# Package 'nhSDM'

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nh\_best

nh_best	Extract highest-value areas as polygons from an SDM prediction raster, with optional feature mask

## **Description**

If spf is given, areas intersecting these features (plus a buffer, if min.dist is specified) will not be included in the returned polygons.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

rast	input raster model output with continuous values
spf	input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object); if given, it can be used to modify areas selected from rast
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
min.dist	numeric; optional minimal distance from spf for patches. Default is $0$ (can be adjacent to 'spf')
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)
```

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#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- sf::st_read("_data/occurrence/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
rast <- terra::crop(rast, spf)
best_polys <- nh_best(rast, spf, top.percent = 0.01, min.size = 10000, min.dist <- 10000,
    num.patches = 100, rank.by = "value")

## End(Not run)

Add areas represented by features ('burn-in') to a binary raster SDM
    output, plus areas within a buffer distance above a threshold</pre>
```

## **Description**

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

## Usage

```
nh_burn(spf, rast, orig.thresh = NULL, buffer = NA, return.thresh = FALSE)
```

#### **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 raster

buffer numeric; spatial buffer distance around spf where threshold will be applied.

return.thresh logical; whether to return thresholds along with raster in a list

#### **Details**

When buffer is used or orig. thresh is not provided, a minimum cell value (min.cell) of values within spf is calculated and used as the threshold.

The default is to return the raster only. If return. thresh = TRUE, the function will return a list with 3 named objects: rast, the output raster; orig. thresh, the global threshold (if used); min.cell, the minimum cell value threshold (if used).

## Value

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nh\_crop

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- sf::st_read("_data/occurrence/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
full_burn <- nh_burn(spf, rast, buffer = NA)
buff_burn <- nh_burn(spf, rast, buffer = 10000)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

nh\_crop

Crop extra rows/columns from all sides of a raster

#### **Description**

This function will reduce the extent of a raster, by removing rows/columns from all sides which do not have any non-NA cells with a value greater than zero. One buffer row/column is left on each side.

## Usage

```
nh_crop(rast)
```

## **Arguments**

rast

input raster

#### Value

SpatRaster

## Author(s)

David Bucklin

```
## Not run:
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
values(rast) <- ifelse(values(rast) > 0.3, 1, NA)
rast.crop <- nh_crop(rast)

# should be TRUE
sum(values(rast), na.rm=T) == sum(values(rast.crop), na.rm=T)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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nh_group	Group spatial features using a defined separation distance	

## **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

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

nh\_linefill

nh_linefill	For line-based SDM predictions, identify areas between predicted suitable lines

## Description

Provided a network of lines (e.g., reaches in a hydrological network), and an attribute that identifies those lines representing suitable habitat, this function identifies fill-in lines between suitable lines, given certain limits (total distance and/or total reaches). It does not alter original line segments.

#### Usage

```
nh_linefill(spf, field, max.dist = NA, max.line = NA)
```

#### **Arguments**

spf	input spatial features (model predictions; sp or sf spatial object)
field	name of field in spf (binary $1/0$ ), where lines will be filled between features with value == 1
max.dist	maximum distance between selected lines to fill in
max.line	maximum number of lines between selected lines to fill in

## **Details**

Line directionality is used to identify how they are connected in the network, so start/end nodes must align. These nodes will be calculated; alternatively, the names startNode and endNode can be provided as columns in spf and will be used instead.

Values for max.dist should be in the units of the CRS, except when using a lat/lon based CRS, in which case the value should be in meters.

## Value

sf object including suitable lines and filled-in lines

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

```
## Not run:
spf <- st_read("SDM_results.shp")
fill <- nh_linefill(spf, "thresh", max.dist = 5000, max.line = 5)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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nh_map	Make a suitable/unsuitable binary map, given a continuous SDM out-
	put or raster template, burn-in features, and masks

#### **Description**

This function performs a reclassification of a continuous map to a binary one, and then performs additional changes to the binary map, depending on inputs. If no continuous map is to be used, then a template raster should be given to rast.

## Usage

```
nh_map(
  rast,
  thresh = NULL,
  feature.occ = NULL,
  feature.burn = NULL,
  feature.mask = NULL,
  raster.mask = NULL,
  patch.drop = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

rast	input raster model output (values between 0 and 1); if no model, a template raster must be provided
thresh	numeric between 0 and 1; 'global' threshold value to apply to rast
feature.occ	input feature occurrences, to burn-in to map (sp or sf spatial object)
feature.burn	input feature(s), to burn-in to map (sp or sf spatial object)
feature.mask	input feature mask to apply to map (sp or sf spatial object)
raster.mask	input raster mask to apply to map (should match rast resolution)
patch.drop	patch size (in rast area units) to remove from map

## **Details**

Reclassification (when thresh is given) is always performed first. After this, optional masks are applied where areas within features (feature.mask) and not NoData (raster.mask) are kept (value = 1). All other cells are given (value = 0).

Patches (contiguous groups of cells = 1) are then be dropped by specifying a minimum patch size to patch.drop in area units of the raster's CRS (see nhSDM::nh\_patchdrop).

The final step is to 'burn in' (rasterize with value = 1) features from feature.occ and feature.burn. Because it is the last step, it is not affected by masks or patch dropping.

#### Value

SpatRaster

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- sf::st_read("_data/occurrence/ambymabe.shp")</pre>
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")</pre>
feature.burn <- st_buffer(spf, 250)</pre>
feature.mask <- st_buffer(spf, 50000)</pre>
raster.mask <- rast("D:/PSH/inputs/species_masks/no_med_hi_dev/no_med_hi_dev.tif")</pre>
map <- nh_map(rast, thresh=0.75, feature.occ=spf, feature.burn=feature.burn,</pre>
   feature.mask=feature.mask, raster.mask=raster.mask, NULL)
## End(Not run)
```

nh\_patchdrop

Remove contiguous patches smaller than a given patch size from binary output

## **Description**

Takes a binary/thresholded raster (values either NA, 0, or 1), and returns a binary raster. Clumps of contiguous cells with the value (1) that are smaller than the min.patch size are given updatevalue (default = 0).

## Usage

```
nh_patchdrop(
  spf = NULL,
  rast,
  min.patch = NULL,
  directions = 8,
  updatevalue = 0
)
```

#### **Arguments**

spf input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object) input binary raster output (values either NA/0 or 1) rast area of minimum patch size, in area units used in rast min.patch directions

Integer. Which cells are considered adjacent? Should be 8 (default; Queen's

case) or 4 (Rook's case). From terra::patches

updatevalue Integer or NA. Value to apply to cells which do not meet the min.patch size.

Default = 0.

## **Details**

If 'spf' is given, the smallest feature's area will be used to derive a min.patch value, and any given 'min.patch' is ignored. If 'spf' is not given, a 'min.patch' value must be given, in area units of the input raster.

## Value

SpatRaster

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#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- sf::st_read("_data/occurrence/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
values(rast) <- ifelse(values(rast) > 0.9, 1, NA)

# use minimum patch size from presence features
rast_contig_minpres <- nh_patchdrop(spf, rast)

# use a minimum patch size of 10000 (in units from 'rast')
rast_contig_10km <- nh_patchdrop(rast = rast, min.patch = 10000)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

nh\_rasterize

Convert vector format SDM predictions to raster format

## **Description**

Requires spatial features with a prediction values attribute, and a template raster. The buffer is optional; when provided, the buffer distance can be provided as a single numeric value or a vector matching length of spf, for a variable buffer by feature.

#### Usage

```
nh_rasterize(
    spf,
    rast,
    pred.vals,
    buffer = NULL,
    priority = NULL,
    touches = TRUE,
    rast.out = NULL,
    ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

spf input spatial features (model predictions; sp or sf spatial object)

rast input raster template

pred.vals column name in spf holding feature prediction values

buffer numeric (single value or vector matching length of spf); spatial buffer around

spf to include in burn-in

priority column name in spf holding priority values for feature rasterization (higher val-

ues have priority)

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touches	from terra::rasterize: If TRUE, all cells touched by lines or polygons are affected, not just those on the line render path, or whose center point is within the polygon.
rast.out	Optional output raster file name (with file extension)
	Additional arguments to terra::writeRaster (e.g. overwrite)

## **Details**

Buffer units should be given in the units of rast. Make sure to keep in mind the resolution of the raster when choosing a buffer. If rasterizing lines, and a one-cell width is desired, do not use a buffer.

A vector can be given to 'priority' for sorting prior to rasterization, where higher values have priority. When priority = NULL (default), priority will be defined as the pred.vals.

If rast.out is not specified, the raster will remain in temp folder.

#### Value

SpatRaster

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
spf <- st_read("_data/species/acipoxyr/outputs/model_predictions/acipoxyr_20180105_133929_results.shp")
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")

# rasterize
rast_poly <- nh_rasterize(spf, rast, pred.vals = "prbblty", priority = "strord",
    buffer = spf$strord*15, touches=F, rast.out = "C:/David/scratch/nh_rasterize_poly.tif",
    overwrite = T)
rast_line <- nh_rasterize(spf, rast, pred.vals = "prbblty", priority = "strord", touches=T,
    rast.out = "C:/David/scratch/nh_rasterize_line.tif", overwrite = T)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

nh\_sample

Create points in features in reference raster cells

## 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)
```

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#### **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 num. samps points in features, even if they are duplicates

#### **Details**

num. samps can be a 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), than [n \* 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

```
## Not run:
spf <- sf::st_read("_data/occurrence/ambymabe.shp")
rast <- terra::rast("_data/species/ambymabe/outputs/model_predictions/ambymabe_20171018_130837.tif")
spf$num.samps <- sample(1:5, nrow(spf), replace = T)
spf.samps <- nh_sample(spf, rast, num.samps =spf$num.samps, replace = F, force.min = T)
nrow(spf.samps) == sum(spf$num.samps)  # Should be TRUE when force.min = T.
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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nh_stack	Stack multiple binary rasters into one raster layer with attributes identifying original layers

## **Description**

Takes a rastfiles of binary raster's filenames (values 0/1), a template raster covering the extent desired for the stack, and optionally the codes (names) to use for the rasters. Returns a single raster layer (factor type with an attribute table).

## Usage

```
nh_stack(rastfiles, rast, codes = NULL, return.table = TRUE, clip.feat = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

rastfiles raster file names; character vector

rast raster template dataset

codes species codes; character vector. If given, must match length of rastfiles

return.table Whether to return a table with nh\_stack unique values, species codes, and file-

names

clip.feat sf data with masking features for rastfiles. Must have column named 'code',

matching codes

#### **Details**

The raster attribute table (accessed using cats()) has four columns: 'ID': the unique integer value in the raster; 'VALUE': the internal nh\_stack unique value for that 'ID', 'ALLCODES': the identity of species codes, pasted in a character vector seperated by ';', 'ALLCODES\_CT': the number of unique codes for that value.

If codes is not given, the raster layer name will be used as the layer's code. If these are not unique, the internal nh\_stack unique value will be pasted to the end of the original code, and a message will be printed.

All rasters must have the same projection and resolution, though they can have different extents - the processing extent is defined by rast. To summarize all rasters across their entire extents, rast should essentially be the union (mosaic) of all raster extents.

When return.table is TRUE, a list with two objects (1), the stack raster, and (2) a summary table of included rasters is returned (with internal nh\_stack unique values, species codes, and file names). This table is required for resampling the stack (i.e. with nh\_stack\_resample).

## Value

SpatRaster

## Author(s)

David Bucklin

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#### **Examples**

nh\_stack\_resample

Aggregate values from a nh\_stack to a lower (coarser) resolution raster, or within polygons

#### **Description**

When, spf=NULL, takes an output raster from nh\_stack, and returns a lower-resolution version, with recalculated species assemblages for the larger cells. New values are "aggregated" by fact, the number of cells to aggregate in the x/y dimensions (see ?terra::aggregate).

#### Usage

```
nh_stack_resample(rast, lookup, fact = 10, spf = NULL)
```

## Arguments

rast raster output from nh\_stack
lookup lookup table from nh\_stack

fact aggregation factor, in number of cells (see ?terra::aggregate)

spf Optional vector spatial features to use for aggregation (sp or sf-class polygons).

If supplied, fact will be ignored

#### **Details**

Alternatively, you can aggregate species assemblages within polygons (sp or sf-class) provided to spf. Polygons intersecting areas with non-NA cells in rast are returned, with columns identifying species codes and counts. Polygons will be returned in their original projection, but processing internally is done in the raster's projection.

#### Value

SpatRaster or spf (with attributes added)

#### Author(s)

David Bucklin

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# stack <- nh_stack(list, rast, return.table = TRUE)

# resample from 30m to 990m resolution
stack1km <- nh_stack_resample(stack[[1]], stack[[2]], fact = 33)
# view raster attributes
cats(stack1km)

# view species count raster (index=3 is the 'ALLCODES_CT' column)
ct <- as.numeric(stack1km, index=3)
plot(ct)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

shiny\_group

Interactively view (in a leaflet map) and select grouping distance

## Description

Interactively view (in a leaflet map) and select grouping distance

## Usage

```
shiny_group(spf)
```

## **Arguments**

spf

input spatial features (sp or sf spatial object)

```
## Not run:
spf <- readOGR("D:/SDM/Tobacco/inputs/species/ambymabe/polygon_data", "ambymabe_expl")
shiny_group(spf)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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