An intro	eduction to	basic fish	eries analys	sis with R

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# Objective

The purpose of this guidebook is to provide an introduction to using the powerful programming language R to conduct analyses commonly used for fisheries management. The guidebook is designed to help you get quickly started in R with some basic analyses and visualizations, but it is only an introduction and is not exhaustive. We do however point to some helpful resources for learning more.

R is a free programming language/software environment that allows users to analyze, model, and vizualize large data sets in much more powerful and complex ways than traditional spreadsheet programs like Excel or Google Sheets. Best of all, R is open source, meaning that it is freely available from the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN) and anyone can contribute to making R better. In fact, numerous R packages (more on these later) are specifically designed for conducting analyses related to fisheries management. RStudio is the powerful graphical interface that allows users to manage their code, data, and files all in one convenient program. If you are interested in learning more about data analysis with R, the free online book called R for Data Science is an excellent resource.



## Installation

Though R/RStudio may seem intimidating, it is actually quite straight forward to set up and, after learning a few basics, you can start running analyses and writing your own in no time. The objective of this guide is to provide an introduction to R/RStudio basics so that interested resource managers without programming experience can start leveraging R for their management decisions.

R and RStudio are separate programs and that need to be installed and updated individually. If you do not keep both relatively up-to-date you will likely run into problems.

#### 2.1 $\mathbf{R}$

To install R, go to the R webpage and follow the link to your operating system of choice (Linux, Max OS X, Windows). Then, click on the most recent .pkg file to download it. Follow the instructions to complete the installation process.

#### Download and Install R

Precompiled binary distributions of the base system and contributed packages, Win one of these versions of R:

- Download R for Linux
  Download R for (Mac) OS X
- Download R for Windows

R is part of many Linux distributions, you should check with your Linux package n link above.

#### 2.2 RStudio

After installing R, visit the RStudio Products site and click the **DOWNLOAD RSTUDIO DESKTOP** button located partway down the page.

#### **DOWNLOAD RSTUDIO DESKTOP**

Next, scroll to the bottom and click on the link under **Installers** that again corresponds to your operating system of choice.

## **Installers for Supported Platforms**

Installers	Size	١
RStudio 1.0.143 - Windows Vista/7/8/10	81.9 MB	2
RStudio 1.0.143 - Mac OS X 10.6+ (64-bit)	71.2 MB	
RStudio 1.0.143 - Ubuntu 12.04+/Debian 8+ (32-bit)	85.5 MB	
RStudio 1.0.143 - Ubuntu 12.04+/Debian 8+ (64-bit)	92.1 MB	
RStudio 1.0.143 - Fedora 19+/RedHat 7+/openSUSE 13.1+ (32-bit)	84.7 MB	
RStudio 1.0.143 - Fedora 19+/RedHat 7+/openSUSE 13.1+ (64-bit)	85.7 MB	2

Save the file on your desktop. Once it finishes downloading, open the file and follow the instructions to complete the installation process. You may then delete the file.

Congratulations! You successfully completed the installation process and are one step closer to using R and RStudio for analysis!

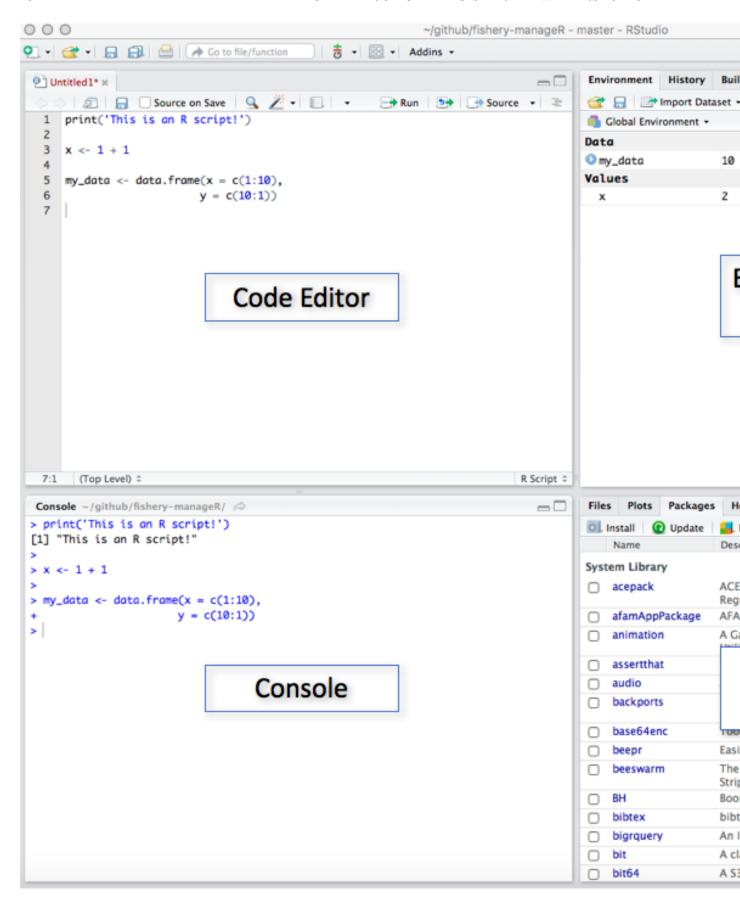
## 2.3 Helpful Resources

• Installing R and RStudio by Jenny Bryan

# Getting Started with RStudio

Rstudio is what's referred to as an Integrated Development Environment (IDE) for the R programming language. It provides a single interface for an R user to manage all aspects of an analysis (write code, manage and plot data. see outputs, get help, etc.).

### 3.1 RStudio Interface



- Code Editor This is where you write the code for your analysis. Each tab represents a different R script file (e.g. snapper\_analysis.R)
- Console This is where R prints the output of your code when it's run. You can also write code directly in the console after the > symbol
- Environment/History This panel generally has the following two tabs:
  - **Environment** Displays all your data, variables, and user-defined functions. These are created by the user either in the code editor or directly in the console.
  - History A list of your command history
- Files/Packages/Help/Viewer This panel contains numerous helpful panels:
  - Files The list of all files contained in your current working directory. You can also navigate to different folders on your computer. This is where you can click on different R scripts to open them in the code editor.
  - Plots When you produce plots with your code they will be displayed here
  - Packages The list of packages (groups of functions) currently installed on your computer. You
    can install new packages or update existing packages from this tab by clicking Install or Update.
  - Help Where you can search the R documentation to get help using the different R functions.
     This is a very useful feature of RStudio! You can also get help for a function by typing? followed by the function name in the console (e.g. ?data.frame()).

### 3.2 Working Directory

The working directory is an important concept in R (and programming in general) and refers to the current directory (folder) that you are working in. Basically, R requires that you tell it where in your computer's file system it should start looking for files from. This is important because the code used to load data and save results and plots will differ depending on your current working directory.

As an example, let's imagine you are working on an analysis of coral reef fisheries and you have a folder on your Desktop called reef\_fish. Inside this reef\_fish directory is the file reef\_fish\_data.csv that you want to analyze. Open RStudio and click Set Working Directory... under the Session menu in the toolbar. This asks you to specify the folder on your computer that R should consider to be the working directory.

#### 3.2.1 Pathnames (Path)

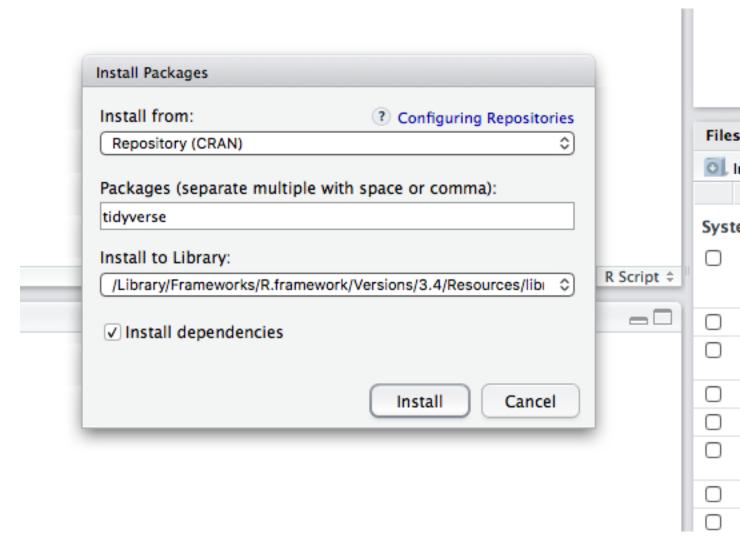
Now that the working directory is set, you can load your reef fish data into RStudio by specifying the appropriate pathname to the file. In this case, the pathname is simply reef\_fish\_data.csv since the file is in the working directory and the data could be loaded with read.csv(file = "reef\_fish\_data.csv"). If, however, reef\_fish\_data.csv was actually stored in a subfolder called data the previous read.csv() command will not work because reef\_fish\_data.csv is not in the working directory. In this case, you can either tell R where the file is using the absolute, complete path (e.g. /Users/You/Desktop/reef\_fish/data/reef\_fish\_data.csv), or with the path relative to the working directory (e.g. data/reef\_fish\_data.csv).

## 3.3 Packages

Packages are groups of functions that are designed to excel at certain tasks (making plots, standardizing dates, reading/writing large data files, etc.). Many useful packages come standard with R when you download it, however, many more are available online.

To install a new package, click on the "Install" button located under the "Packages" tab in RStudio. This will open a pop-up where you can search for and install R packages hosted on CRAN. Alternatively, if you

know the name of the package you want to install, you can run install.packages('package\_name').



Once installed, the packages you need for an analysis are loaded by the library('package\_name') function.

The following packages are commonly used by UCSB for fisheries analyses:

- **tidyverse** Contains numerous seperate packages for loading and writing data files (**readr**), data processing (**dplyr** & **tidyr**), plotting (**ggplot2**), and functional programming (**purrr**)
- readxl Reads and writes data from/to Excel workbooks, including workbooks with multiple worksheets
- lubridate Helps R handle dates in an efficient and easy-to-understand manner
- sf, rgeos, rgdal Key packages for spatial analyses similar to those done with ArcGIS
- rmarkdown Uses R code to author reproducible reports, presentations, and websites
- shiny Creates web applications using R

## 3.4 Helpful Resources

• Jenny Bryan's Guide to Installing R and RStudio

# Data Entry & Management

The careful entry, documentation, and management of data is essential to any data-related project. Being strategic about this process will keep the project organized, protect against data loss, and facilitate analysis and data sharing. This section will be most helpful if you are the person responsible for first setting up data collection forms and organization. However, it may also be helpful even if you are working with data that someone else has collected and organized. If you are working with data that someone else has collected and organized, you will find the next section on data cleaning (QA/QC, or quality assurance / quality control) especially helpful.

#### 4.1 Best Practices

#### 1. Using "flat" files and an open data format

Raw data should be entered as a "flat" table and saved using an open data format, such as .csv (comma separated values). "Flat" data files are tables where the first "header" row contains the variables in the data set and there is no internal hierarchy to the data. Nested columns and rows make analysis of the raw data outside of the original file very difficult.



id	first	last
1	john	doe
2	jane	smith



1

id

2

#### 2. Organize data in a tidy format with unique records in rows, not columns

Data records should be stored in rows (long-format) instead of columns (wide format). This allows analysis within rows rather than across columns. This "tidy data" format means that each **variable** is saved in its own **column** and each **observation** is saved in its own **row**.



first	last	month	year	catch
john	doe	11	2016	150
john	doe	12	2016	100
john	doe	1	2017	125



first

#### 3. Describe data in a metadata file

Your raw flat data files should only include data, no comments. Rather than using complicated spreadsheets, create a metadata document, often called "README", that includes (at a minimum) what data you are collecting, how and when the data were collected, where the data is stored, and who owns the data. This file should also include a "data dictionary" that describes each variable and associated unit in the data file (see example below). Be as specific as possible; for example, the description for fish length variables should include whether it is fork length, total length, or standard length.

Column	Description	Unit
id	Unique ID for fisher	number
first	Fisher's first name	text
last	Fisher's last name	text
catch	The weight of the catch (kg)	kg
biomass	The biomass of fish (kg/ha)	kg/ha
total_length	The total length of the fish (cm)	cm

#### 4. Use clear and concise descriptive names for data files and variable names

File names are the easiest way to explain the contents of a data file. Capturing the place, time, and content of the data, even in an abbreviated fashion, can be extremely useful. For example, consider naming a fish catch monitoring file "muni\_fishcatch\_month\_year.csv", replacing "muni", "month", and "year" with the appropriate values. Similarly, each column in your data should contain a unique variable and be given a clear but concise name that uses letters, numbers, dashes, dots, or underscores. Lastly, always use plain ASCII text, as certain marks (e.g., accents) or characters (e.g., Chinese or Japanese) are not widely supported. File and variable names should NOT be overly long or contain spaces or special characters (e.g. \*&\$%@/)

- YES: filename: muni\_fishcatch\_month\_year.csv | variables: year; first\_name; last.name; Total-Length
- NO: filename: November 2007.csv | variables: Start Year; First Name; Total weight (kg); \$ Value
- 5. Always use consistent formats for data values and (if necessary) put units in a separate column

When entering data, do not mix text and numeric responses, or include both text and numbers

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in the same response. Periods are okay to include for numeric responses but **avoid commas** (commas indicate a new value in a .csv file). For text values, such as a person's name or location, take care not to change capitalization, spelling, spacing, etc. (e.g. John, john, joh) as this will generate confusion. **Consider using identification codes for variables with many possible categories (e.g., local species name, gear type)**. Units should always be in their own column or absent entirely but explained in the metadata file. Also, **do not use color coding**, it cannot be interpreted by other software (data in red below are just to demonstrate improper data entries).



first	last	catch	total_length
john	doe	35	95
john	doe	25	75
jane	smith	30	101



first john John

jane

jane

- 6. Use standardized formats for dates When reporting full dates, use standardized formats since date representations vary between the United States and the rest of the world. For example, 01-09-17 will likely be interpreted as January 9th, 2017 in the U.S. but September 1st, 2017 or September 17th, 2001 in other countries. Therefore, always record dates using the international standard of YYYY-MM-DD as prescribed by the International Organization of Standards (ISO) standard ISO 8601 (2004). It is also generally good to have separate columns for month and year to facilitate analyses that are only interested in certain months or years (e.g. what are the average landings in March?).
- 7. Always store an uncorrected original version of the data file and BACK UP YOUR DATA!!!

When you make changes or corrections to the original data file you could easily make a mistake. To avoid compromising your original raw data, always store an unadjusted copy of the data file and **do not make any changes or adjustments to this copy** (make it "read-only" if possible). Make a duplicate file if corrections or adjustments are required and be sure to describe what changes were made in the metadata file. Lastly, **ALWAYS BACK UP YOUR DATA** by keeping at least **three** copies of the file in different locations (e.g., desktop, external hard drive, the cloud).

- 8. Be consistent with blank cells by using NA It is common for cells to be blank in a spreadsheet. However, there are many different ways to signify a blank cell, some of which are more difficult to work with. We recommend always using NA in any blank cell, rather than simply leaving the cell blank, putting in spaces, or other options like NaN or -999. This will allow R to quickly identify and deal with empty cells.
- 9. For storing data, always use CSV files instead of XLS or XLSX files There are also several different file formats for storing spreadsheet data. XLS and XLSX are two very commonly used formats, and are the standard Microsoft Excel spreadsheet format (XLSX is the newest version). However, many programming languages have difficulty ingesting Microsoft Excel files. These files also require people using them to have a copy of Microsoft Excel, which not everyone has and can be expensive. We therefore recommend using the CSV file format for storing data. CSV stands for "Comma-Separated Values" and describes how data are stored in the file. If you have a Microsoft Excel file, you can save it as a CSV by clicking File -> Save As and selecting the CSV option. CSVs can be read directly into R, and used and manipulated by anyone with a computer.

#### Helpful Resources 4.2

- https://www.nceas.ucsb.edu/files/news/ESAdatamng09.pdf http://ucsd.libguides.com/c.php?g=90957&p=585435

# R as a Programming Language

You may or may not have used other programming languages before coming to R. Either way, R has several distinctive features which are worth noting.

#### 5.1 Data frames

One of R's greatest strengths is in manipulating data. One of the primary structures for storing data in R is called a Data Frame. Much of your work in R will be working with and manipulating data frames. Data frames are made up of rows and columns. The top row is a header and describes the contents of each column. Each row represents an individual data row or observation. Rows can also have names. Each row contains multiple cells which contain the content of the data.

Let's look at a data frame that is included in R as an example. This data frame is called mtcars and contains some data about common car models. We can look at this data frame using the head function, which previews the first few rows. You can also use the functions colnames or rownames to get the column or row names of a data frame, respectively.

#### head(mtcars)

```
##
                      mpg cyl disp hp drat
                                                wt qsec vs am gear carb
## Mazda RX4
                                160 110 3.90 2.620 16.46
## Mazda RX4 Wag
                                160 110 3.90 2.875 17.02
                     21.0
## Datsun 710
                               108
                                     93 3.85 2.320 18.61
                     22.8
                                258 110 3.08 3.215 19.44
## Hornet 4 Drive
                                360 175 3.15 3.440 17.02
                                                                   3
                                                                        2
## Hornet Sportabout 18.7
                            8
## Valiant
                     18.1
                                225 105 2.76 3.460 20.22
```

The columns in data frames can contain different types of information. In this particular data frame, all columns contain numbers, as denoted by the indication <dbl>, a type of number that allows numbers after the decimal point. Columns could also be integers represented by <int> (which don't allow numbers after the decimal point), dates represented by <date>,booleans or logicals represented by lgl (TRUE or FALSE), characters represented by <chr> (these contain text), or factors represented by <fctr> (these are helpful for storing categorical information such as species names or gear types).

These days, you may also see the word tibble, which is a modern version of the R data frame and is being used more and more widely. Tibbles generally function much like data frames, but do away with some frustrating features and are generally cleaner. We recommend using tibbles.

#### 5.2 Vectors

Another very common data type is the vector, which stores 1-dimensional information, such as a list of numbers or characters. Vectors are built using the c function. Below are two examples:

```
myNumericVector <- c(1, 2, 3, 4)

myCharacterVector <- c("A", "B", "C", "D")</pre>
```

#### 5.3 Functions

R is a "functional" programming language, which means it gets much of its power by relying on the concept of functions. Functions are small chunks of code that can do a certain task. They require a certain number of inputs, and provide a certain number of outputs. They allow for common tasks to be performed easily and reproducibly.

R contains many built-in functions, including several for helpful statistics, as shown below. In these examples, there are also some helpful comments to tell you what each line is doing in the code blocks below. Comments start with the # operation, and are not evaluated by R - they are simply there to document the code.

```
# The sum function takes a vector of numbers as an input, calculates the sum of those numbers, and prod
sum(c(1, 2, 3))
## [1] 6
# The mean function takes a vector of numbers as an input, calculates the mean of those numbers, and pr
mean(c(1,2,3))
## [1] 2
# The median function takes a vector of numbers as an input, calculates the median of those numbers, an
median(c(1,2,3))
```

## [1] 2

You can even define your own functions, which can be an incredibly powerful way to save time when doing a task you anticipate needing to do many times. The example below shows how you would write a function that takes in two numbers as an input, manipulates the numbers, and then provides a single number as an output. Once you have defined a function, you can use it again later on.

```
# Define the function
myFunction <- function(x,y){
  z <- (x + 2 * y) / x
  return(z)
}
# Test the function
myFunction(3,4)</pre>
```

## [1] 3.666667

## 5.4 Tips on coding and style

It is helpful to code in a consistent manner. This will not only make your code readble by others, but will even be helpful for you as you revisit code you have previously written. Using consistent code stying also

makes it much easier to collaborate with others. We highly recommend following Google's style guidelines for  ${\bf R}.$ 

## 5.5 Helpful resources

- An interactive tutorial on learning the basics of R programming
- $\bullet\,$  More information on data frames
- More information on tibbles, the modern version of data frames
- Functions
- Google's style guidelines

# Data Cleaning (QA/QC)

Screening and cleaning your data to identify and fix any potential errors (missing data, typos, errors, etc.) is an important step before conducting any analyses. This is known as Quality Assurance/Quality Control, or QA/QC. This section includes an overview of steps that should be taken to properly screen your data and introduces some functions that can come in handy when cleaning your data. If you have a small dataset that won't be updated often, screening and cleaning your data may be easiest in Microsoft Excel by sorting and filtering your data columns. However, we recommend performing your data cleaning using R. This has the advantage that all changes made to a raw dataset will be recorded in a script that is reproducible, which may be especially useful when working with large datasets, if you want to quickly modify any steps of your cleaning process, or if you receive additional data.

#### 6.1 Data structure

First, let's read a dataset into R and determine the structure of the dataset. We can look at the raw data just by typing data.

```
data <- read_csv("_data/sample_landings_data_raw.csv")
data</pre>
```

```
## # A tibble: 7,214 × 8
##
         уу
                 dat trip effort
                                       gr
                                                           1_{cm}
                                                                      w_cm
##
      <int>
               <chr> <int>
                             <int> <chr>
                                                          <dbl>
                                                                     <dbl>
## 1
       2003 4/30/03
                          1
                                10
                                    Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                             36 1089.1402
## 2
       2003 4/30/03
                                                             29
                                                                  565.3879
                          1
                                10
                                    trap
                                           Caesio cuning
       2003 4/30/03
                                10
                                                             34
                                                                  915.8276
                          1
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
## 4
       2003 4/30/03
                                10
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
                                                             36
                                                                 1089.1402
                                10
## 5
       2003 4/30/03
                          1
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
                                                             34
                                                                  915.8276
## 6
       2003 4/30/03
                                    Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                             28
                                                                  508.3185
## 7
       2003 4/30/03
                                                             30
                                                                  626.6000
                          1
                                10
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
## 8
       2003 4/30/03
                                10
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
                                                             27
                                                                  455.2443
## 9
       2003 4/30/03
                                10
                                                             33
                                                                 836.5681
                          1
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
## 10 2003 4/30/03
                                10
                                    Trap
                                           Caesio cuning
                                                             35
                                                                  999.9688
## # ... with 7,204 more rows
```

You'll first notice that R calls this data frame a tibble, which is just another word for a nice clean version of a data frame. This format is automatically used when you read in data using read\_csv, which we always recommend. We can see that there are [7214] observations (rows) in our data frame and [8] variables

(columns). First, let's give our columns more descriptive column headings. We can rename columns using the rename function from the dplyr package.

```
## # A tibble: 7,214 \times 8
##
               Date Trip ID Effort Hours
                                           Gear
                                                          Species Length cm
##
      <int>
              <chr>>
                       <int>
                                     <int> <chr>
                                                            <chr>>
                                                                       <dbl>
## 1
       2003 4/30/03
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                                          36
                            1
## 2
       2003 4/30/03
                                        10
                                                                          29
                                                  Caesio cuning
                            1
                                            trap
## 3
       2003 4/30/03
                                                   Caesio cuning
                                                                          34
                            1
                                        10
                                             Trap
                                                                          36
## 4
       2003 4/30/03
                            1
                                        10
                                             Trap
                                                   Caesio cuning
## 5
       2003 4/30/03
                            1
                                        10
                                             Trap
                                                   Caesio cuning
                                                                          34
## 6
       2003 4/30/03
                                             Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                                          28
                            1
                                        10
## 7
       2003 4/30/03
                            1
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                                             Trap
                                                   Caesio cuning
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## 8
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                                             Trap
                                                   Caesio cuning
## 9
       2003 4/30/03
                            1
                                        10
                                            Trap
                                                   Caesio cuning
                                                                          33
## 10 2003 4/30/03
                            1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                          35
## # ... with 7,204 more rows, and 1 more variables: Weight_g <dbl>
```

We can see that the variables containing numbers are in the integer (int) or numeric (num) class. The variables containing characters are classified as factors. Although the variable Year is numeric, we will to treat it as a factor, and not a continuous variable. For any future analyses, we will now be able to perform calculations on integer and numeric class variables across the Year variable. Similarly, we will want to convert the Date variable to a date format.

```
data <- data %>%
  mutate(Date = mdy(Date)) %>%
  mutate(Year = factor(Year))

class(data$Year)

## [1] "factor"

class(data$Date)
```

### 6.2 Missing values

## [1] "Date"

Next, let's check our data frame to determine if there are any missing values by subsetting observations (rows) in our dataframe that have missing values using the <code>complete\_cases</code> function and the logical operator for negation, ! .

```
data[!complete.cases(data),]
```

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```
## # A tibble: 3 × 8
##
                                                              Species Length_cm
       Year
                   Date Trip_ID Effort_Hours
                                                   Gear
                                                                            <dbl>
##
     <fctr>
                 <date>
                          <int>
                                                  <chr>
                                                                 <chr>
       2003 2003-05-01
## 1
                                                   <NA> Caesio cuning
                                                                          19.000
                              10
                                           10
## 2
       2003 2003-05-01
                              10
                                           10 Handline Caesio cuning
                                                                          19.000
       2004 2004-12-18
## 3
                             NA
                                            9
                                                   Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                          20.104
## # ... with 1 more variables: Weight g <dbl>
```

There are 3 rows in our dataframe with missing values. If we want to remove observations with missing data from our dataset we can use the na.omit function which will remove any rows with missing values from our dataset:

```
data <- na.omit(data)</pre>
data
## # A tibble: 7,211 × 8
##
        Year
                     Date Trip_ID Effort_Hours
                                                                Species Length_cm
##
                                                                  <chr>
                                                                             <dbl>
      <fctr>
                   <date>
                            <int>
                                           <int> <chr>
## 1
        2003 2003-04-30
                                              10
                                                  Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                                                36
                                 1
## 2
        2003 2003-04-30
                                                                                29
                                              10
                                                         Caesio cuning
                                 1
                                                  trap
## 3
        2003 2003-04-30
                                 1
                                              10
                                                  Trap
                                                         Caesio cuning
                                                                                34
## 4
        2003 2003-04-30
                                                                                36
                                 1
                                              10
                                                  Trap
                                                         Caesio cuning
## 5
        2003 2003-04-30
                                                                                34
                                 1
                                              10
                                                  Trap
                                                         Caesio cuning
        2003 2003-04-30
## 6
                                 1
                                              10
                                                  Trap Caesoi cunning
                                                                                28
```

10

10

10

10

Trap

Trap

Trap

Caesio cuning

Caesio cuning

Caesio cuning

Caesio cuning

30

27

33

35

## # ... with 7,201 more rows, and 1 more variables: Weight\_g <dbl>
Checking the data structure again, we can see that the 3 rows containing NA values have been removed from

1

1

our dataframe. You may not always wish to remove NA values from a dataset, if you still want to keep other values in that observation. Even if you want to keep observations with NA values in the dataset, it is still good to identify NAs and know where they occur to ensure they don't create problems during analyses.

### 6.3 Typos

2003 2003-04-30

2003 2003-04-30

2003 2003-04-30

2003 2003-04-30

## 7

## 8

## 9

## 10

We can check for typos in our factor variables by using the unique function, which will tell us all of the unique values found within each factor. As an example, let's look at the Gear variable.

```
unique(data$Gear)
```

```
## [1] "Trap" "trap" "Muroami" "Handline" "Gillnet" "Trolling"
## [7] "Speargun"
```

The gear variable has 7 unique values, however, we know there should only be 6 gears present in the dataset. We can see that "trap" appears twice because capitalization was inconsistent. The lower case 't' causes R to read it as a unique value and its own factor level. We can fix this by making sure all of our values in the Gear variable are consistent and have all lowercase letters using the tolower function. Alternatively, we could change them to all uppercase using the toupperfunction. To make sure we don't change the class of the variable we also use the as.factor function. Similarly to Year, this will allow us to do later analyses across the Gear column.

```
data <- data %>%
  mutate(Gear = tolower(Gear)) %>%
```

```
mutate(Gear = as.factor(Gear))
unique(data$Gear)
```

```
## [1] trap muroami handline gillnet trolling speargun
## Levels: gillnet handline muroami speargun trap trolling
```

Now we have the correct number (6) of unique gears in our dataset.

Now, let's check another our Species variable for typos:

```
unique(data$Species)
```

```
## [1] "Caesoi cunning" "Caesio cuning"
```

The species is showing 2 unique values, but we know there should only be one species in our dataset. It appears there is a spelling error on one of our species names. We can check how many times each of the 2 species spellings occurs in our dataset by using the nrow function on a filtered subset of data for each of the two Species values:

```
data %>%
  filter(Species == "Caesoi cunning") %>%
  nrow()

## [1] 2

data %>%
  filter(Species == "Caesio cuning") %>%
  nrow()
```

```
## [1] 7209
```

It looks like "Caesoi cunning" likely the typo because it only appears once in our dataset, while "Caesoi cunning" appears (7209) times. We can fix this by replacing the misspelled Species value and replacing it with the value that is spelled correctly. We do this using mutate and replace:

```
data <- data %>%
  mutate(Species = replace(Species,Species == "Caesoi cunning", "Caesio cuning")) %>%
  mutate(Species = as.factor(Species))
unique(data$Species)
```

```
## [1] Caesio cuning
## Levels: Caesio cuning
```

Now we have only one species value in our Species variable in our dataset, which is correct. The unique values of all categorical columns (i.e., gear type, species name, etc) should be examined during the data screening and cleaning process.

#### 6.4 Errors

2.00

23.00

25.00

25.81

##

Errors in numeric/integer values may be caused from typos during data entry or from an error during the data collection process (for example, maybe the scale was broken or not zeroed out before weighing). To look at the range and distribution of a numeric variable, the summary function can be used.

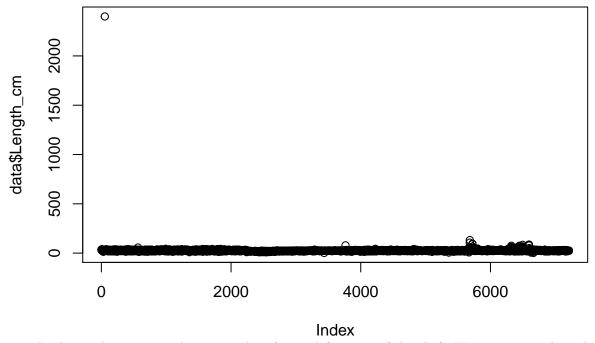
```
summary(data$Length_cm)
## Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
```

27.00 2400.00

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Looks like we have a max Length\_cm value that is order of magnitude higher than the mean and median values. Visualizing numeric data is another great way to screen continuous data and identify data outlines that may be caused from errors in the dataset:

```
plot(data$Length_cm)
```



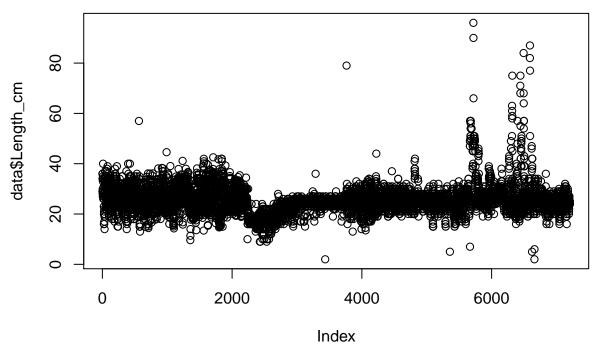
can clearly see there is an outlier in our data (upper left corner of the plot). We are not sure how this error occurred, but we know that this is not correct. In fact, we know that the maximum possible size of our species 100 cm. We know that a measurement or typo error must have occurred for any Length\_cm values that are over 100 cm We can remove these erroneous data by only including observations in our dataset with values over 100 cm (species maximum size) using the filter function:

We

```
data <- data %>%
  filter(Length_cm < 100)

plot(data$Length_cm)</pre>
```

Now



all of our data contains accurate length observations that are in the range of our species length. This process of plotting and examining should be conducted for each of our numeric variables before conducting any analyses to identify any outliers and to remove any erroneous data.

### 6.5 Saving clean data

Now that we have completed our data cleaning and screening, let's examine the structure of our data frame again:

data

##	## # A tibble: 7,208 × 8							
##		Year	Date	Trip_ID	Effort_Hours	Gear	Species	Length_cm
##		<fctr></fctr>	<date></date>	<int></int>	<int></int>	<fctr></fctr>	<fctr></fctr>	<dbl></dbl>
##	1	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	36
##	2	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	29
##	3	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	34
##	4	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	36
##	5	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	34
##	6	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	28
##	7	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	30
##	8	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	27
##	9	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	33
##	10	2003	2003-04-30	1	10	trap	Caesio cuning	35
##	#	with	1 7,198 more	rows, a	and 1 more var	riables	: Weight_g <db< td=""><td>1&gt;</td></db<>	1>

We now have [7208] observations, with [8] variables, and with each variable being the correct data type. We can compare this to our raw dataset and see that we removed 6 observations (3 observations had missing values and 3 had error). This script may come in handy if, for example, we realize that the maximum size of our species is actually 200 cm (not 100 cm). We will know that our dataset does not include any length observations over 100 cm because we have documented our cleaning process and can easily go back to this script and change the 100 to a 200 and rerun this script. If we receive more data, we can also simply re-run this script, and all data cleaning steps will be performed again automatically.

We can save this dataset using a new name so that we have a copy of both the raw, and clean data. Now, we are ready to summarize and analyze our clean dataset.

write\_csv(data,"\_data/sample\_landings\_data\_clean.csv")

## 6.6 Helpful Resources

- Introduction to data cleaning with R
- A data cleaning example
- Removing outliers

# **Packages**

The first step in any analysis is to load the packages you will need for your analysis. Loading packages allows you to use powerful functions not included in "base" R.

For this analysis, you will use the tidyverse package, which actually loads a group of useful packages including tidyr, dplyr, readr, and ggplot2. tidyr and dplyr are very handy packages for manipulating data, readr is great for loading in data such as csv files, while ggplot2 is one of the best packages from plotting data. lubridate is another very handy package for dealing with dates and times.

If you haven't done so yet, follow the instructions in the Installation section to load the tidyverse and lubridate packages which will be used in the example. You can then type the following lines into the console to load them into your current R session.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(lubridate)
```

The next few sections of this quick introduction to R will walk you through how to calculate some basic fisheries statistics and plot the results.

# Loading Fisheries Data

Next, you'll load the data you'll be using for the analysis using the read\_csv function. First, create a new folder in your working directory called "\_data". Next, download the following two files onto your computer. Right click on each link, and save it in your" data" folder.

Right click and save-link-as to download landings data

Right click and save-link-as to download life history data

Next, you'll load these two csv files into R. First load the landings data which includes catch, effort, and length measurements and store these data to a data frame called landings\_data. Next, load the life history parameter data file and store these data to a data frame called life\_history\_parameters.

```
landings_data <- read_csv("_data/sample_landings_data.csv")
life_history_parameters <- read_csv("_data/life_history_parameters.csv")</pre>
```

Let's take a quick look at what's in each of these data frames.

 ${\tt landings\_data}$ 

```
## # A tibble: 7,214 × 8
##
               Date Trip_ID Effort_Hours
       Year
                                                        Species Length_cm
                                            Gear
##
      <int>
               <chr>>
                       <int>
                                     <int> <chr>
                                                          <chr>>
                                                                     <dbl>
## 1
       2003 4/30/03
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                           1
                                        10
                                                                        36
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        29
## 3
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        34
## 4
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        36
## 5
                                                                        34
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                        10
                                                                        28
## 7
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        30
## 8
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        27
## 9
       2003 4/30/03
                           1
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
                                                                        33
## 10 2003 4/30/03
                                                                        35
                           1
                                        10
                                            Trap Caesio cuning
## # ... with 7,204 more rows, and 1 more variables: Weight_g <dbl>
```

The landings\_data data frame is from a fishery-dependent landing site survey. The species included in this data set is *Caesio cuning*, a yellowtail fusilier. You can see the data frame has eight columns, with each row being an individual fish catch measurement. The columns include the year and date when the measurement was collected, the fishing trip ID, how many hours were fished for each trip, what gear was used, the species, the length of the fish, and the weight of the fish. We'll be able to use these data to create length-frequency histograms that describe the size structure of the population, as well as trends in catch and CPUE.

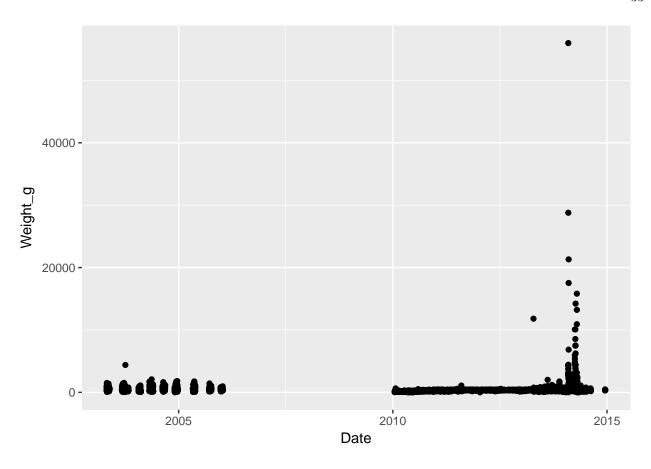
One thing we should do is format the year and date columns to ensure that R knows these represent years and dates as we humans think of them. We can use the mdy and year functions from the lubridate package to do this, combined with the mutate function from the dplyr package. We start by taking the landings data frame we loaded into R, and working through a series of "pipes", designated by the %>% operation, which progressively analyzes the data from one step to the next. Essentially, the output of one line is fed into the input of the next line.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
landings_data <- landings_data %>%
    # Turn the date column into a date format that R recognizes
mutate(Date = mdy(Date)) %>%
    # Conver the gear column to a categorical factor
mutate(Gear = as.factor(Gear)) %>%
    # Conver the gear column to a categorical factor
mutate(Species = as.factor(Species))
```

One of the first things you should always do is quickly plot your raw data using ggplot. This can help you familiarize yourself with what's contained in the data set, as well as look for any potential outliers or errors. We will come back to a more detailed description of plots and visualizations later, but below is some quick code to look at things. When using ggplot, first start with your data frame and initialize the ggplot by specifying the plot's aesthetics (variables) using aes(). Then use the + operation to add at least one geometry (type of plot, such as a scatter plot) and any additional features to the plot. To learn more about ggplot, the Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet is a very helpful resource, as is this ggplot cookbook.

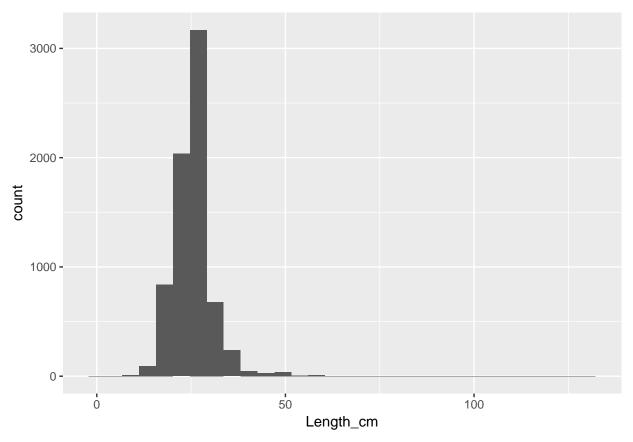
The first figure just shows a point for every weight measurement over time.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
landings_data %>%
    # Initialize a ggplot of weight measurements versus year
    ggplot(aes(x=Date,y=Weight_g)) +
    # Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a scatter plot
    geom_point()
```



The second figure shows a histogram of the length data.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
landings_data %>%
    # Initialize ggplot of data using the length column
ggplot(aes(Length_cm)) +
    # Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a histogram
geom_histogram()
```



Let's next look at the life\_history\_parameters data frame.

#### head(life\_history\_parameters)

The life\_history\_parameters data frame includes several important life history parameters that were found doing a literature review of this species.  $L\_infinity$ , k, and t0 describe the age-to-length relationship using the von Bertalanffy growth equation. M represents natural mortality. Wa and Wb describe the length-to-weight relationship. m50 and m95 describe the lengths at which 50% and 95% of the fish are mature, respectively. maxAge is the maximum age of the fish.

## **Basic Fisheries Statistics**

### 9.1 Calculating Landings

One of the first analyses you may be interested in is calculating annual landings in the fishery. To calculate annual landings, take your landings\_data data frame, add a column for weight of individual fish in kilograms by using the mutate function, group the data by year by using the group\_by function, and then summarize the data for each year by summing the total weight of all fish caught in each year using the summarize and sum functions.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
annual_landings <- landings_data %>%
  # Add colomn for kilograms by dividing gram column by 1000
mutate(Weight_kg = Weight_g / 1000) %>%
  # Group the data by year
group_by(Year) %>%
  # Next, summarize the total annual landings per year
summarize(Annual_Landings_kg = sum(Weight_kg,na.rm=TRUE))
### Display a table of the annual landings data
annual_landings
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 \times 2
      Year Annual_Landings_kg
##
##
     <int>
                          <dbl>
                     311.04137
## 1
      2003
## 2
      2004
                     565.49423
## 3
      2005
                     163.24191
## 4
      2006
                      37.11914
## 5
      2010
                     131.84178
## 6 2011
                     156.77825
## 7
      2012
                     101.53198
## 8
      2013
                     579.52008
## 9
      2014
                    1278.52662
```

Note the use of na.rm = TRUE in the code above. This is an important **argument** of many R functions (sum() in this case) and it tells R what to do with NA values in your data. Here, we are telling R to first remove NA values before calculating the sum of the Weight\_kg variable. By default, many functions will return NA if **any** value is NA, which is often not desirable.

You may be interested in looking at landings across different gear types. Here, we now group the data frame

by both the year and the gear type in order to summarize the total landings by year and by gear.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
annual_gear_landings <- landings_data %>%
  # Add colomn for kilograms by dividing gram column by 1000
  mutate(Weight_kg = Weight_g / 1000) %>%
  # Group the data by year and gear type
  group_by(Year,Gear) %>%
  # Next, summarize the total annual landings per year and gear type
  summarize(Annual_Landings_kg = sum(Weight_kg,na.rm=TRUE))
## Display a table of the annual landings data by gear type
annual gear landings
## Source: local data frame [39 x 3]
## Groups: Year [?]
##
##
                Gear Annual_Landings_kg
       Year
##
      <int>
              <fctr>
                                  <dbl>
       2003 Gillnet
## 1
                              13.413401
## 2
       2003 Handline
                               3.188572
## 3
       2003 Muroami
                             247.879049
      2003
## 4
                Trap
                              46.560347
## 5
      2004 Gillnet
                               4.189301
## 6
       2004 Handline
                              57.705893
## 7
       2004 Muroami
                             370.866460
## 8
       2004 Speargun
                               9.476406
## 9
       2004
                Trap
                             118.869619
## 10 2004 Trolling
                               4.386547
```

### 9.2 Calculating Catch-per-Unit-Effort (CPUE)

## # ... with 29 more rows

You may also be interested in calculating catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE). CPUE is calculated by dividing the catch of each fishing trip by the number of hours fished during that trip. This gives CPUE in units of kilograms per hour. The median for every year is then calculated in order to remove outliers - some fishers are much more efficient than others.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
cpue_data <- landings_data %>%
    # Add colomm for kilograms by dividing gram column by 1000
mutate(Weight_kg = Weight_g / 1000) %>%
    # Group by year and Trip ID so that you can calculate CPUE for every trip in every year
group_by(Year,Trip_ID) %>%
    # For each year and trip ID, calculate the CPUE for each trip by dividing the sum of the catch, conve
summarize(Trip_CPUE = sum(Weight_kg) / mean(Effort_Hours)) %>%
    # Next, just group by year so we can calculate median CPUE for each year across all trips in the year
group_by(Year) %>%
    # Calculate median CPUE for each year
summarize(Median_CPUE_kg_hour = median(Trip_CPUE))
# Display a table of the CPUE data
cpue_data
```

```
## # A tibble: 9 × 2
##
      Year Median_CPUE_kg_hour
##
      2003
## 1
                     0.31834277
## 2
      2004
                     0.26070028
                     0.40145105
## 3
      2005
                     0.44029501
      2006
## 5
      2010
                     0.01742840
## 6
      2011
                     0.03123217
## 7
      2012
                     0.03123217
## 8
      2013
                     0.19638408
## 9
      2014
                     0.88216281
```

### 9.3 Calculating Percent Mature

You may also wish to analyze your length data. One analysis would be to determine the percentage of mature fish in the catch in every year of the data frame. To do this, we add a column to the data frame using the mutate function that represents whether each fish is mature or not (represented by a TRUE or FALSE), group the data frame by year, and then summarize for each year the percentage of mature fish out of the total number of sampled fish. To determine if a fish is mature or not, it is compared against m95, the length at which 95% of fish are mature. The value for m95 is taken from the life\_history\_parameters data frame and is referenced using a \$ and the code life\_history\_parameters\$m95.

```
##
##
      2003
## 1
                  98.57595
## 2
      2004
                  98.62306
## 3
      2005
                  97.73371
## 4
                 100.00000
      2006
## 5
      2010
                  91.80556
## 6
      2011
                  99.77629
## 7
      2012
                  99.65398
      2013
## 8
                  99.46164
## 9
      2014
                  99.55709
```

Over 90% of the fish are mature throughout the time series, which is a great sign!

## 9.4 Helpful Resources

• Data Wrangling with dplyr and tidyr Cheat Sheet is a very helpful resource for learning how to "wrangle" (manipulate) data in R

# Plotting Fisheries Data

This document will now walk you through how to make make some basic fisheries plots using the data frames you created in the previous analysis section and the ggplot plotting function. When using ggplot, first start with your data frame and initialize the ggplot by specifying the plot's aesthetics (variables) using aes(). Then use the + operation to add at least one geometry (type of plot, such as a scatter plot) and any additional features to the plot. To learn more about ggplot, the Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet is a very helpful resource, as is this ggplot cookbook.

### 10.1 Plotting Landings

Let's plot a time series of annual landings data. We start with the annual landings data we made in the previous step, and then feed this into a ggplot.

```
# Start with the annual_landings data frame you created in the last step
annual_landings %>%

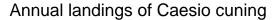
# Initialize a ggplot of annual landings versus year
ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=Annual_Landings_kg)) +

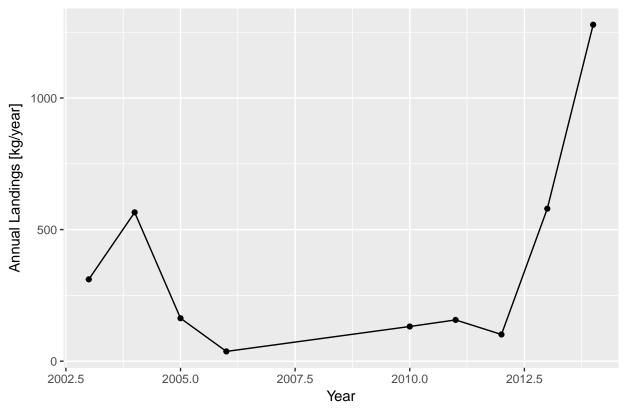
# Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a scatter plot
geom_point() +

# Also add a line connecting the points
geom_line() +

# Change the y-axis title
ylab("Annual Landings [kg/year]") +

# Add figure title
ggtitle("Annual landings of Caesio cuning")
```





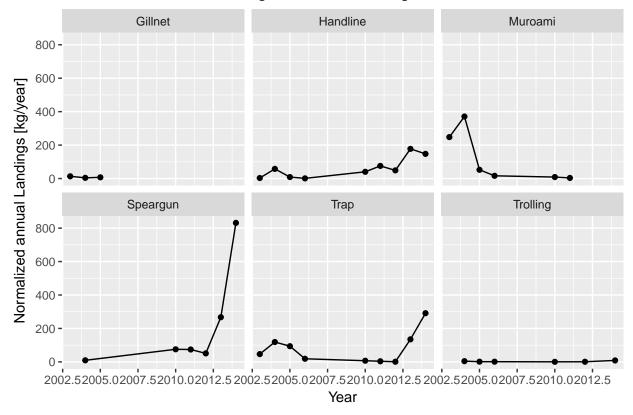
In this example, we are using aes(x=Year, y=Annual\_Landings\_kg) to specify that the we want to plot years on the x-axis and annual landings on the y-axis. We then want to visualize these variables with both a scatter plot (geom\_point()) and a line plot (geom\_line()) geometry.

It appears landings were going down between 2004 and 2011, but have been increasing since then. Again, you may be interested in looking across different gear types. To plot, we use ggplot's faceting functionality, which tells ggplot to divide up the data by a certain variable, Gear in this case, and make multiple similar plots. You can use the facet\_wrap() function to accomplish this.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
annual_gear_landings %>%
  # First, group the data by year
  group_by(Year,Gear) %>%
  # Initialize a ggplot of annual landings versus year
  ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=Annual_Landings_kg)) +
  # Tell gaplot that the plot type should be a scatter plot
  geom_point() +
  # Also add a line connecting the points
  geom_line() +
  # Change the y-axis title
  ylab("Normalized annual Landings [kg/year]") +
  # Add figure title
  ggtitle("Normalized annual landings of Caesio cuning") +
  # This tells the figure to plot by all different gear types
  facet_wrap(~Gear)
```

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### Normalized annual landings of Caesio cuning



It now becomes clear that the recent increase in catch seems to be concentrated in speargun and trap fishing. Meanwhile, catch from muroami, a very destructive type of gear where nets are driven into the reef, has dropped to 0 since a ban of that gear in 2012 - a good sign that management regulation is working.

## 10.2 Plotting CPUE

You may also be interested in plotting median catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE). You take your CPUE data frame made in the last step and feed it into ggplot.

```
# Start with the CPUE data frame
cpue_data %>%

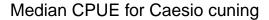
# Initialize a ggplot of median CPUE versus year
ggplot(aes(x=Year,y=Median_CPUE_kg_hour)) +

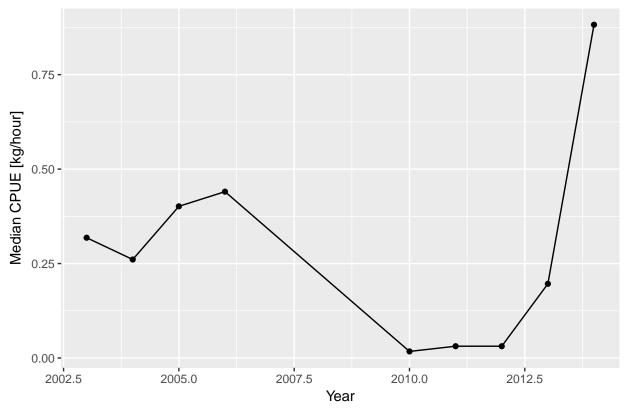
# Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a scatter plot
geom_point() +

# Also add a line connecting the points
geom_line() +

# Change the y-axis title
ylab("Median CPUE [kg/hour]") +

# Add figure title
ggtitle("Median CPUE for Caesio cuning")
```





CPUE appears to have increased significantly during the last years. This may be due to increasing abundance in the water, which would be a good thing, but may also be indicative of increased gear efficiency coinciding with the transition to traps and spearguns, which may be concerning.

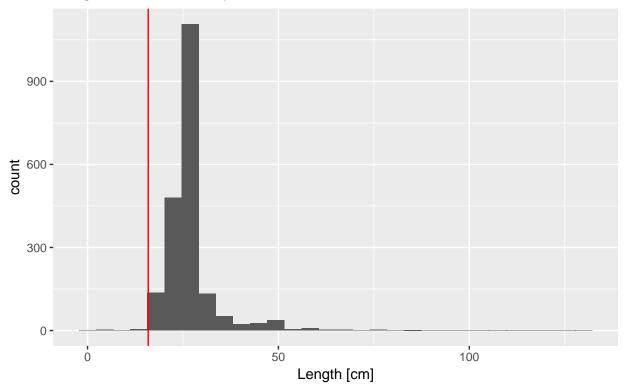
## 10.3 Plotting Length Frequency

Finally, let's first look at the length data from the catch, which gives an indication of the size structure and health of the population. Let's look at the length data for 2014, which is the most recent year of data available. We first filter the data to be only from 2014 using the filter() function. We then create a histogram of the length data, which shows how many individuals of each size class were measured in the catch. On the histogram, we'll also add a vertical line to show the length at which fish mature to get a sense of how sustainable the catch is - the catch should be composed mostly of mature fish. This information comes from the life history parameter data input file.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
landings_data %>%
    # Filter data to only look at length measurements from 2014
filter(Year == 2014) %>%
    # Initialize ggplot of data using the length column
ggplot(aes(Length_cm)) +
    # Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a histogram
geom_histogram() +
    # Change x-axis label
xlab("Length [cm]") +
    # Add figure title
ggtitle("Length histogram of Caesio cuning in the catch\nLength at 95% maturity shown as a red line."
```

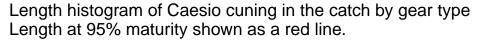
# Add a red vertical line for m95, the length at which 95% of fish are mature. Any fish below this le geom\_vline(aes(xintercept=life\_history\_parameters\$m95),color="red")

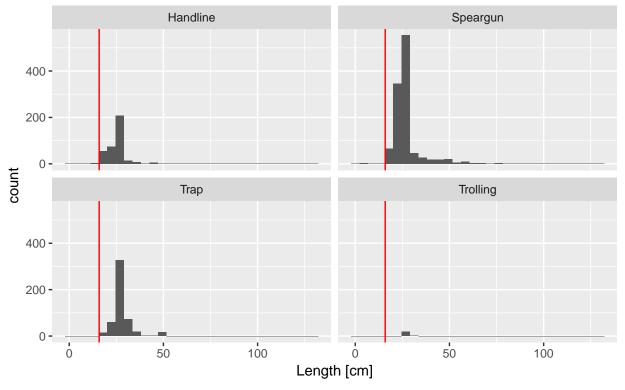
### Length histogram of Caesio cuning in the catch Length at 95% maturity shown as a red line.



You might also be interested in seeing how the size composition varies by gear type. You can recreate the figure above, but separate the histograms out by gear type using ggplot's "facet" function.

```
# Start with the landings data frame
landings_data %>%
  # Filter data to only look at length measurements from 2014
  filter(Year == 2014) %>%
  # Initialize ggplot of data using the length column
  ggplot(aes(Length_cm)) +
  # Tell ggplot that the plot type should be a histogram
  geom_histogram() +
  # Change x-axis label
  xlab("Length [cm]") +
  # Add figure title
  ggtitle("Length histogram of Caesio cuning in the catch by gear type\nLength at 95% maturity shown as
  # Add a red line form95, the length at which 95% of fish are mature. Any fish below this length may b
  geom_vline(aes(xintercept=life_history_parameters$m95),color="red") +
  # This tells the figure to plot by all different gear types, known as facetting
  facet_wrap(~Gear)
```





It appears as if the size structure is about the same from each gear, although by far the most amount of fish are caught using speargun. Very few fish are caught using trolling.

These plots indicate a generally increasing catch, CPUE, and a healthy size structure. Our results demonstrate that the population is likely doing fairly well, and may be recovering since the 2012 ban of muroami fishing gear.

## 10.4 Helpful Resources

- Data Visualization with ggplot2 Cheat Sheet
- ggplot cookbook

# Wrapping Up

Congratulations! You've completed our introduction to R and are ready to start using it to conduct fishery analyses. We think you'll find, like us, that R will dramatically expand your ability to ask interesting and important questions about your data. Furthermore, by doing all your data processing, analysis, and plotting in R you can develop a streamlined work flow that is entirely reproducible and does not jeopardize the integrity of your raw data.

R is a very powerful and flexible tool. Once you become comfortable with the types of analyses outlined in this tutorial you can start using R to run fishery models or build your own.

### 11.1 R Packages for Fishery Analysis

Fortunately, there are already numerous R packages available that are specifically designed for different types of fisheries analyses. The following four packages all contain very useful functions, and numerous other packages are available. Before jumping into these packages, however, we recommend you become familiar with R and more basic analyses first. Also, keep in mind that **R** is an open-source language, which means that *anyone* can submit packages. You should therefore always be sure to read the package documentation and double check your work to be sure things are performing as expected.

- TropFishR Fish stock assessment methods and fisheries models based on the FAO Manual "Introduction to tropical fish stock assessment" by P. Sparre and S.C. Venema. Focus is the analysis of length-frequency data and data-poor fisheries.
- DLMTool Implementation of management procedures for data-limited fisheries
- LBSPR Functions to run the Length-Based Spawning Potential Ratio (LBSPR) method. The LBSPR package can be used in two ways: 1) simulating the expected length composition, growth curve, and SPR and yield curves using the LBSPR model and 2) fitting to empirical length data to provide an estimate of the spawning potential ratio (SPR).
- fishmethods Fishery science methods and models from published literature

All four of these packages are available on CRAN and can be downloaded directly in RStudio by running the following command:

```
install.packages(c('TropFishR','DLMTool', 'LBSPR', 'fishmethods'))
```

### 11.2 Additional Resources

Throughout this guidebook we provided links to additional useful R resources. We now include all of these resources below for your convenience.

- R for Data Science
- Cookbook for R
- RStudio Cheat Sheets
- Jenny Bryan's Stat 545 Course Syllabus
- Simple Guidelines for Effective Data Management
- Research Data Management

# Bibliography