An R package for modelling population dynamics and demography

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# 1. Installation

load("modfunparameters.rda")

popdynmodel depends on  $R \ge 4.2.0$  and requires installing and loading the following packages:

```
library(nimble)
library(MCMCvis)
library(rlang)
library(magrittr)
library(dplyr)
library(tidyr)
library(stringr)
library(tidyverse)
Then the files containing the package functions must be loaded:
source("Fonction_modelisation.R")
source("Fonction_modelisation_interne.R")
```

# 2. Package content

### riverfish

### Description

This dataset gives the abundance and biomass of seven freshwater fish species on 85 sites sampled, from 2010 to 2022, by multiple-pass removal electrofishing. The sites are spread over six river-basins of metropolitan France.

### Usage

data(riverfish)

#### **Format**

riverfish is a data frame with 14 variables:

pop\_id sampling site identifiers

year sampling year

taxa species common names

family species family names

gudgeon guide: value is 1 if the species is a gudgeon and NA otherwise

pass pass position in multiple-pass removal electrofishing

headcount fishing catch size by species

biomass fishing catch weight by species

surface fishing surface

fishing electrofishing protocol

hydro\_basin river-basin identifiers

temperature water temperature per site and year

depth fishing depth per site and year

flow watercourse flow per site and year

### Source

riverfish is based on data extracted from the national ASPE database managed by the French Biodiversity Agency (OFB).

# get\_ModParameters

# Description

Gives the description of the parameters of modeling functions.

# Usage

```
get_ModParameters(fun, parameter)
```

# Arguments

fun [optional, character] name of the modelling function

parameter [optional, character] name(s) of the parameter(s)

```
# Get description about all parameters of mod_popoccup function
get_ModParameters(fun = "mod_popoccup")

# Get description about some parameters
get_ModParameters(parameter = "z")
get_ModParameters(parameter = c("z","N","B"))
```

# mef\_imputevalue

### Description

Imputes missing values of a variable from observed values.

### Usage

```
mef_imputevalue(df, var_id, var_tmp, var_imp)
```

## Arguments

df data frame

var\_id variable name with sampling location identifiers

var\_tmp variable name with continuous sampling times

var\_imp variable name with missing values to be imputed

### **Details**

mef\_imputevalue imputes missing values of a variable from observed values in order to get complete time series. At the location scale, the missing values are substituted by the previous time value or, failing that, by the following time value.

### Value

mef\_imputevalue returns the data frame df after imputing the missing values.

```
data(riverfish)
n <- sample(2010:2022, 4)
riverfish[n,"surface"] <- NA

# Imputation of surface missing values
df <- mef_imputevalue(riverfish, var_id=pop_id, var_tmp=year, var_imp=surface)</pre>
```

# $mef\_convertquali$

# Description

Converts one or more quantitative variables into qualitative variables.

# Usage

```
mef_convertquali(df, var_quali)
```

# Arguments

df data frame

var\_quali name(s) of qualitative variable(s) to convert

### Details

mef\_convertquali converts each quantitative variable by breaking it into multiple binary variables (one fewer than the number of modalities of qualitative variable).

### Value

mef\_convertquali returns the data frame df with the new binary variables.

```
data(riverfish)
# Conversion of variable flow
df <- mef_convertquali(riverfish, var_quali="flow")</pre>
```

# mod\_popoccup

### Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical occupancy model to presence-absence time series for estimating multi-taxa occurrence from colonisation and extinction probabilities. The modelling framework not accounts for taxa detection biases.

## Usage

```
mod_popoccup(
    df,
    var_id,
    var_tmp,
    var_tax,
    var_cnt,
    var_reg = NULL,
    var_guild = NULL,
    period = NULL,
    timestep = 1,
    save_parameters = NULL
    n_{chain} = 3,
    n_{iter} = 10000,
    n_{thin} = n_{iter} / 100,
    n_burnin = n_iter / 4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_cnt	variable name used to define presence/absence (must be numeric)
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers
var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)

save\_parameters [optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save

(by default, all model parametes are saved)

n\_chain [optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)

n\_iter [optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)

n\_thin [optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)

n\_burnin [optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain

(must be numeric)

#### **Details**

mod\_popoccup relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space model that describes the occupancy dynamics of one or more taxa from presence-absence data. The successive occupancy states of locations defined by var\_id depend on taxon- and location-specific probabilities of persistence and colonisation. Then, on a global scale (i.e. across all locations), the occupancy changes rates are estimated from the ratio of the number of occuped location from one time to the next and their geometric mean is used as average occupancy rate over the whole time period (c.f. section ?? for more details).

var\_reg allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates at intermediate spatial scales.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates for guilds (geometric means of taxa occupancy rates).

period allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The model is run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

#### Value

mod\_popoccup returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

### See Also

 ${\tt mod\_popoccupRS}, {\tt modenv\_popoccup} \ {\tt and} \ {\tt get\_ModParametes}$ 

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
# Occupancy dynamics of taxa
mcmc.out <- mod_popoccup(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                          var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_cnt = "headcount")
# Occupancy dynamics of taxa and families at basin level
mcmc.out <- mod_popoccup(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                          var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_cnt = "headcount",
                          var_reg = "hydro_basin",
                          var_guild = "family")
# Occupancy dynamics with intermediate average occupancy rates every 6 years
mcmc.out <- mod_popoccup(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                          var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_cnt = "headcount",
                          var_guild = "family",
                          period = list(c(2010, 2016), c(2016, 2022)),
                          save_parameters = "z_mulambda_gui")
## End(Not run)
```

# modenv\_popoccup

# Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical occupancy models to presence-absence time series for estimating multi-taxa occurrence from relationships with environmental covariates. The modelling framework not accounts for taxa detection biases.

# Usage

```
modenv_popoccup(
    df,
    var_id,
    var_tmp,
    var_tax,
    var_cnt,
    var_env0 = NULL,
    var_envP = NULL,
    var_envC = NULL,
    env_tmp = TRUE,
    var_reg = NULL,
    var_guild = NULL,
    period = NULL,
    timestep = 1,
    save_parameters = NULL,
    n_{chain} = 3,
    n_{iter} = 10000,
    n_{thin} = n_{iter}/100,
    n_{\text{burnin}} = n_{\text{iter}}/4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values) $$
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values) $$
var_cnt	variable name used to define presence/absence (must be numeric)
var_env0	$[optional]\ environmental\ covariate(s)\ name(s)\ related\ to\ occupancy\\ probability\ (must\ be\ numeric\ without\ missing\ values)$
var_envP	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to persistence probability (must be numeric without missing values)

var_envC	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to colonisation probability (must be numeric without missing values)
env_tmp	[optional] logical indicating whether the environmental covariates vary over time (TRUE) or only across locations (FALSE) $$
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers
var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)
save_parameters	[optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save (by default, all model parametes are saved)
n_chain	[optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)
n_iter	[optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)
n_thin	[optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)
n_burnin	[optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain (must be numeric)

#### **Details**

modenv\_popoccup relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space models that describe the occupancy dynamics of one or more taxa from presence-absence data. The successive occupancy states of locations defined by var\_id depend on taxon-specific responses to environmental covariates. Then, on a global scale (i.e. across all locations), the occupancy changes rates are estimated from the ratio of the number of occuped location from one time to the next and their geometric mean is used as average occupancy rate over the whole time period (c.f. section ?? for more details).

If var\_envO is supplied, the occupancy states of the locations are modelled from the linear effect of environmental covariates on occupancy probabilities.

If var\_envP and var\_envC are supplied, the occupancy states of the locations are modelled from the linear effect of environmental covariates on persistence and colonisation probabilities.

If only var\_envP is supplied, the occupancy states of the locations are modelled from the linear effect of environmental covariates on persistence probabilities and from taxon- and location-specific colonisation probabilities.

If only var\_envC is supplied, the occupancy states of the locations are modelled from the linear effect of environmental covariates on colonisation probabilities and from taxon- and location-specific persistence probabilities.

var\_reg allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates at intermediate spatial scales.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates for guilds (geometric means of taxa occupancy rates).

period allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The models are run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

#### Value

modenv\_popoccup returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

### See Also

modenv\_popoccupRS, mod\_popoccup and get\_ModParametes

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
# Occupancy model with linear environmental effects on occupancy probability
mcmc.out <- modenv_popoccup(df,</pre>
                              var_id = "pop_id",
                             var_tmp = "year",
                             var_tax = "taxa",
                              var_cnt = "headcount",
                              var_env0 = c("temperature", "depth"))
# Occupancy model with linear environmental effects on persistence probability
mcmc.out <- modenv_popoccup(df,</pre>
                              var_id = "pop_id",
                             var_tmp = "year",
                             var_tax = "taxa",
                              var_cnt = "headcount",
```

var\_envP = c("temperature", "depth"))

# Occupancy model with linear environmental effects on colonisation probability mcmc.out <- modenv\_popoccup(df,</pre> var\_id = "pop\_id", var\_tmp = "year", var\_tax = "taxa", var\_cnt = "headcount", var\_envC = c("temperature","depth")) # Occupancy model with linear environmental effects on persistence # and colonisation probabilities mcmc.out <- modenv\_popoccup(df,</pre> var\_id = "pop\_id", var\_tmp = "year", var\_tax = "taxa", var\_cnt = "headcount", var\_envP = c("temperature","depth"), var\_envC = "temperature") ## End(Not run)

# mod\_popgrow

# Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical multi-taxa growth population models to abundance and/or biomass time series. The modelling framework not accounts for detection biases of taxa and individuals.

# Usage

```
mod_popgrow(
   df,
   var_id,
   var_tmp,
   var_tax,
   var_cnt = NULL,
   var_wei = NULL,
   var_surf = NULL,
   var_reg = NULL,
   var_guild = NULL,
   period = NULL,
   timestep = 1,
   save_parameters = NULL,
   n_{chain} = 3,
   n_{iter} = 10000,
   n_{thin} = n_{iter}/100,
   n_{\text{burnin}} = n_{\text{iter}}/4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_cnt	[optional] variable name with taxa abundances (must be numeric)
var_wei	[optional] variable name with taxa biomasses (must be numeric)
var_surf	[optional] variable name with sampling surfaces, or other quantitative sampling efforts (must be numeric without missing values)
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers

var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)
save_parameters	[optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save (by default, all model parametes are saved)
n_chain	[optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)
n_iter	[optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)
n_thin	[optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)
n_burnin	[optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain (must be numeric)

#### Details

mod\_popgrow relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space models that include two or three main components. The first component describes the occupancy dynamics of taxa over time at locations defined by var\_id from taxon- and location-specific probabilities of persistence and colonisation. Two other independent components describe the population growth of taxa on successively occupied locations, one based on abundance (if var\_cnt is supplied) and other based on biomass (if var\_wei is supplied). These two components are based on an autoregressive growth model. Then, at location and global scales (i.e. across all locations), the finite population growth rates are estimated as the changes in population size from one time to the next and their geometric means are used as average growth rates over the whole time period (c.f. section ?? for more details).

var\_surf allows to account for variabilities in sampling effort from one time to the next.

var\_reg allows add the estimates of growth rates at intermediate spatial scales.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of guild growth rates at global and intermediate scales (geometric means of taxa growth rates).

period allows add the estimates of growth rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows to account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The models are run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

### Value

mod\_popgrow returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

#### See Also

mod\_popgrowRS, modenv\_popgrow and get\_ModParametes

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
# Population growth and abundance
mcmc.out <- mod_popgrow(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                          var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_cnt = "headcount",
                         var_surf = "surface")
# Population growth and biomass
mcmc.out <- mod_popgrow(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                         var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_wei = "biomass",
                          var_surf = "surface")
# Growth rates of families at location scale
df$id <- df$pop_id</pre>
mcmc.out <- mod_popgrow(df,</pre>
                          var_id = "pop_id",
                          var_tmp = "year",
                          var_tax = "taxa",
                          var_cnt = "headcount",
                          var_wei = "biomass",
                          var_surf = "surface",
                          var_reg = "id",
                          var_guild = "family")
```

## End(Not run)

# modenv\_popgrow

# Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical multi-taxa growth population models with environmental stochasticity to abundance and/or biomass time series. The modelling framework not accounts for detection biases of taxa and individuals.

## Usage

```
modenv_popgrow(
   df,
   var_id,
   var_tmp,
   var_tax,
   var_env,
   var_cnt = NULL,
   var_wei = NULL,
   var_surf = NULL,
   var_reg = NULL,
   var_guild = NULL,
   period = NULL,
   timestep = 1,
   save_parameters = NULL,
   n_{chain} = 3,
   n_{iter} = 10000,
   n_{thin} = n_{iter}/100,
   n_burnin = n_iter/4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_env	environmental covariate(s) name(s) whose values must be supplied by location and time (must be numeric without missing values)
var_cnt	[optional] variable name with taxa abundances (must be numeric)
var_wei	[optional] variable name with taxa biomasses (must be numeric)

var_surf	[optional] variable name with sampling surfaces, or other quantitative sampling efforts (must be numeric without missing values)
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers
var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)
save_parameters	[optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save (by default, all model parametes are saved)
n_chain	[optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)
n_iter	[optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)
n_thin	[optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)
n_burnin	[optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain (must be numeric)

### **Details**

modoenv\_popgrow relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space models that include two or three main components. The first component describes the occupancy dynamics of taxa over time at locations defined by var\_id from taxon- and location-specific probabilities of persistence and colonisation. Two other independent components describe the population growth of taxa on successively occupied locations, one based on abundance (if var\_cnt is supplied) and other based on biomass (if var\_wei is supplied). These two components are based on an autoregressive formulation in which growth rates are modelled as a linear function of environmental covariates. Then, at location and global scales (i.e. across all locations), the finite population growth rates are estimated as the changes in population size from one time to the next and their geometric means are used as average growth rates over the whole time period (c.f. section ?? for more details).

var\_surf allows to account for variabilities in sampling effort from one time to the next.

var\_reg allows add the estimates of growth rates at intermediate spatial scales.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of guild growth rates at global and intermediate scales (geometric means of taxa growth rates).

period allows add the estimates of growth rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows to account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The models are run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

#### Value

modenv\_popgrow returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

#### See Also

modenv\_popgrowRS, mod\_popgrow and get\_ModParametes

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
# Population growth and abundance
mcmc.out <- modenv_popgrow(df,</pre>
                            var_id = "pop_id",
                            var_tmp = "year",
                            var_tax = "taxa",
                            var_env = c("temperature", "depth"),
                            var_cnt = "headcount",
                            var_surf = "surface")
# Population growth from abundance and biomass with intermediate growth rates
mcmc.out <- modenv_popgrow(df,</pre>
                            var_id = "pop_id",
                            var_tmp = "year",
                            var_tax = "taxa",
                            var_env = "depth",
                            var_cnt = "headcount",
                            var_wei = "biomass",
                            var_surf = "surface",
```

period = list(c(2010, 2016), c(2016, 2022)))

## End(Not run)

# mod\_popdyn

# Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical multi-taxa occupancy and growth models to abundance and/or biomass time series. The modelling framework not accounts for detection biases of taxa and individuals.

# Usage

```
mod_popdyn(
   df,
   var_id,
   var_tmp,
   var_tax,
   var_cnt = NULL,
   var_wei = NULL,
   var_surf = NULL,
   var_reg = NULL,
   var_guild = NULL,
   period = NULL,
   timestep = 1,
   save_parameters = NULL,
   n_{chain} = 3,
   n_{iter} = 10000,
   n_{thin} = n_{iter}/100,
   n_{\text{burnin}} = n_{\text{iter}}/4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_cnt	[optional] variable name with taxa abundances (must be numeric)
var_wei	[optional] variable name with taxa biomasses (must be numeric)
var_surf	[optional] variable name with sampling surfaces, or other quantitative sampling efforts (must be numeric without missing values)
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers

var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)
save_parameters	[optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save (by default, all model parametes are saved)
n_chain	[optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)
n_iter	[optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)
n_thin	[optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)
n_burnin	[optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain (must be numeric)

#### **Details**

mod\_popdyn relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space models that include two or three main components. The first component describes the occupancy dynamics of taxa over time from presence-absence data (defined from abundances if var\_cnt is supplied or, failing that, from biomasses). The successive occupancy states of locations defined by var\_id depend on taxon- and location-specific probabilities of persistence and colonisation. Then, on a global scale (i.e. across all locations), the occupancy changes rates are estimated from the ratio of the number of occuped location from one time to the next and their geometric mean is used as average occupancy rate over the whole time period (c.f. section ??).

The other two components describe the population growth of taxa on successively occupied locations, one based on abundance (if var\_cnt is supplied) and other based on biomass (if var\_wei is supplied). Then, at location and global scales, the finite population growth rates are estimated as the changes in population size from one time to the next and their geometric means are used as average growth rates over the whole time period (c.f. section ??).

var\_surf allows to account for variabilities in sampling effort over time in estimates of growth rates.

var\_reg allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates at intermediate spatial levels.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates for guilds (geometric means of taxa rates).

period allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows to account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The models are run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

### Value

mod\_popdyn returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

#### See Also

mod\_popoccup, mod\_popgrow, mod\_popdynRS and get\_ModParametes

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
# Population dynamics from abundance
mcmc.out <- mod_popdyn(df,</pre>
                         var_id = "pop_id",
                         var_tmp = "year",
                         var_tax = "taxa",
                         var_cnt = "headcount",
                         var_surf = "surface")
# Population dynamics from biomass
mcmc.out <- mod_popdyn(df,</pre>
                        var_id = "pop_id",
                        var_tmp = "year",
                        var_tax = "taxa",
                        var_wei = "biomass",
                        var_surf = "surface")
# Occupancy change rates and growth rates for taxa families
mcmc.out <- mod_popdyn(df,</pre>
                        var_id = "pop_id",
                        var_tmp = "year",
                        var_tax = "taxa",
                        var_wei = "biomass",
                        var_surf = "surface",
                        var_guild = c("family", "gudgeon"))
## End(Not run)
```

# modenv\_popdyn

# Description

Fits Bayesian hierarchical multi-taxa occupancy and growth models with environmental stochasticity to abundance and/or biomass time series. The modelling framework not accounts for detection biases of taxa and individuals.

# Usage

```
modenv_popgrow(
   df,
   var_id,
   var_tmp,
   var_tax,
   var_cnt = NULL,
   var_wei = NULL,
   var_env = NULL,
   var_env0 = NULL,
   var_envP = NULL,
   var_envC = NULL,
   env_tmp = TRUE,
   var_surf = NULL,
   var_reg = NULL,
   var_guild = NULL,
   period = NULL,
   timestep = 1,
   save_parameters = NULL,
   n_{chain} = 3,
   n_{iter} = 10000,
   n_{thin} = n_{iter}/100,
   n_burnin = n_iter/4
)
```

df	data.frame with variables used in the model
var_id	variable name with sampling location identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_tmp	variable name with continuous sampling times (must be numeric without missing values)
var_tax	variable name with taxa identifiers (must not contain missing values)
var_cnt	[optional] variable name with taxa abundances (must be numeric)
var_wei	[optional] variable name with taxa biomasses (must be numeric)

var_env	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to growth rates whose values must be supplied by location and time (must be numeric without missing values)
var_env0	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to occupancy probability (must be numeric without missing values)
var_envP	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to persistence probability (must be numeric without missing values)
var_envC	[optional] environmental covariate(s) name(s) related to colonisation probability (must be numeric without missing values)
env_tmp	[optional] logical indicating whether the environmental covariates related to occupancy model vary over time (TRUE) or only across locations (FALSE) $$
var_surf	[optional] variable name with sampling surfaces, or other quantitative sampling efforts (must be numeric without missing values)
var_reg	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with regional identifiers
var_guild	[optional] variable(s) name(s) with taxa guilds identifiers
period	[optional] list with start and end times for estimating intermediate occupancy change rates (must be numeric)
timestep	[optional] interval between two consecutive times (must be numeric)
save_parameters	[optional] character vector with the names of the parameters to save (by default, all model parametes are saved)
n_chain	[optional] number of MCMC chains (must be numeric)
n_iter	[optional] number of iterations per MCMC chain (must be numeric)
n_thin	[optional] backup interval for MCMC samples (must be numeric)
n_burnin	[optional] number of initial iterations to discard per Markov chain (must be numeric)

# Details

modoenv\_popdyn relies on Bayesian hierarchical state-space models that include two or three main components. The first component describes the occupancy dynamics of taxa from presence-absence data (defined from abundances if var\_cnt is supplied or, failing that, from biomasses). If var\_env0, var\_envP or var\_envC are supplied, the successive occupancy

states of locations defined by var\_id depend on taxon-specific responses to environmental covariates (c.f. modenv\_popoccup). Otherwise the successive occupancy states of locations depend on taxon- and location-specific probabilities of persistence and colonisation. Then, on a global scale (i.e. across all locations), the occupancy changes rates are estimated from the ratio of the number of occuped locations from one time to the next and their geometric mean is used as average occupancy rate over the whole time period (c.f. section ??).

Two other independent components describe the population growth of taxa on successively occupied locations, one based on abundance (if var\_cnt is is supplied) and other based on biomass (if var\_wei is supplied). These two components are based on an autoregressive growth formulation. If var\_env is supplied the growth rates are modelled as a linear function of environmental covariates. Then, at location and global scales, the finite population growth rates are estimated as the changes in population size from one time to the next and their geometric means are used as average growth rates over the whole time period (c.f. section ??).

var\_surf allows to account for variabilities in sampling effort over time in estimates of growth rates.

var\_reg allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates at intermediate spatial levels.

var\_guild allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates for guilds (geometric means of taxa rates).

period allows add the estimates of occupancy changes rates and growth rates for intermediate time periods.

timestep allows to account for regular gaps in time series (e.g. to estimate annual average occupancy rates from bi-annual monitoring).

The models are run using the runMCMC function of nimble package.

#### Value

modenv\_popdyn returns a list with the summaries of main statistics associated with the estimation of the requested parameters (mcmc\_summary), the MCMC chains (mcmc\_chain) and the list of parameters subscripts (subscript).

#### See Also

modenv\_popoccup, modenv\_popgrow, modenv\_popgdynRS and get\_ModParametes

```
## Not run:
data(riverfish)
df <- riverfish[riverfish$pass == 1,]</pre>
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```
# Population dynamics with environmental effects on growth
mcmc.out <- modenv_popdyn(df,</pre>
                           var_id = "pop_id",
                           var_tmp = "year",
                           var_tax = "taxa",
                           var_cnt = "headcount",
                           var_env = c("temperature", "depth"))
# Population dynamics with environmental effects on occupancy probability
mcmc.out <- modenv_popdyn(df,</pre>
                           var_id = "pop_id",
                           var_tmp = "year",
                           var_tax = "taxa",
                           var_cnt = "headcount",
                           var_env0 = c("temperature", "depth"))
# Population dynamics with environmental effects on growth and colonisation
# taking into account sampling effort effect
mcmc.out <- modenv_popdyn(df,</pre>
                           var_id = "pop_id",
                           var_tmp = "year",
                           var_tax = "taxa",
                           var_cnt = "headcount",
                           var_env = c("temperature", "depth"),
                           var_envC = "temperature",
                           var_surf = "surface")
## End(Not run)
```