    ! No data has been set aside for modeling evaluation
----- Done ------
At this point, check whether the data are correctly formatted by printing
and plotting the created object.
                      ____ R input ___
myBiomodData
                        R output
----- 'BIOMOD.formated.data' -----
sp.name = GuloGulo
       661 presences, 1827 true absences and 0
undifined points in dataset
       5 explanatory variables
    bio3
                 bio4
                             bio7
Min. :10.2 Min. : 72 Min. : 54.5
Mean :40.3 Mean : 7358 Mean :310.9
3rd Qu.:56.4 3rd Qu.:11752 3rd Qu.:424.6
Max. :92.0 Max. :22314
                          Max. :718.0
   bio11
                 bio12
Min. :-447.7 Min. : 0
1st Qu.:-184.3
              1st Qu.: 276
Median : 24.2 Median : 563
Mean : -2.6 Mean : 854
3rd Qu.: 196.3 3rd Qu.:1201
Max. : 283.0 Max. :5431
                       \_ R input \_
plot(myBiomodData)
```



The colors for this plot match with...

- Presences
- Absences

3 Modeling

3.1 Building models

This step may be considered as the core of the modeling procedure within biomod2. Here you have to choose between 10 different algorithms ('GLM', 'GBM', 'GAM', 'CTA', 'ANN', 'SRE', 'FDA', 'MARS', 'RF', 'MAXENT'). Before running the models, you can customize their set of parameters and options using BIOMOD_ModelingOptions. The created object is then given to BIOMOD_Modeling in the next step. For the sake of simplicity, we keep all default options.

NOTE 5:

A vignette on models' parametrization will be available soon

^{# 2.} Defining Models Options using default options.
myBiomodOption <- BIOMOD_ModelingOptions()

We are now ready for running the set of models on our species. As we do not have evaluation data, we will make 3-fold cross-validation (number controlled by NbRunEval argument) of our models by randomly splitting our data set into 2 subsets: DataSplit % for calibrating and training the models and the remainder for testing them. Each model will be tested (and evaluated if any evaluation data is given) according to models.eval.meth evaluation metrics (chosen into 'KAPPA', 'TSS', 'ROC', 'FAR', 'SR', 'ACCURACY', 'BIAS', 'POD', 'CSI' and 'ETS'). To ensure our models will be comparable in term of scale, we decided to rescale them all with a binomial GLM (rescal.all.models). The VarImport argument corresponds to the number of resampling of each explanatory variable to measure the relative importance of each variable for each selected model.

NOTE 6:

No weights are given but some will be automatically generated to raise a 0.5 prevalence (Prevalence)

```
5 environmental variables ( bio3 bio4 bio7 bio11 bio12 )
Number of evaluation repetitions: 3
Models selected : SRE CTA RF MARS FDA
Total number of model runs : 15
---- Run : GuloGulo_AllData
----- GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1
Model=Surface Range Envelop
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
Model=Classification tree
       5 Fold Cross-Validation
       Model scaling...
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
Model=Breiman and Cutler's random forests for classification and regression
       Model scaling...
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
Model=Multiple Adaptive Regression Splines
       Model scaling...
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
Model=Flexible Discriminant Analysis
       Model scaling...
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
----- GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2
Model=Surface Range Envelop
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
Model=Classification tree
        5 Fold Cross-Validation
       Model scaling...
       Evaluating Model stuff...
       Evaluating Predictor Contributions...
```

Model=Breiman and Cutler's random forests for classification and regression Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Multiple Adaptive Regression Splines Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Flexible Discriminant Analysis Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
-=-= GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3
Model=Surface Range Envelop Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Classification tree 5 Fold Cross-Validation Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Breiman and Cutler's random forests for classification and regression Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Multiple Adaptive Regression Splines Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Model=Flexible Discriminant Analysis Model scaling Evaluating Model stuff Evaluating Predictor Contributions
Done
R input

When this step is over, have a look at some outputs:

• modeling summary

```
\_ R input \_
  myBiomodModelOut
                           R output
  ----- BIOMOD.models.out -----
 Modeling id : GuloGuloFirstModeling
 Species modeled : GuloGulo
 Considered variables : bio3 bio4 bio7 bio11 bio12
 Computed Models : GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_RF
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_MARS GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_FDA
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_SRE GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_CTA
 {\tt GuloGulo\_AllData\_RUN2\_RF~GuloGulo\_AllData\_RUN2\_MARS}
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_FDA GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_SRE
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_CTA GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_RF
 GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_MARS GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_FDA
 Failed Models : none
  • models evaluations
                           R input \_
  # get all models evaluation
  myBiomodModelEval <- getModelsEvaluations(myBiomodModelOut)</pre>
  # print the dimnames of this object
  dimnames(myBiomodModelEval)
                     _____ R output __
  [1] "TSS" "ROC"
 [[2]]
  [1] "Testing.data" "Cutoff"
                                "Sensitivity"
 [4] "Specificity"
  [[3]]
  [1] "SRE" "CTA" "RF"
                        "MARS" "FDA"
```

```
[[4]]
  [1] "RUN1" "RUN2" "RUN3"
  [[5]]
  GuloGulo_AllData
         "AllData"
   # let's print the TSS scores of Random Forest
   myBiomodModelEval["TSS","Testing.data","RF",,]
                        ____ R output ___
   RUN1 RUN2 RUN3
  0.916 0.905 0.909
   # let's print the ROC scores of all selected models
   myBiomodModelEval["ROC", "Testing.data",,,]
                            _{-} R output _{--}
       RUN1 RUN2 RUN3
  SRE 0.859 0.854 0.862
  CTA 0.933 0.944 0.925
  RF 0.987 0.979 0.989
  MARS 0.980 0.980 0.977
  FDA 0.971 0.974 0.971
                    _____ R input _____
• Relative importance of the explanatory variables
                             R input _
   # print variable importances
   getModelsVarImport(myBiomodModelOut)
                         \_\_ R output \_
  , , RUN1, AllData
         SRE CTA RF MARS FDA
  bio3 0.463 0.040 0.053 0.089 0.000
  bio4 0.357 0.666 0.158 0.477 0.992
  bio7 0.301 0.054 0.101 0.417 0.088
  bio11 0.470 0.598 0.532 0.980 0.231
```

```
bio12 0.305 0.099 0.069 0.033 0.022
, , RUN2, AllData
        SRE
              CTA
                    RF MARS
                                FDA
bio3 0.457 0.169 0.053 0.226 0.000
bio4 0.360 0.382 0.157 0.512 0.973
bio7 0.284 0.167 0.064 0.237 0.083
bio11 0.469 0.646 0.527 0.671 0.270
bio12 0.293 0.125 0.061 0.085 0.019
, , RUN3, AllData
       SRE
             CTA
                    RF MARS
bio3 0.466 0.158 0.055 0.153 0.000
bio4 0.358 0.344 0.133 0.569 1.000
bio7 0.281 0.172 0.099 0.319 0.083
bio11 0.458 0.656 0.492 0.554 0.208
bio12 0.310 0.103 0.077 0.036 0.017
```

NOTE 7:

Relative importance of variable returned are raw data. It may be usefull to normalise them to make them comparable one to another

3.2 Ensemble modeling

Here comes one of the most interesting features of biomod2. BIOMOD_EnsembleModeling combines individual models to build some kind of meta-model. In the following example, we decide to exclude all models having a TSS score lower than 0.7.

NOTE 8:

You can controle the way formal models are combined with em.by argument. The vignette "EnsembleModelingAssembly" illustrate the offered possibilities

```
prob.ci = T,
                     prob.ci.alpha = 0.05,
                     prob.median = T,
                     committee.averaging = T,
                     prob.mean.weight = T,
                     prob.mean.weight.decay = 'proportional' )
                            R output
----- Build Ensemble Models ------
  ! all models available will be included in ensemble.modeling
  > Evaluation & Weighting methods summary :
     TSS over 0.7
 > TotalConsensus ensemble modeling
  > models kept : GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE, GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA, GuloGulo_AllData_I
  ! Models projections for whole zonation required...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_FDA ...
  > Mean of probabilities...
  > Coef of variation of probabilities...
  > Median of ptobabilities...
  > Confidence Interval...
     > 2.5 %
     > 97.5 %
  > Comittee averaging...
  > Prababilities wegthing mean...
----- Done -----
```

You can easily access to the data and outputs of BIOMOD_Modeling using some specific functions to make your life easier.

Let's see the meta-models evaluation scores.

NOTE 9:

We decide to evaluate all meta-models produced even the CV (Coefficient of Variation) one which is quite hard to interpret. You may consider it as: higher my score is, more the variation is localised where my species is forecasted as present.

```
-\!\!\!-\!\!\!-\!\!\!- R input -\!\!\!-\!\!\!-
# print summary
myBiomodEM
                             R output
----- 'BIOMOD.EnsembleModeling.out' -----
sp.name : GuloGulo
expl.var.names : bio3 bio4 bio7 bio11 bio12
models computed: GuloGulo_TotalConsensus_EMbyTSS
                            \_ R input \_
# get evaluation scores
getEMeval(myBiomodEM)
                            _{-} R output _{-}
$GuloGulo_TotalConsensus_EMbyTSS
, , em.mean
   Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
          0.917 579.0
                          94.70
                                      97.04
          0.993 505.4
                            95.31
ROC
                                        95.29
, , em.cv
   Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
          0.000 0.00 100.00
                                    0.000
ROC
          0.014
                  0.83
                              4.69
                                         4.762
, , em.ci.inf
   Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
         0.916 408.5
                            93.95
                                       97.70
```

```
ROC
                              95.31
           0.992 278.5
                                          95.35
, , em.ci.sup
    Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
          0.918 803.0
                             94.70
                                          97.10
ROC
           0.990 722.3
                             95.31
                                         95.29
, , em.median
    Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
                             94.70
TSS
          0.914 684.0
                                         96.61
          0.991 448.7
                             94.86
                                         94.86
ROC
, , em.ca
    Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
          0.895 566
                            94.55
                                         94.91
ROC
           0.990
                    600
                             94.55
                                         94.91
, , em.pmw
    Testing.data Cutoff Sensitivity Specificity
TSS
          0.922 435.0
                          97.58
                                         94.47
ROC
           0.994 484.4
                             95.31
                                          95.29
```

4 Projection

Once the models are calibrated and evaluated, we might want to project the potential distribution of the species over space and time. This is made using BIOMOD_Projection

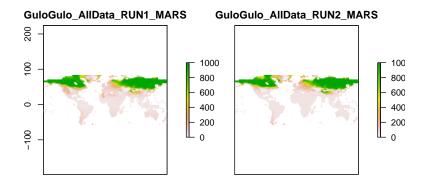
NOTE 10:

All projections are stored directly on your hard drive

First let's project the individual models on our current conditions (the globe) to visualize them.

```
clamping.mask = F,
                        output.format = '.grd')
> Building clamping mask
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_FDA ...
       > Building TSS binaries
 -----Done ------
                          \_ R input \_
 # summary of crated oject
myBiomomodProj
                         R output
----- 'BIOMOD.projection.out' -----
Projection directory : GuloGulo/current
sp.name : GuloGulo
expl.var.names : bio3 bio4 bio7 bio11 bio12
modeling id : GuloGuloFirstModeling (
GuloGulo/GuloGulo.GuloGuloFirstModeling.models.out )
models projected :
```

GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE, GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA, GuloGulo_AllDa	ta_RUN1_RF, GuloGulo_Al
	_
R input	_
<pre># files created on hard drive list.files("GuloGulo/proj_current/")</pre>	
iist.iiies(~GuioGuio/proj_current/~)	_
[1] "GuloGulo.current.projection.out"	_
[2] "proj_current_ClampingMask.grd"	
[3] "proj_current_ClampingMask.gri"	
[4] "proj_current_GuloGulo.grd"	
[5] "proj_current_GuloGulo.gri"	
[6] "proj_current_GuloGulo_TotalConsensus_EMbyTSS.grd"	
[7] "proj_current_GuloGulo_TotalConsensus_EMbyTSS.gri"	
[8] "proj_current_GuloGulo_TSSbin.grd"	
[9] "proj_current_GuloGulo_TSSbin.gri"	_
R input	_
	_
Prinnet	
# make some plots sub-selected by str.grep argument	_
<pre>plot(myBiomomodProj, str.grep = 'MARS')</pre>	



@ - 1000 - 800 - 600 - 400 - 200 0

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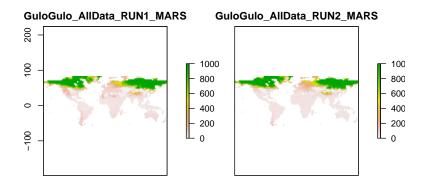
-150

-50

if you want to make custom plots, you can also get the projected map
myCurrentProj <- getProjection(myBiomomodProj)
myCurrentProj

Then we can project the potential distribution of the species over time, i.e. into the future.

```
package="biomod2"),
                     system.file( "external/bioclim/future/bio7.grd",
                                  package="biomod2"),
                     system.file( "external/bioclim/future/bio11.grd",
                                  package="biomod2"),
                     system.file( "external/bioclim/future/bio12.grd",
                                  package="biomod2"))
myBiomomodProjFuture <- BIOMOD_Projection(</pre>
                               modeling.output = myBiomodModelOut,
                               new.env = myExplFuture,
                               proj.name = 'future',
                               selected.models = 'all',
                               binary.meth = 'TSS',
                               compress = 'xz',
                               clamping.mask = T,
                               output.format = '.grd')
                             R output
----- Do Models Projections -----
       > Building clamping mask
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN1_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN2_FDA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_SRE ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_CTA ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_RF ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_MARS ...
       > Projecting GuloGulo_AllData_RUN3_FDA ...
       > Building TSS binaries
\_ R input \_
                             _{\scriptscriptstyle -} R input _{\scriptscriptstyle --}
# make some plots, sub-selected by str.grep argument
plot(myBiomomodProjFuture, str.grep = 'MARS')
```



The last step of this vignette is to make Ensemble Forcasting, that means to project the meta-models you have created with BIOMOD_EnsembleModeling. BIOMOD_EnsembleForecasting required the output of BIOMOD_EnsembleModeling and BIOMOD_Projection. It will combine the projections made according to models ensemble rules defined at the ensemble modelling step.

```
myBiomodEF <- BIOMOD_EnsembleForecasting(

projection.output = myBiomomodProj,

EM.output = myBiomodEM,

binary.meth = 'TSS')
```

```
R output _____ R output _____
```

Nothing is returned but some additional files have been created in your projection folder (RasterStack or array depending on your projection type). This file contains your meta-models projections.

```
\_ R output \_
class
           : RasterStack
dimensions: 47, 120, 5640, 7 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
resolution : 3, 3 (x, y)
          : -180, 180, -57.5, 83.5 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no_defs +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
           : GuloGulo_//SS_ef.mean, GuloGulo_//yTSS_ef.cv, GuloGulo_//_ef.ci.inf, GuloGulo_
names
                              35.80,
                                                      1.39,
                                                                            0.00,
min values :
                              992.5,
                                                     240.6,
                                                                            984.0,
max values
```

plot(proj_current_GuloGulo_TotalConsensus_EMbyTSS)

