

TECHNICAL REPORT

Development of Automated Roadside Video Surveys for Detecting and Monitoring Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Damage

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1 Background

To see how coconut rhinoceros beetle damage surveys are currently done, please read Jackson 2019 and Vaqalo et al. 2017.

2 Recording Roadside Videos

2.1 Mounting a Smart Phone on a Vehicle

Preliminary work show that mounting the smart phone externally produces much better results than mounting the phone internally as a dash cam. This eliminates problems cause by dirty windshields and internal reflections.

A smart phone can be mounted externally using a ball and socket anchored using a strong magnet (1).

Optimal placement of the smart phone camera appears to be above the right-hand corner of the windshield (passenger side in the US).



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Figure 1: Smart phone mount.

2.1.1 Setting the Direction of View Angle

The direction of view angle has two components, a horizontal angle with respect to direction of travel and a vertical angle. The horizontal angle is set using the scale at the base of the ball joint. The vertical angle is set using a free Android app called Clinometer (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.androgames.clinometer>) (Fig. 2).

Optimal angles for direction of view appear to be 45 degrees to the right of direction off travel and 15 degrees above horizontal.



Figure 2: Setting camera angles using Clinometer app.

2.2 Parameter Choices

2.2.1 Camera and Lens

We are currently using a Samsung Galaxy S10 smart phone. This phone is equipped with four cameras including a 16MP ultra-wide-angle camera (123° field of view) which seems to be a good choice for this application.

2.2.2 Resolution

Maximum resolution for videos recorded with the ultrawide angle camera is 4K 3840x2160 (16:9, 8.29MP). Initial recordings were made using this resolution, but this can probably be reduced without significant loss of precision.

2.2.3 Frames per Second

Standard frame rate is 30 fps. Initial recordings were made using this rate, but this can probably be reduced without significant loss of precision.

2.3 Using the Open Camera App

Open Camera (<https://opencamera.org.uk/>) is a FOSS app for Android smart phones which enables much better control of hardware features than the default Camera app provided with Samsung phones.

Open Camera offers a plethora of settings which can be saved in a configuration file for later use. For screenshots of *Video settings* see figures 3, 4, and 5.

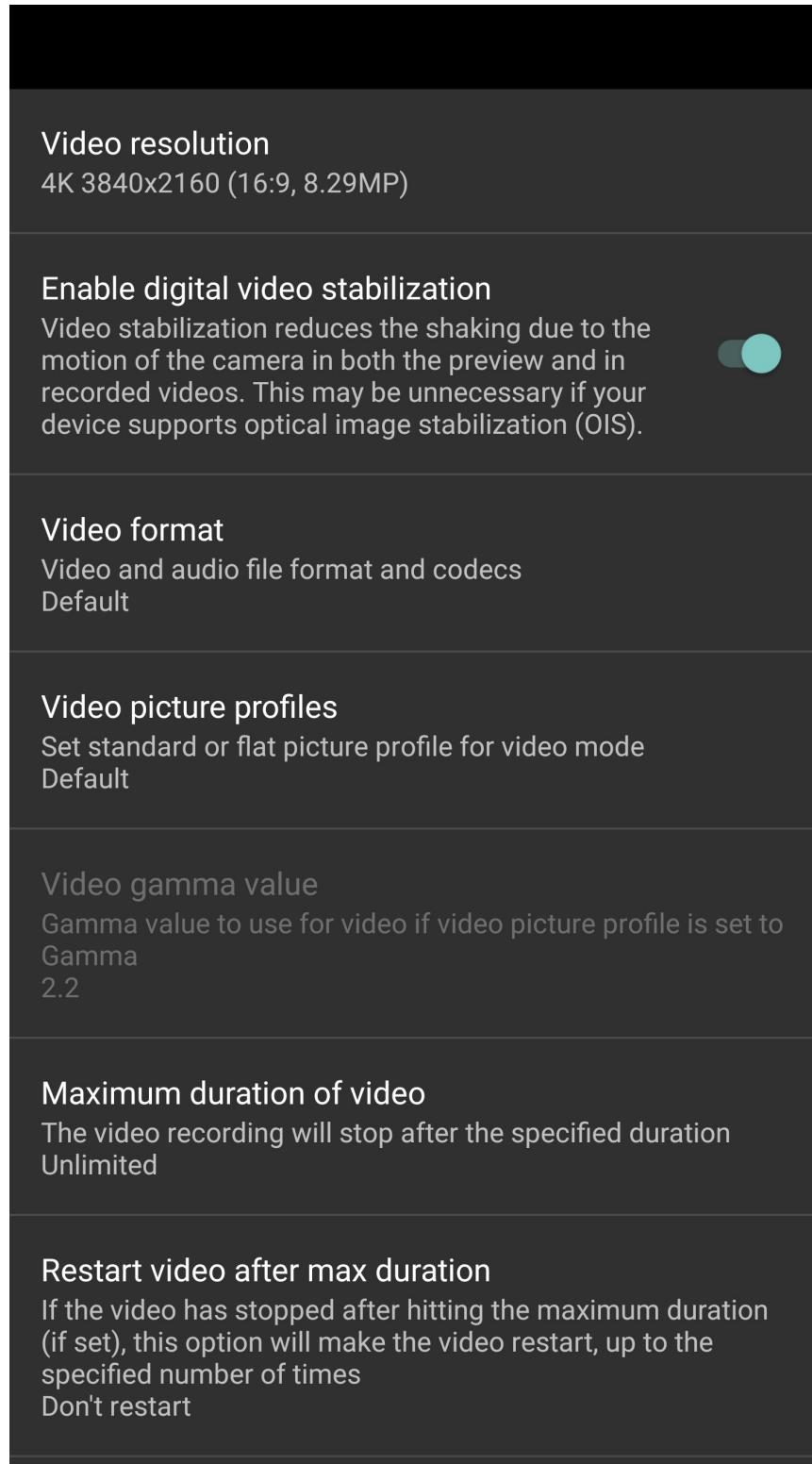


Figure 3: Video settings (1/3).

Maximum file size of video

The video recording will stop and/or restart (see option below) when the (approximate) maximum file size is reached. Note that many Android devices have a maximum file size for videos (typically around 2GB or 4GB), but this option allows setting a specific value. Note that this option can't be used to increase a device's built-in maximum.
100MB

Restart on maximum file size

Whether to automatically restart when the maximum file size is reached (whether the device default max file size, or user specified)



Record audio

Record audio when recording video



Audio source

Microphone to use for recording audio. Note that the exact behaviour of the options depends on how the option is implemented on your device.

Camcorder

Audio channels

Specify mono or stereo for recording audio (stereo only supported on some devices)

Figure 4: Video settings (2/3).

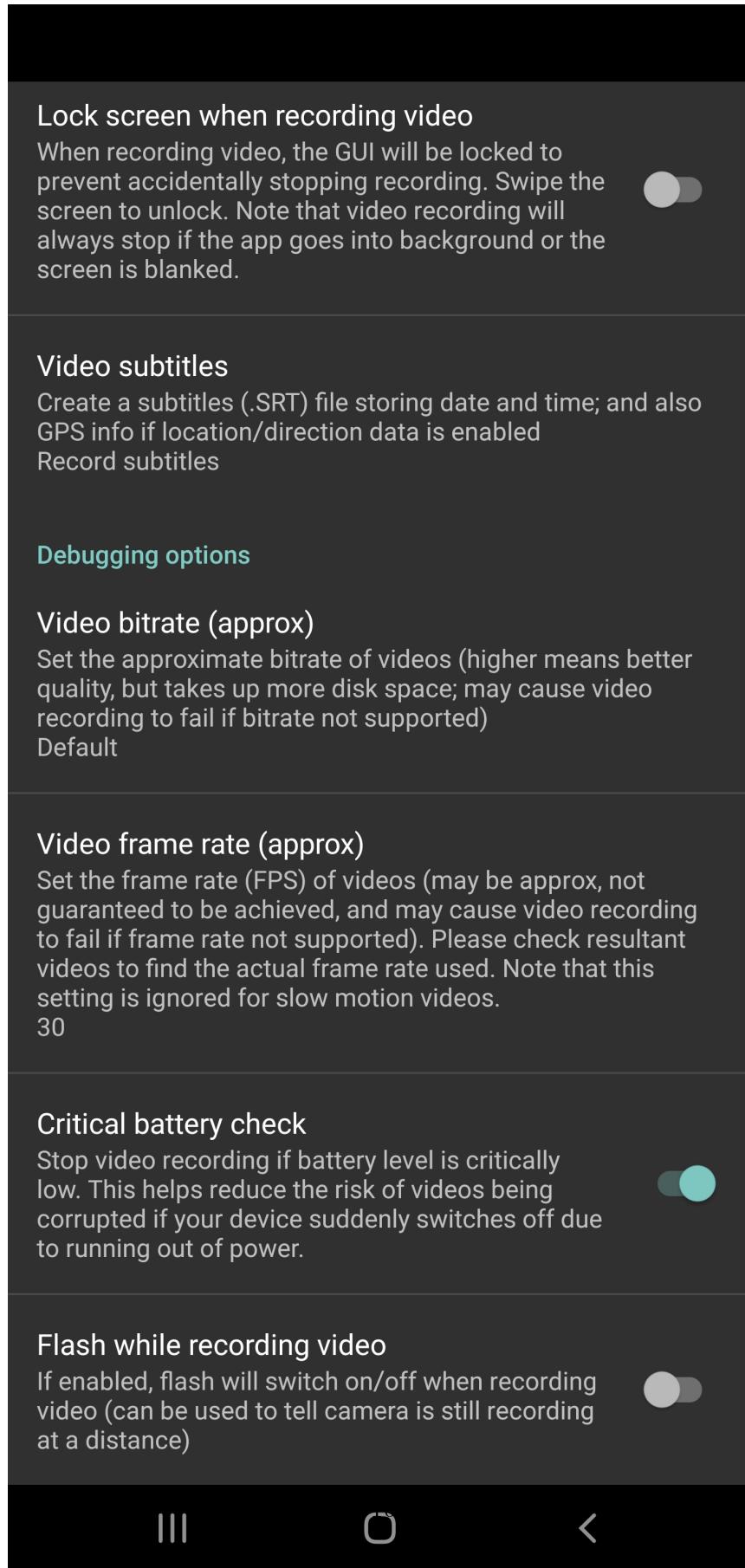


Figure 5: Video settings (3/3).

2.4 Using the GPSLogger App

Although **Open Camera** has an option to georeference video frames, this feature proved unreliable in preliminary tests. As an alternative, it was decided to use a free called **GPSLogger** which logs timestamped GPS coordinates to a file at a frequency of once per second. **GPSLogger** runs continually in background on the phone during a series of video recordings.

3 Data processing

Data processing is controlled by a python script, process-data.py (Listing 1).

Listing 1: process-data.py

```
"""
This script does great stuff.

Usage:
my_program (--fromdate=<date>) [--todate=<date>] (--datadir=<path>) (--database=<filename>)
my_program -h | --help

Options:
-h --help Show this screen.
--fromdate=<date> First survey date represented as an integer; example: 20201001 (required)
--todate=<date> Last survey date represented as an integer; example: 20201031 (optional)
--datadir=<path> Data directory; example: /home/aubrey/Desktop/Guam01
--database=<filename> Database file name; example: guam01.db

"""

from docopt import docopt
import subprocess
import os
import logging
import glob

def main():

    # Configure logging
    logging.basicConfig(
        level=logging.INFO,
        format="%(asctime)s,%(levelname)s,%(message)s",
        datefmt="%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%S%z",
        handlers=[logging.StreamHandler()])
    
    # Get command line arguments
    args = docopt(__doc__, version='0.1')
    fromdate = args.get('--fromdate')
    todate = args.get('--todate')
    datadir = args.get('--datadir')
    database = args.get('--database')
    dbpath = f'{datadir}/{database}'

    # Get path to python interpreter used by virtual environment
    python_bin = '/home/aubrey/Documents/roadside/code/venv/bin/python'

    # Create database if it does not already exist
    logging.info('Creating_database_if_it_does_not_already_exist.')
    if os.path.exists(dbpath):
        logging.info(f'(dbpath) already exists.')
    else:
        logging.info(f'Creating_(dbpath)')
        command= f'spatialite_(dbpath)</home/aubrey/Documents/roadside/spatialite/create_tables2.sql'
        subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
        command = f'spatialite_(dbpath)</home/aubrey/Documents/roadside/spatialite/create_views.sql'
        subprocess.run(command, shell=True)

    # Process directories for specified survey dates
    if not todate:
        todate = fromdate
    for videodate in range(int(fromdate), int(todate)+1):
        videodatedir = f'{datadir}/{videodate}'
```

```

if os.path.exists(videodatedir):
    logging.info(f'Processing_{videodatedir}')

# Reduce frame rate to 3 FPS for each video. The original video is renamed to *_original.mp4
logging.info('Reducing_frame_rates.')
for video_path in glob.glob(f'{videodatedir}/{videodate}_?????.mp4'):
    new_path = video_path.replace('.mp4', 'original.mp4')
    if os.path.exists(new_path):
        logging.info(f'{new_path} already exists. Skipping FPS reduction.')
    else:
        os.rename(video_path, new_path)
        logging.info(f'{video_path} --> {new_path}')
        command = f'ffmpeg -i {new_path} -filter:v fps=3 {video_path}'
        output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
        logging.info(f'output:{output}')
    logging.info('Finished frame rate reduction.')

# Upload video files to S3 (3 FPS files only, run object detection using OnePanel API,
# and finally download CVAT XML files.
if len(glob.glob(f'{videodatedir}/cvat_annotation*.xml'))==0:
    command = f'python_detect_objects.py --dd {datadir} --d {videodate}'
    logging.info(command)
    output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
    logging.info(output)
else:
    logging.info('Skipping detect_objects.py because {videodatedir} already contains CVAT XML files')

# Break from this loop if this survey date directory does not contain any CVAT XML files.
# Otherwise proceed to populating database tables
if len(glob.glob(f'{videodatedir}/cvat_annotation*.xml'))==0:
    break

# Register videos in videos database table
# Get exif metadata from original videos and save this in a JSON field
command = f'python3_video2db.py --date {videodate} --data-dir {datadir} --db-path {dbpath}'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Georeference video frames
command = f'python3_georef.py --date {videodate} --data-dir {datadir} --db-path {dbpath}'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Parse CVAT XML files
# Populates frames, trees and vcuts table.
command = f'python3_cvatxml2db.py --date {videodate} --data-dir {datadir} --db-path {dbpath}'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Make map

# Create crb-damage grid (mean_damage_index table)
command = f'spatialite_{dbpath}< /home/aubrey/Documents/roadside/spatialite/create_grid.sql'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Create tracks table
command = f'spatialite_{dbpath}< /home/aubrey/Documents/roadside/spatialite/create_tracks.sql'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Write $dbpath to a text file so that make_crb_damage_map.py can read it.
command = f'echo {dbpath} > dbpath.txt'
logging.info(command)
output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
logging.info(output)

# Deactivate virtual environment
#deactivate

# Create map using QGIS
#command = 'qgis --nologo --code make_crb_damage_map.py'
#logging.info(command)
#output = subprocess.run(command, shell=True)
#logging.info(output)

logging.info('***FINISHED_ALL***')
logging.info('To see map, deactivate venv, run "qgis --nologo --code make_crb_damage_map.py" and zoom to mean-damage_index_layer.')

if __name__ == '__main__':

```

```
main()
```

3.1 Georeferencing Video Frames

The author has cobbled together a **jupyter notebook** called **georef** which uses the **GPSLogger** log to calculate the GPS coordinates for frames video recordings based on timestamps (see interactive map for displaying coconut rhinoceros beetle roadside video survey routes with popup thumbnail images at points of interest. The prototype map is at <https://aubreymoore.github.io/qgiswebmap/webmap/webmap.ipynb>).

3.2 Mapping

Interactive web maps for displaying coconut rhinoceros beetle roadside video survey routes with popup thumbnail images at points of interest can be put together using QGIS with the QGIS2WEB plugin. A prototype QGIS project is available in a GitHub repo at <https://github.com/aubreymoore/qgiswebmap> and a prototype map is available at <http://github.io/aubreymoore/qgiswebmap/webmap/webmap>.

4 Detecting CRB Damage in Video Frames

5 Creating a CRB Damage Survey Database

Have a look at database diagram (Fig. 6) and code listings 2, 3 and 4.

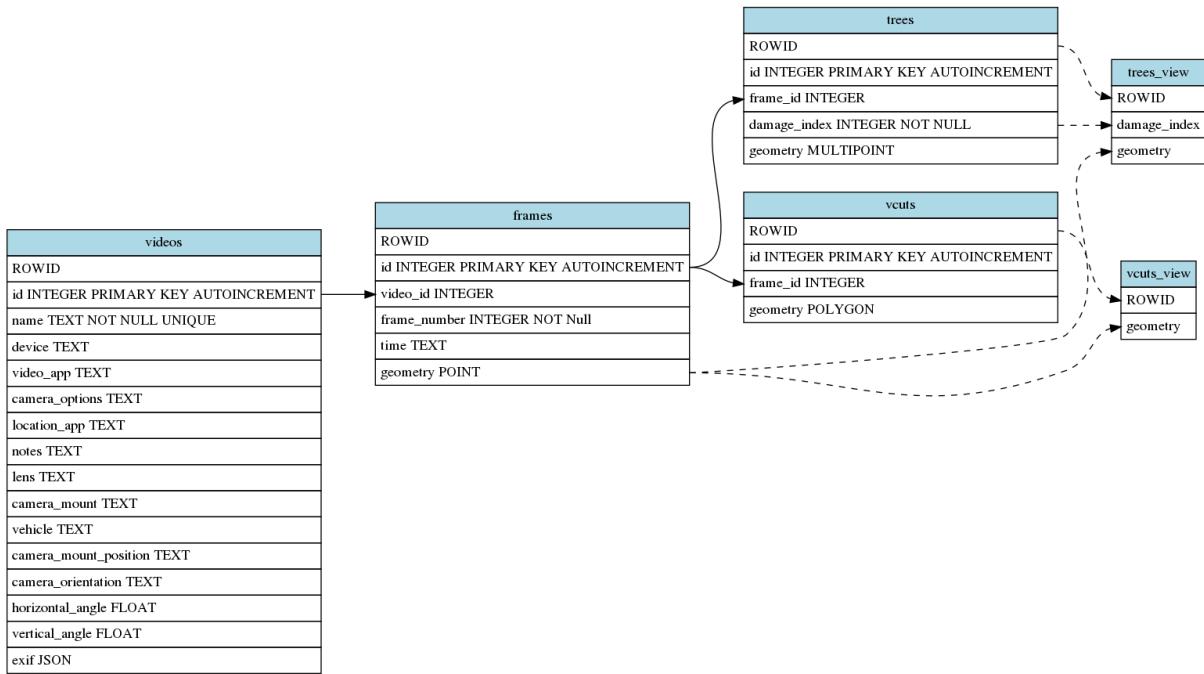


Figure 6: Database diagram.

Listing 2: create_tables.sql

```
-- 
CREATE TABLE videos (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    name TEXT NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    device TEXT,
    video_app TEXT,
    camera_options TEXT,
    location_app TEXT,
    notes TEXT,
    lens TEXT,
    camera_mount TEXT,
    vehicle TEXT,
    camera_mount_position TEXT,
    camera_orientation TEXT,
    horizontal_angle FLOAT,
    vertical_angle FLOAT,
    exif JSON
);

-- 
CREATE TABLE tracks (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    name TEXT NOT NULL UNIQUE,
    FOREIGN KEY(name) REFERENCES frames(name)
);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('tracks', 'geometry', 3857, 'LINESTRING', 'XY');

-- 
CREATE TABLE frames (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    video_id INTEGER,
    frame_number INTEGER NOT Null,
    time TEXT,
    FOREIGN KEY(video_id) REFERENCES videos(id),
    UNIQUE(video_id, frame_number)
);
```

```

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('frames', 'geometry', 3857, 'POINT', 'XY');

-- 
CREATE TABLE trees (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    frame_id INTEGER,
    damage_index INTEGER NOT NULL,
    FOREIGN KEY(frame_id) REFERENCES frames(id)
);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('trees', 'geometry', -1, 'MULTIPOINT', 'XY');

-- 
CREATE TABLE vcuts (
    id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT,
    frame_id INTEGER,
    FOREIGN KEY(frame_id) REFERENCES frames(id)
);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('vcuts', 'geometry', -1, 'POLYGON', 'XY');

```

Listing 3: create_views.sql

```

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-- Creates a view for use with QGIS
-- The geometry column contains camera location coordinates.
-- Note: SQL for this spatially enabled view was developed using spatialite_gui Query/View Composer

-- THIS DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY:

CREATE VIEW "trees_view" AS
SELECT "a"."damage_index" AS "damage_index", "b"."ROWID" AS "ROWID", "b"."geometry" AS "geometry"
FROM "trees" AS "a"
JOIN "frames" AS "b" ON ("a"."frame_id" = "b"."id");

INSERT INTO views_geometry_columns
(view_name, view_geometry, view_rowid, f_table_name, f_geometry_column, read_only)
VALUES ('trees_view', 'geometry', 'rowid', 'frames', 'geometry', 1);

-- Creates a view for use with QGIS
-- The geometry column contains camera location coordinates.
-- Note: SQL for this spatially enabled view was developed using spatialite_gui Query/View Composer

CREATE VIEW "vcuts_view" AS
SELECT "b"."ROWID" AS "ROWID", "b"."geometry" AS "geometry"
FROM "vcuts" AS "a"
JOIN "frames" AS "b" ON ("a"."frame_id" = "b"."id");

INSERT INTO views_geometry_columns(
view_name, view_geometry, view_rowid, f_table_name, f_geometry_column, read_only)
VALUES ('vcuts_view', 'geometry', 'rowid', 'frames', 'geometry', 1);

```

Listing 4: create_grid.sql

```

BEGIN;

DROP TABLE IF EXISTS mean_damage_index;

CREATE TABLE grid (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('grid', 'geometry', 3857, 'MULTIPOLYGON', 'XY');

INSERT INTO grid (geometry)
    SELECT SquareGrid(Extent(geometry), 1000) FROM frames;

CREATE TABLE grid1 (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('grid1', 'geometry', 3857, 'POLYGON', 'XY');

INSERT INTO grid1 (geometry)
    SELECT geometry
    FROM ElementaryGeometries
    WHERE f_table_name = 'grid'
        AND origin_rowid=1;

```

```

CREATE TABLE mean_damage_index (id INTEGER PRIMARY KEY AUTOINCREMENT, mean_damage_index DOUBLE);

SELECT AddGeometryColumn('mean_damage_index', 'geometry', 3857, 'POLYGON', 'XY');

INSERT INTO mean_damage_index (mean_damage_index, geometry)
    SELECT AVG(damage_index), grid1.geometry
    FROM trees_view, grid1
    WHERE Contains(grid1.geometry, trees_view.geometry)
    GROUP BY grid1.id;

--Clean up

DROP TABLE grid;
DROP TABLE grid1;

COMMIT;

```

6 Visualizing Survey Results on a Map

QGIS 3.16 was used to visualize survey results on a map.

- The map was made using a python script, **create_crb_damage_map.py**, (Listing 5) which reads data from the spatialite database.
- An interactive web map is then created using the **qgis2web** plugin. See Figures 7 and 8 for **qgis2web** parameters.
- The resulting web map, stored in index.html, modified using **edit_webmap.py** () .
- Finally, index.html was saved in a GitHub repository and published using GitHub pages.

Listing 5: `create_crb_damage_map.py`

```

# qgis --codepath make_crb_damage_map.py

# This script is not yet complete.

# After it has run, zoom to the mean_damage_index layer.

# Use the qgis2web plugin to make an interactive web map
# leaflet; Add layer list; expanded; extnet; fit layers extent; template:full_screen
# Upload /tmp/qgis2web/qgis2web/qgis2web_2020_09_16-06_58_26_614131 to
# https://github.com/aubreymoore/Guam-CRB-damage-map

def load_guam_osm():
    canvas = iface.mapCanvas()
    url = 'type=xyz&url=https://a.tile.openstreetmap.org/{z}/{x}/{y}.png&crs=EPSG3857'
    rlayer = QgsRasterLayer(url, 'Guam', 'wms')
    QgsProject.instance().addMapLayer(rlayer)
    rect = QgsRectangle(16098000.0, 1486000.0, 16137000.0, 1535000.0)
    canvas.setExtent(rect)
    canvas.update()

def get_dbpath():
    with open('dbpath.txt') as f:
        dbpath = f.read()
    return dbpath

def load_layer_from_db(dbpath, table_name):
    uri = QgsDataSourceUri()
    uri.setDatabase(dbpath)

```

```

schema = ''
table = table_name
geom_column = 'geometry'
uri.setDataSource(schema, table, geom_column)
display_name = table_name
vlayer = QgsVectorLayer(uri.uri(), display_name, 'spatialite')
QgsProject.instance().addMapLayer(vlayer)

def style_mean_damage_index():
    mean_damage_index_layer = QgsProject.instance().mapLayersByName(
        'mean_damage_index')[0]
    target_field = 'mean_damage_index'
    legend = [
        {'low': 0.0, 'high': 0.0, 'color': '#008000', 'label': 'No_damage'},
        {'low': 0.0, 'high': 0.5, 'color': '#00ff00', 'label': '0.0_~0.5'},
        {'low': 0.5, 'high': 1.5, 'color': '#ffff00', 'label': '0.5_~1.5'},
        {'low': 1.5, 'high': 2.5, 'color': '#ffa500', 'label': '1.5_~2.5'},
        {'low': 2.5, 'high': 3.5, 'color': '#ff6400', 'label': '2.5_~3.5'},
        {'low': 3.5, 'high': 4.0, 'color': '#ff0000', 'label': '3.5_~4.0'},
    ]
    myRangeList = []
    for i in legend:
        symbol = QgsSymbol.defaultSymbol(mean_damage_index_layer.geometryType())
        symbol.setColor(QColor(i['color']))
        myRangeList.append(QgsRendererRange(
            i['low'], i['high'], symbol, i['label'], True))
    myRenderer = QgsGraduatedSymbolRenderer(target_field, myRangeList)
    myRenderer.setMode(QgsGraduatedSymbolRenderer.Custom)
    mean_damage_index_layer.setRenderer(myRenderer)

def style_tracks_layer():
    tracks_layer = QgsProject.instance().mapLayersByName('tracks')[0]
    tracks_layer.renderer().symbol().setWidth(1)
    tracks_layer.renderer().symbol().setColor(QColor(255,0,0))

def style_vcuts_view_layer():
    vcuts_view_layer = QgsProject.instance().mapLayersByName('vcuts_view')[0]
    vcuts_view_layer.renderer().symbol().setColor(QColor(255,0,255))

# MAIN
load_guam_osm()
dbpath = get_dbpath()
load_layer_from_db(dbpath, 'tracks')
load_layer_from_db(dbpath, 'mean_damage_index')
load_layer_from_db(dbpath, 'vcuts_view')
style_mean_damage_index()
style_tracks_layer()
style_vcuts_view_layer()

```

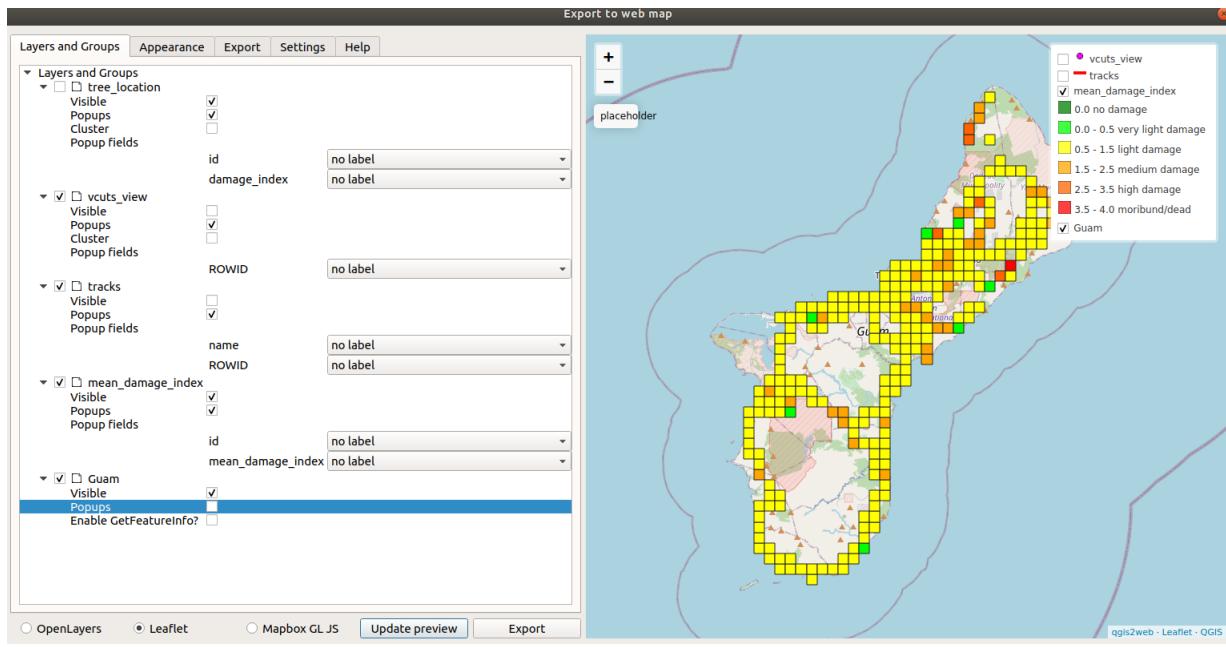


Figure 7: **ggis2web** parameters - 1.

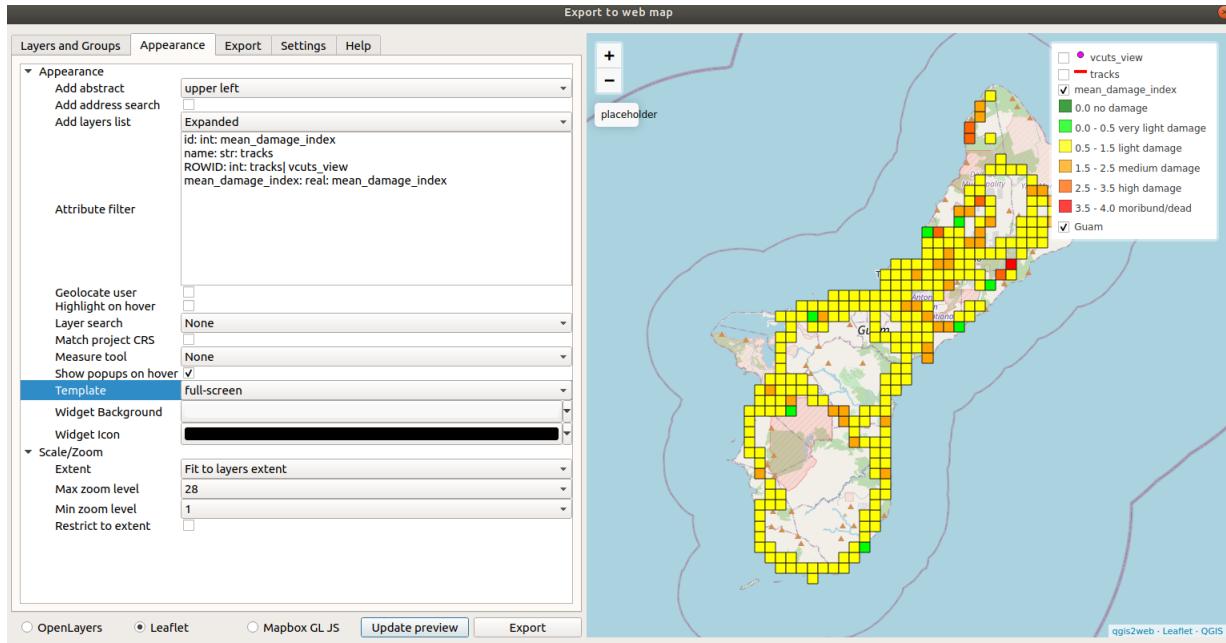


Figure 8: **ggis2web** parameters - 2.

7 First Roadside Video Survey of CRB Damage on Guam

7.1 Methods

| | Development | Guam01 survey |
|------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Vehicle | Mazda Miata | Toyota Forerunner |
| Cell phone | Samsung Galaxy S10 | Samsung Galaxy S8 |
| Lens | Ultra-wide angle | Standard angle |
| Frame rate | 30 FPS | 15 FPS |

7.2 Results

Data and results from the Guam01 survey are available in a public GitHub repository [Moore 2020a](#). An interactive web map is available on GitHub pages (Fig. 9).

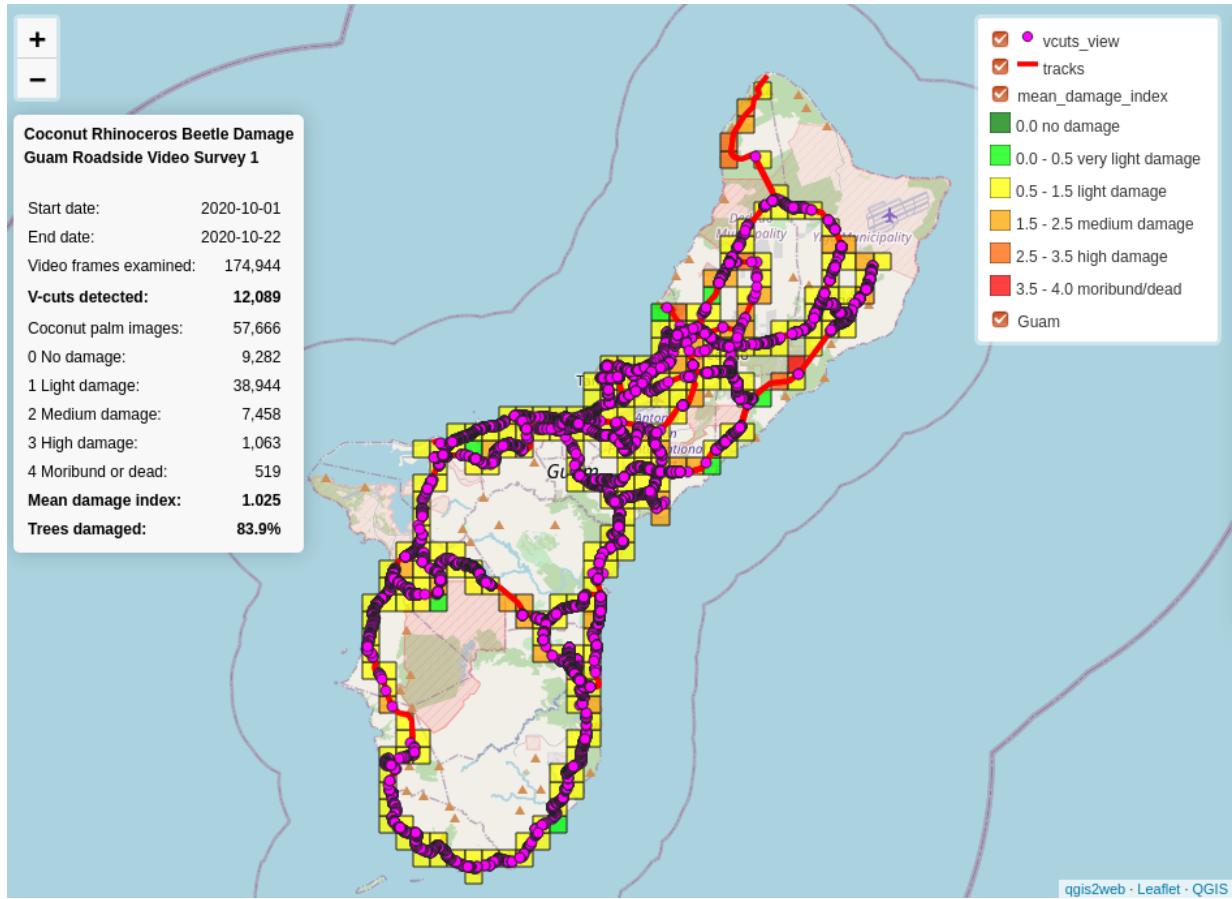


Figure 9: Screen shot of an interactive web map of results from the Guam01 roadside video survey of CRB damage on Guam (Moore 2020b) URL: <https://aubreymoore.github.io/Guam-CRB-damage-map-2020-10>.

8 Extra

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