

# Package ‘nhSDM’

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**Description** Miscellaneous tools for working with Natural Heritage data in Species Distribution Modelling (SDM) workflows.

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nh_best	<i>Extract areas with best (highest value) as polygons from an SDM prediction raster, with optional feature mask</i>
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## Description

If `spf` is given, areas of cells intersecting these features will not be included in the returned polygons.

## Usage

```
nh_best(spf = NULL, rast, top.percent = NULL, min.size = NULL,  
        num.patches = NULL, rank.by = "area")
```

## Arguments

spf	input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object); will be erased from output
rast	input raster model output with continuous values
top.percent	numeric; percent (e.g.; 0.01 = 0.01%) of highest cell values in raster to extract
min.size	numeric; optional minimal area of an extracted polygon
num.patches	numeric; optional number of patches to return, using rank.by criteria
rank.by	character; used for ranking patches when num.patches is not null; either 'area' (default) or 'value'

## Details

top.percent and min.size will both be derived from spf if they are null and spf is given. In this case, top.percent will be set to be equal to spf's cell coverage (prevalence relative to non-NA areas in raster). min.size will be set to the area of the smallest feature in spf. If spf are line or point features, this will be zero.

rank.by only subsets the outputs if num.patches is set. rank.by must be set to "value" to return the mean prediction value of the patch.

For better performance, crop the raster prior to running, and/or use a very low top.percent value, to return a smaller proportion of the cells as polygons.

## Value

sp or sf object (polygons)

## Author(s)

David Bucklin

## Examples

```
## Not run:
spf <- st_read("ambymabe/polygon_data/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- raster("ambymabe/grids/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
best_polys <- nh_burn(spf, rast)

## End(Not run)
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nh\_burn

*Add areas represented by features ('burn-in') to a binary raster SDM output*

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## Description

Takes spatial features, a continuous raster (values between 0 and 1), and returns a classified binary (0/1) raster. Areas greater than orig.thresh are set to 1, all others 0. Areas intersecting spf features are assigned a value of 1 in the returned classified raster. See details for default calculation of orig.thresh and usage of buffer.

**Usage**

```
nh_burn(spf, rast, orig.thresh = NULL, buffer = 0, ...)
```

**Arguments**

spf	input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object)
rast	input raster model output (values between 0 and 1)
orig.thresh	numeric between 0 and 1; threshold value to apply to full raster
buffer	numeric; spatial buffer around spf to include in burn-in
...	additional parameters to raster::writeRaster

**Details**

When buffer is used or orig.thresh is not provided, a minimum cell value (min.cell) across all spf is calculated. The min.cell value will be used as a threshold for the full raster, or just areas within buffer distance of spf, if buffer is greater than 0.

If buffer is greater than 0 orig.thresh is not NULL, orig.thresh is used as the threshold for the full raster. Additionally, cells within buffer distance of spf which are greater than min.cell are also set to 1. If a given orig.thresh is lower than the calculated min.cell value, buffer distance will have no impact on the output.

**Value**

RasterLayer

**Author(s)**

David Bucklin

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- st_read("ambymabe/polygon_data/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- raster("ambymabe/grids/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
class_burn <- nh_burn(spf, rast, 0.75, 250, filename = "model_classified.tif", datatype = "INT2U")

## End(Not run)
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nh\_group

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*Group spatial features using a defined separation distance*


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**Description**

Input features are allocated into new groups depending on whether they lie within the separation distance of another input feature.

**Usage**

```
nh_group(spf, sep.dist = 0, union = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

spf	input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object)
sep.dist	separation distance with which to define groups (see description)
union	whether to union output groups into multi-features

**Details**

The grouping is done by input ID, so multi-features are considered one input feature (they will not be be ungrouped).

The separation distance `sep.dist` is numeric and in the units of `spf`'s coordinate system, unless the coordinate system uses latitude/longitude as the unit (e.g. WGS 84). In these cases, geodesic distances will be used and `sep.dist` should be specified in meters.

A column 'group' will be added to the output features. Specifying `union = TRUE` will output one (multi)feature per group, meaning original attributes will be discarded - only 'group' and 'count' (the number of original features in the group) will be returned. This feature requires the package `dplyr` to be installed.

**Value**

sp or sf object (same as input)

**Author(s)**

David Bucklin

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- rgdal::readOGR("ambymabe/polygon_data", "ambymabe")
spg <- nh_group(spf, 1000)

## End(Not run)
```

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nh\_sample

*Create points in features in reference raster cells*

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**Description**

For each spatial feature, a given number (`num_samps`) of points are created in cells that the feature intersects.

**Usage**

```
nh_sample(spf, rast, num.samps = NULL, replace = FALSE, force.min = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

spf	input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object)
rast	raster dataset with extent overlapping spf
num.samps	number of samples to create in each feature (see details)
replace	whether to sample with or without replacement
force.min	whether to force <code>num.samps</code> points in features, even if they are duplicates

## Details

num.samps can be a proportion (a decimal value  $< 1$ ), single integer, or vector of integers equal to length of spf indicated the number of samples to take from each feature. If left NULL, num.samps will be set to the number of cells [n] intersecting the feature. If a proportion is given (e.g., 0.5), then  $[n * \text{num.samps}]$  will be returned. If a single integer is given, num.samps points will be sampled in each feature.

When `replace = FALSE` and `force.min = FALSE` (defaults), each cell can only contain one point (across each feature, and the entire returned set of points). In this case, when the number of samples points to create exceeds the number of unique cells intersected by a given feature, the number of samples for that feature equals the number of cells. If `replace = TRUE`, sampling is done with replacement and duplicates may be taken. The special case `replace = FALSE` and `force.min = TRUE` will always return num.samps per feature. It only produces duplicates if num.samps exceeds the number of cells intersecting the feature, in which case it will replicate the samples until num.samps is reached.

If CRS do not match, the features will be transformed to the CRS of the raster.

A column 'feat.id' is added to the output point features to indicate the row number of the feature that the point was generated within.

## Value

sp or sf object (points)

## Author(s)

David Bucklin

## Examples

```
## Not run:
r<-raster::raster("AnnMnTemp.tif")
spf <- rgdal::readOGR("ambymabe/polygon_data", "ambymabe")
# can also use sf: spf <- sf::st_read("ambymabe/polygon_data/ambymabe.shp")
spf.samps <- nh_sample(spf, r, num.samps)

## End(Not run)
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