Preliminary analysis Yasmin R Final .rmd

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Intro and Methods

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[1] We hypothesise that allelic richness of Eulamprus leuraensis populations will increase with increasing elevation. We hypothesise that expected heterozygosity and observed heterozygosity of Eulamprus leuraensis populations will increase with increasing elevation.

[2] Dependent variables-allelic richness, observe heterozygosity, and expected heterozygosity. Independent variables-elevation (500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100 metres).

[3] A linear regression will be used to assess the relationship between elevation and genetic diversity (allelic richness, observed heterozygosity, and expected heterozygosity). The statistical null hypothesis is that the linear relationship between Y (allelic richness, observed heterozygosity, and expected heterozygosity) is equal to 0. The alternative hypothesis is that the linear relationship between Y (allelic richness, observed heterozygosity, and expected heterozygosity) is not equal to 0.

[4] Independence of data within and among samples, X variable is measured without error, Normality of the residuals about the fitted line, m X + b, Homogeneity of variances for residuals about the fitted line m X + b, and Linear relationship

Results

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[5] The plot illustrates a linear relationship. This suggests that the assumption the relationship is linear is reasonable. It also suggests that there are no unusual data points. It also illustrates that the variation around the estimated regression line is constant suggesting that the assumption of equal variances is reasonable. Assumption of normality also seems reasonable as values follow a reasonably straight line (Figure 1).

qqplot(Lizard\_dataElevation)

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Figure 1: Normal qqplot for standardized residuals

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Table 1: Elevation of population sites and number of lizard tail samples collected per each population (N), observed heterozygosity (Ho), expected heterozygosity (Hs), and allelic richness (AR).

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summary(Lizard\_data)

Observed heterozygosity (Ho), expected heterozygosity (Hs), and allelic richness (AR) of Eulamprus leuraensis populations was higher at higher elevations compared to lower elevations sites (Table 1).

plot(Lizard\_dataAR,xlab='Elevation', ylab='AR',main='Relationship between Elevation and AR', col=blue)

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Figure 2: Relationship between mountain elevation and allelic richness (AR).

There is a significant relationship between the elevation of the mountain and allelic richness (AR) (Linear regression: Df=1,12, R2=0.59, P=0.0022). Allelic richness increased with increasing elevation (Figure 2). There is also a significant relationship between the elevation and expected heterozygosity (Hs) (Linear regression: Df=1,12, R2=0.54, P=0.0043). Expected heterozygosity increased with increasing elevation. Therefore, I reject the null hypothesis that the linear relationship between allelic richness and expected heterozygosity is equal to 0.