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      from the Barcode of Life Data Systems (BOLD) database <a href="https://boldsystems.org/">https://boldsystems.org/</a>.
      This package allows both public and private user data to be easily downloaded easily into the R
      environment using a variety of inputs such as: processids, sampleids,
      taxonomy, geography etc. It provides the functionality to convert data
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bold.analyze.align

Transform and align the sequence data retrieved from BOLD

Description

Function designed to transform and align the sequence data retrieved from the function bold.fetch.

Usage

```
bold.analyze.align(
  bold_df,
  marker = NULL,
  align_method = c("ClustalOmega", "Muscle"),
  cols_for_seq_names = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

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bold_df A data frame obtained from bold.fetch().

marker A single or multiple character vector specifying the gene marker for which the output is generated. Default is NULL (all data is used).

align_method Character vector specifying the type of multiple sequence alignment algorithm to be used.

cols_for_seq_names

A single or multiple character vector specifying the column headers to be used to name each sequence in the fasta file. Default is NULL in which case, only the processid is used as a name.

additional arguments that can be passed to msa::msa() function.

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Details

bold.analyze.align takes the sequence information obtained using bold.fetch() function and performs a multiple sequence alignment. It uses the msa::msa() function with default settings but additional arguments from the msa function can be passed through the ... argument. The clustering method can be specified using the align_method argument, with options including Muscle,ClustalW and ClustalOmega (available via the msa package). The provided marker name must match the standard marker names (Ex. COI-5P) available on the BOLD webpage (Ratnasingham et al. 2024; pg.404). The name for individual sequences in the output can be customized by using the cols_for_seq_names argument. If multiple fields are specified, the sequence name will follow the order of fields given in the vector. Performing a multiple sequence alignment on large sequence data might slow the system. Additionally, users are responsible for verifying the sequence quality and integrity, as the function does not automatically checks for issues like STOP codons and indels within the data. The output of this function is a modified Barcode Core Data Model (BCDM) dataframe, which includes two additional columns: one for the aligned sequences and one for the customized sequence names.

Note: . Users are required to install and load the Biostrings and msa packages using BiocManager before running this function.

Value

• bold_df.mod = A modified BCDM data frame with two additional columns ('aligned_seq' and 'msa.seq.name').

References

Ratnasingham S, Wei C, Chan D, Agda J, Agda J, Ballesteros-Mejia L, Ait Boutou H, El Bastami Z M, Ma E, Manjunath R, Rea D, Ho C, Telfer A, McKeowan J, Rahulan M, Steinke C, Dorsheimer J, Milton M, Hebert PDN . "BOLD v4: A Centralized Bioinformatics Platform for DNA-Based Biodiversity Data." In DNA Barcoding: Methods and Protocols, pp. 403-441. Chapter 26. New York, NY: Springer US, 2024.

```
## Not run:
# Search for ids
seq.data.ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Oreochromis tanganicae",</pre>
                                                 "Oreochromis karongae"))
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
seq.data<-bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                     identifiers = seq.data.ids$processid)
# R packages `msa` and `Biostrings` are required for this function to run.
# Both the packages are installed using `BiocManager`.
# Align the data (using bin_uri as the name for each sequence)
seq.align <- bold.analyze.align(seq.data,</pre>
                                 cols_for_seq_names = c("bin_uri"),
                                 align_method="ClustalOmega")
```

```
# Dataframe of the sequences (aligned) with their corresponding names
head(seq.align[,c("aligned_seq","msa.seq.name")])
## End(Not run)
```

bold.analyze.diversity

Create an biodiversity profile of the retrieved data

Description

This function creates a biodiversity profile of the downloaded data using bold.fetch().

Usage

```
bold.analyze.diversity(
  bold_df,
  taxon_rank,
  taxon_name = NULL,
  site_type = c("locations", "grids"),
  location_type = NULL,
  gridsize = NULL,
  presence_absence = FALSE,
  diversity_profile = c("richness", "preston", "shannon", "beta", "all"),
  beta_index = NULL
)
```

Arguments

bold_df	A data frame obtained from bold.fetch().	
taxon_rank	A single character value specifying the taxonomic hierarchical rank. Needs to be provided by default.	
taxon_name	A single or multiple character vector specifying the taxonomic names associated with the 'taxon_rank'. Default value is NULL.	
site_type	A character vector specifying one of two broad categories of sites considered here (locations or grids).	
location_type	A single character vector specifying the geographic category for which a community matrix should be created. Default value is NULL.	
gridsize	A numeric value of the size of the grid if location_type=grid; Size is in sq.m. Default value is NULL.	
presence_absence		
	A logical value specifying whether the generated matrix should be converted into a 'presence-absence' matrix.	
diversity_profile		
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 $A\ character\ value\ specifying\ the\ type\ of\ diversity\ profile\ ("richness","preston","shannon","beta","all"), and the profile\ ("richness","preston","shannon","beta","shannon","beta","all"), and the profile\ ("richness","preston","shannon","beta","shannon","beta","bet$

beta_index A character vector specifying the type of beta diversity index ('jaccard' or 'sorensen' available).

Details

bold.analyze.diversity estimates the richness, Shannon diversity and beta diversity from the BIN counts or presence-absence data. Internally, the function converts the downloaded BCDM data into a community matrix (site X species) which is also generated as a part of the output. grids.cat converts the Coordinate Reference System (CRS) of the data to a 'Mollweide' projection by which distance-based grid can be correctly specified (Gott III et al. 2007). Each grid is assigned a cell id, with the lowest number given to the lowest latitudinal point in the dataset. The community matrix generated by the function is used to create richness profiles using BAT::alpha.accum() and Preston and Shannon diversity analyses using vegan::prestondistr() and vegan::diversity() respectively. The BAT::alpha.accum() currently offers various richness estimators, including Observed diversity (Obs); Singletons (S1); Doubletons (S2); Uniques (Q1); Duplicates (Q2); Jackknife1 abundance (Jack1ab); Jackknife1 incidence (Jack1in); Jackknife2 abundance (Jack2ab); Jackknife2 incidence (Jack2in); Chao1 and Chao2. The results depend on the input data (true abundances vs counts vs incidences) and users should be careful in the subsequent interpretation. Preston plots are generated using the data from the prestondistr results in ggplot2 featuring cyan bars for observed species (or equivalent taxonomic group) and orange dots for expected counts. The presence_absence argument converts the counts (or abundances) to 1s and 0s. This dataset can then be directly used as input data for biodiversity analysis functions from packages like vegan. Beta diversity values are calculated using BAT::beta() function, which partitions the data using the Podani & Schmera (2011)/Carvalho et al. (2012) approach partitioning the beta diversity into 'species replacement' and 'richness difference' components. These results are stored as distance matrices in the output. Note on the community matrix: Each cell in this matrix contains the counts (or abundances) of the specimens whose sequences have an assigned BIN, in a given site_type (locations or grids). These counts can be generated at any taxonomic hierarchical level, applicable to one or multiple taxa including bin_uri. The site_type=locations followed by providing a location_type can refer to any geographic field (countries, province etc.), and metadata on these fields can be checked using the bold.fields.info(). site_type=grids generates grids based on BIN occurrence data (latitude, longitude) with grid size determined by the user in square meters using the gridsize argument. Rows lacking latitude and longitude data (NULL values) are removed when site_type=grids. Conversely, NULL entries are permitted when site_type=locations, even if latitude and longitude values are missing. This distinction exists because grids rely on bounding boxes, which require latitude and longitude values. This filtering could impact the richness values and other analyses, as all records for the selected taxon_rank that contain location information but lack latitude and longitude will be excluded if site_type=grids. This means that the same dataset could yield different results depending on the chosen site_type. Important Note: Results, including counts, adapt based on taxon_rank argument.

Value

An 'output' list containing results based on the profile selected: #Common to all

- comm.matrix = site X species like matrix required for the biodiversity results #1. richness
- richness = A richness profile matrix #2. shannon
- Shannon_div = Shannon diversity values for the given sites/grids (from gen.comm.mat) #3. preston
- preston.res = a Preston plot numerical data output
- preston.plot = a ggplot2 visualization of the preston.plot #4. beta
- total.beta = beta.total
- replace = beta.replace (replacement)
- richnessd = beta.richnessd (richness difference) #5. all
- All of the above results

References

Carvalho, J.C., Cardoso, P. & Gomes, P. (2012) Determining the relative roles of species replacement and species richness differences in generating beta-diversity patterns. Global Ecology and Biogeography, 21, 760-771.

Podani, J. & Schmera, D. (2011) A new conceptual and methodological framework for exploring and explaining pattern in presence-absence data. Oikos, 120, 1625-1638.

Richard Gott III, J., Mugnolo, C., & Colley, W. N. (2007). Map projections minimizing distance errors. Cartographica: The International Journal for Geographic Information and Geovisualization, 42(3), 219-234.

```
## Not run:
# Search for ids
comm.mat.data <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Poecilia"))</pre>
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
BCDMdata <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",
                       identifiers = comm.mat.data$processid)
# Remove rows which have no species data
BCDMdata <- BCDMdata[!BCDMdata$species== "",]</pre>
#1. Analyze richness data
res.rich <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,</pre>
                                    taxon_rank = "species",
                                    site_type = "locations",
                                    location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                    diversity_profile = "richness")
# Community matrix (BCDM data converted to community matrix)
res.rich$comm.matrix
# richness results
res.rich$richness
#2. Shannon diversity (based on grids)
res.shannon <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,</pre>
                                       taxon_rank = "species",
                                       site_type = "grids",
                                       gridsize = 1000000,
                                       diversity_profile = "shannon")
# Shannon diversity results
res.shannon$shannon_div
# Grid data (sf)
res.shannon$grids.data
# grid map
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```
res.shannon$grid.map
#3. Preston plots and results
pres.res <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,</pre>
                                    taxon_rank = "species",
                                    site_type = "locations",
                                    location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                    diversity_profile = "preston")
# Preston plot
pres.res$preston.plot
# Preston plot data
pres.res$preston.res
#4. beta diversity
beta.res <- bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,</pre>
                                    taxon_rank = "species",
                                    site_type = "locations",
                                    location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                    diversity_profile = "beta",
                                    beta_index = "jaccard")
#Total diversity
beta.res$total.beta
#Replacement
beta.res$replace
#Richness difference
beta.res$richnessd
#5. All profiles
all.diversity.res<-bold.analyze.diversity(bold_df=BCDMdata,
                                           taxon_rank = "species",
                                           site_type = "locations",
                                           location_type = 'country.ocean',
                                           diversity_profile = "all",
                                           beta_index = "jaccard")
#Explore all results
all.diversity.res
## End(Not run)
```

bold.analyze.map

Visualize BIN occurrence data on maps

Description

This function creates basic maps of BIN occurrence data at different scales.

Usage

```
bold.analyze.map(bold_df, country = NULL, bbox = NULL)
```

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Arguments

bold_df The data.frame retrieved from bold.fetch().

country A single or multiple character vector of country names. Default value is NULL. bbox A numeric vector specifying the min, max values of the latitude and longitude.

Default value is NULL.

Details

bold.analyze.map extracts out the geographic information from the bold.fetch() output to generate an occurrence map. Data points having NA values for either latitude or longitude or both are removed. Latitude and longitude values are in 'decimal degrees' format with a 'WGS84' Coordinate Reference System (CRS) projection. Default view includes data mapped onto a world shape file using the rnaturalearth::ne_countries() at a 110 scale (low resolution). If the country is specified (single or multiple values), the function will specifically plot the occurrences on the specified country. Alternatively, a bounding box (bbox) can be defined for a specific region to be visualized (First two elements of the bbox are longitude values (xmin and xmax) and the remaining two are latitude values (ymin and ymax)). The function also provides a sf data frame of the GIS data which can be used for any other application/s.For names of countries, please refer to https://www.geonames.org/.

Value

An 'output' list containing:

- geo.df = A simple features (sf) 'data.frame' containing the geographic data.
- plot = A visualization of the occurrences.

```
## Not run:
#Download the ids
geo_data.ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Musca domestica"))</pre>
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
geo_data <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                        identifiers = geo_data.ids$processid)
# All data plotted.
geo.viz <- bold.analyze.map(geo_data)</pre>
# View plot
geo.viz$plot
# Data plotted only in one country
geo.viz.country <- bold.analyze.map(geo_data,</pre>
                                     country = c("Saudi Arabia"))
# View plot
geo.viz.country$plot
# The sf dataframe of the downloaded data
geo.viz$geo.df
```

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```
# Data plotted based on a bounding box
bold.analyze.map(bold_df = geo_data,
bbox = c(41,100,20.36501,55.506))
## End(Not run)
```

bold.analyze.tree

Analyze and visualize the multiple sequence alignment

Description

Calculates genetic distances and performs a Neighbor Joining tree estimation of the multiple sequence alignment output obtained from bold.analyze.align.

Usage

```
bold.analyze.tree(
  bold_df,
  dist_model,
  clus_method = c("nj", "njs"),
  save_dist_mat = FALSE,
  newick_tree_export = NULL,
  tree_plot = FALSE,
  tree_plot_type,
)
```

Arguments

bold_df	A modified BCDM data frame obtained from bold.analyze.align().	
dist_model	A character string specifying the model to generate the distances.	
clus_method	A character vector specifying either nj (neighbour joining) or njs (neighbour joining with NAs) clustering algorithm.	
save_dist_mat	A logical value specifying whether the distance matrix should be saved in the output. Default is FALSE.	
newick_tree_export		
	character value specifying the folder path where the file should be saved along with the name for the file.Default value is NULL.	
tree_plot	Logical value specifying if a neighbour joining plot should be generated. Default value is FALSE.	
tree_plot_type	The layout of the tree.	
	additional arguments from ape::dist.dna.	

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Details

bold.analyze.tree analyzes the multiple sequence alignment output of the bold.analyze.align function to generate a distance matrix using the models available in the ape::dist.dna(). Two forms of Neighbor Joining clustering are currently available (ape::nj() & ape::njs()). Setting save_dist_mat= TRUE will store the underlying distance matrix in the output; however, the default value for the argument is deliberately kept at FALSE to avoid potential memory issues with large data. newick_tree_export will save the tree in a newick format locally. Data path with the name of the file should be provided (Ex. 'C:/Users/xyz/Desktop/newickoutput'). Setting tree_plot= TRUE generates a basic visualization of the Neighbor Joining (NJ) tree using the distance matrix from ape::dist.dna() and the ape::plot.phylo() function. tree_plot_type specifies the type of tree and has the following options ("phylogram", "cladogram", "fan", "unrooted", "radial", "tidy" based on type argument of ape::plot.phylo();The first alphabet can be used instead of the whole word). Both ape::nj() and ape::njs() are available for generating the tree. Additional arguments for calculating distances can be passed to ape::dist.dna() using the . . . argument (arguments such as gamma, pairwise.deletion & base.freq). The function also provides base frequencies from the data.

Value

An 'output' list containing:

- dist_mat = A distance matrix based on the model selected if save_dist_mat=TRUE.
- base_freq = Overall base frequencies of the align.seq result.
- plot = Neighbor Joining clustering visualization (if tree_plot=TRUE).
- data_for_plot = A phylo object used for the plot.
- NJ/NJS tree in a newick format (only if newick_tree_export=TRUE).

```
## Not run:
#Download the data ids
seq.data.ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Eulimnadia"))</pre>
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
seq.data <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                        identifiers = seq.data.ids$processid,
                        filt_marker = "COI-5P")
# Remove rows without species name information
seq <- seq.data[seq.data$species!="", ]</pre>
# Align the data
# Users need to install and load packages `msa` and `Biostrings`.
seq.align<-bold.analyze.align(bold_df=seq.data,</pre>
                               marker="COI-5P",
                               align_method="ClustalOmega",
                               cols_for_seq_names = c("species", "bin_uri"))
#Analyze the data to get a tree
```

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bold.apikey

Set the BOLD private data API key

Description

Stores the BOLD-provided access token 'api key' in a variable, making it available for use in other function within the R session.

Usage

```
bold.apikey(apikey)
```

Arguments

apikey

A character string required for authentication and data access.

Details

bold.apikey creates a variable called apikey that stores the access token provided by BOLD. This apikey variable is then used internally by the bold.fetch() function, so that the user does not have need to input it again. To set the apikey, the token must be provided as an input for the function before any other functions are called. The api_key is a UUID v4 hexadecimal string and is valid for one year, after which it must be renewed. *Obtaining the API key*: The API key is found in the BOLD 'Workbench'https://bench.boldsystems.org/index.php/Login/page? destination=MAS_Management_UserConsole. After logging in, navigate to 'Your Name' (located at the top left-hand side of the window) and click 'Edit User Preferences'. You can find the API key in the 'User Data' section. Please note that to have an API key available in the workbench, a user must have uploaded at least 10,000 records to BOLD.

Value

Token saved as 'apikey'

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Examples

```
## Not run:
#This example below is for documentation only
bold_apikey('00000000-0000-0000-0000-00000000000')
## End(Not run)
```

bold.data.summarize

Generate specific summaries from the downloaded BCDM data

Description

The function is used to obtain a different types of data summaries for the downloaded BCDM data via bold, fetch function.

Usage

```
bold.data.summarize(
  bold_df,
summary_type = c("concise_summary", "detailed_taxon_counts", "barcode_summary",
    "data_completeness", "all"),
primer_f = NULL,
primer_r = NULL,
rem_na_bin = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

bold_df	the data.frame retrieved from the bold.fetch function.
summary_type	A single character value specifying the type of summary required (concise_summary, detailed_taxon_counts,barcode_summary,data_completeness,all)
primer_f	A character vector specifying the forward primer. Default value is NULL.
primer_r	A character vector specifying the reverse primer. Default value is NULL.
rem_na_bin	A logical value specifying whether NA BINs should be removed from the BCDM dataframe. Default value is FALSE.

Details

bold.data.summarize provides different types of data summaries for the downloaded BCDM dataset. Current options include:

• concise_summary = A high level overview of the downloaded data that would include total records, counts of unique BINs, countries, institutes etc.

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• data_completeness = A data profile that includes information on missing data, proportion of complete cases for each field in the BCDM data along with data type specific insights like distribution, average and median values for numeric data. Also provides a bar chart visualizing the missing data and total records.

- detailed_taxon_counts = Taxonomy focused counts of total records with and without BINs, unique countries and institutes.
- barcode_summary = BIN focused summary of nucleotide basepair length, ambiguous basepair number (if present), presence of primer sequences (forward and reverse) in the sequence along with the processid, country and institute associated with the BIN.
- all = Summary containing all of the above results. rem_na_bin= TRUE removes all records that don't have a BIN (Please note that this might result into empty data frames sometimes due to lot of missing data). barcode_summary requires the Biostrings package to be installed and imported in the session. The forward or reverse primer also needs to be specified. Details on all/specific fields can be checked using the bold.field.info().

Note: . Users are required to install and load the Biostrings package in case they want to generate the barcode_summary before running this function.

Value

An output list containing:

- A data frame of detailed summary based on the summary_type
- A bar chart in case summary_type = data_completeness in addition to the dataframe.

```
## Not run:
bold_data.ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = "Oreochromis")</pre>
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
bold.data <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                         identifiers = bold_data.ids$processid)
#1. Generate a concise summary of the data
test.data.summary.concise <- bold.data.summarize(bold_df=bold.data,</pre>
                                        summarize_type = "concise_summary")
# Result
 test.data.summary.concise$concise_summary
#2. Generate a detailed taxon counts summary
test.data.summary <- bold.data.summarize(bold_df=bold.data,</pre>
                                          summarize_type = "detailed_taxon_counts")
# Result
test.data.summary$detailed_taxon_counts
```

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Export files generated by BOLDconnectR

Description

The function is used to export some of the output data generated by BOLDconnectR

Usage

```
bold.export(
  bold_df,
  export_type = c("preset_df", "msa", "fas"),
  presets = NULL,
  cols_for_fas_names = NULL,
  export
)
```

Arguments

bold_df	The data.frame either retrieved from bold.fetch(),bold.analyze.align or a user modified BCDM dataset.
export_type	A character input specifying the type of output required. Should be either of "preset_df", "msa" or "fas".
presets	A single character vector specifying a preset for which a data summary is sought (Check the details section for more information). Default value is NULL.

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cols_for_fas_names

A single or multiple character vector indicating the column headers that should be used to name each sequence for the unaligned FASTA file. Default is NULL; in this case, only the processid is used as the name.

export

A character value specifying the data file path and the name for the file. Extension should be included.

Details

bold.export offers an added export option for some of the sequence-based outputs obtained from functions within the BOLDconnectR package as well as a preset defined modified BCDM dataframe. Sequence information downloaded using bold.fetch() or the aligned sequences obtained using bold.analyze.align can be exported as a FASTA file for any third party tool (via export_type='fas' or 'msa'). Data fetched by bold.fetch() can be directly used to export the unaligned FASTA file, while the modified dataframe from bold.analyze.align is required for exporting the multiple sequence alignment. presets here can be considered as collections of predefined columns from the BCDM data that relate to a common theme. The number of columns in each preset varies based on data availability. There are six presets currently available in the package (taxonomy, geography, sequences, attributions, ecology_biogeography & other_meta_data). Fields included in each preset is as follows:

- taxonomy = "kingdom", "phylum", "class", "order", "family", "subfamily", "genus", "species", "bin_uri".
- geography = "country.ocean", "country_iso", "province.state", "region", "sector", "site", "site_code", "coord_, "coord_accuracy", "coord_source".
- sequences = "nuc", "nuc_basecount", "marker_code", "sequence_run_site", "sequence_upload_date".
- attributions = "inst", "identification", "identification_method", "identification_rank", "identified_by", "collectors".
- ecology_biogeography = "elev", "elev_accuracy", "depth", "depth_accuracy", "habitat", "ecoregion", "biome", "realm", "coord", "coord_source".
- other_meta_data = "notes", "taxonomy_notes", "funding_src", "voucher_type", "tissue_type", "sampling_protocol".

"processids" and "sampleids" are present in all the presets. Only one preset can be used at a time. The name for individual sequences in the unaligned FASTA file output can be customized by using the cols_for_fas_names argument. If more than one field is specified, the name will follow the sequence of the fields given in the vector. The multiple sequence aligned FASTA file uses the same name provided by the user in the bold.analyze.align function. Tabular data can be exported as a csv/tsv file. Data path with the name of the output file with the corresponding file extension (csv or tsv) should be provided (Ex. 'C:/Users/xyz/Desktop/fetch_data_output.csv'). This functionality is developed with the future potential of uploading data to BOLD using the package. Edits to the BCDM data can be made using any other R packages so long as it maintains the BCDM format.

Value

It exports a .fas or a tsv file based on the export argument.

```
## Not run:
# Download the records
data_for_export_ids <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Poecilia reticulata"))</pre>
```

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```
# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
# Fetching the data using the ids
data_for_export <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                              identifiers = data_for_export_ids$processid)
#1. Export the BCDM data using 'presets'
bold.export(bold_df=data_for_export,
            export_type = "preset_df",
            presets = 'taxonomy',
            export = "file_path_with_intended_name.csv")
#2. Export multiple sequence alignment
#a. Align the data
# (using processid and bin_uri as fields for sequence names)
# Users need to install and load packages `msa` and `Biostrings` before using bold.analyze.align.
seq_align<-bold.analyze.align(data_for_export,</pre>
                              cols_for_seq_names = c("processid", "bin_uri"),
                              align_method = "ClustalOmega")
#b. Export the multiple sequence alignment
# Note the input data here is the modified BCDM data (seq_align)
bold.export(bold_df=seq_align,
           export_type = "msa",
            export = "file_path_with_intended_name")
#3. Export the fasta file (unaligned)
# Note that input data here is the original BCDM data (data_for_export)
bold.export(bold_df = data_for_export,
            export_type = "fas",
            cols_for_fas_names = c("bin_uri", "genus", "species"),
            export = "file_path_with_intended_name")
## End(Not run)
```

bold.fetch

Retrieve all data from the BOLD database

Description

Retrieves public and private user data based on different parameters (processid, sampleid, dataset or project codes & bin_uri) input.

Usage

```
bold.fetch(
  get_by,
  identifiers,
```

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```
cols = NULL,
export = NULL,
na.rm = FALSE,
filt_taxonomy = NULL,
filt_geography = NULL,
filt_latitude = NULL,
filt_longitude = NULL,
filt_shapefile = NULL,
filt_institutes = NULL,
filt_identified.by = NULL,
filt_seq_source = NULL,
filt_marker = NULL,
filt_collection_period = NULL,
filt_basecount = NULL,
filt_altitude = NULL,
filt_depth = NULL
```

value is NULL.

NULL.

filt_identified.by

filt_seq_source

filt_marker

Arguments

get_by	The parameter used to fetch data ("processid", "sampleid", "bin_uri", "dataset_codes" or "project_codes")
identifiers	A vector (or a data frame column) pointing to the get_by parameter specified.
cols	A single or multiple character vector specifying columns needed in the final dataframe. Default value is NULL.
export	A character value specifying the data path where the file should be exported locally along with the name of the file. Default value is NULL.
na.rm	A logical value specifying whether NA values should be removed from the BCDM dataframe. Default value is FALSE.
filt_taxonomy	A single or multiple character vector of taxonomic names at any hierarchical level. Default value is NULL.
filt_geography	A single or multiple character vector specifying any of the country/province/state/region/sector/site names/codes. Default value is NULL.
filt_latitude	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the latitudinal range in decimal degrees. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_longitude	A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the longitudinal range in decimal degrees. Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.
filt_shapefile	A file path pointing to a shapefile or name of the shapefile (.shp) imported in the R session. Default value is NULL.
filt institutes	

A single or multiple character vector specifying names of institutes. Default

A single or multiple character vector specifying names of people responsible for

A single or multiple character vector specifying the data portals from where the

A single or multiple character vector specifying of gene names. Default value is

identifying the organism. Default value is NULL.

(sequence) data was mined. Default value is NULL.

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filt_collection_period

A single or a vector of two date values specifying the collection period range (start, end). Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.

filt_basecount A single or a vector of two numbers specifying range of basepairs number. Val-

ues should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.

filt_altitude A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the altitude range in meters.

Values should be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.

filt_depth A single or a vector of two numbers specifying the depth range. Values should

be separated by a comma. Default value is NULL.

Details

bold. fetch retrieves both public as well as private user data, where private data refers to data that the user has permission to access. The data is downloaded in the Barcode Core Data Model (BCDM) format. It supports effective download data in bulk using search parameters like 'processids', 'sampleids', 'bin_uris', 'dataset_codes' and 'project_codes' through the get_by argument. Users must specify only one of the parameters at a time for retrieval. Multi-parameter searches combining fields like 'processids' + 'sampleids' + 'bin_uri' are not supported, regardless of the parameters available. Data input is via the identifier argument and it can either be a single or multiple character vector containing data for one of the parameters. A dataframe column can be used as an input using the '\$' operator (e.g., df\$column_name). It is important to correctly match the get_by and identifiers arguments to avoid getting any errors. The filt_ or filter parameter arguments provide further data sorting by which a specific user defined data can be obtained. Note that any/all filt_argument names must be written explicitly to avoid any errors (Ex. filt_institutes = 'CBG' instead of just 'CBG'). Using the cols argument allows users to select specific columns for inclusion in the final data frame. If this argument is left as NULL all columns will be downloaded. Providing a data path for the export argument will save the data locally. Data path with the name of the output file with the corresponding file extension (csv or tsv) should be provided (Ex. 'C:/Users/xyz/Desktop/fetch_data_output.csv'). There is a hard limit of 1 million records that be downloaded in a single instance. This would also depend on the user's internet connection and computer specifications. Downloaded data includes information (wherever available) for the columns given in the field column of the bold.fields.info() in the BCDM format. Metadata on the columns fetched in the downloaded data can also be obtained using bold.fields.info(). Important Note: bold.apikey() should be run prior to running bold.fetch to setup the apikey which is needed for the latter.

Value

A data frame containing all the information related to the processids/sampleids and the filters applied (if/any).

```
## Not run:
#Test data with processids
data(test.data)

# Fetch the data using the ids.
#1. api_key must be obtained from BOLD support before using `bold.fetch` function.
#2. Use the `bold.apikey` function to set the apikey in the global env.
bold.apikey('apikey')
```

bold.fields.info

```
# With processids
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                   identifiers = test.data$processid)
# With sampleids
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "sampleid",</pre>
                 identifiers = test.data$sampleid)
# With datasets (publicly available dataset provided)
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "dataset_codes",</pre>
                 identifiers = "DS-IBOLR24")
## Using filters
# Geography
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                   identifiers = test.data$processid,
                   filt_geography = "Churchill")
# Sequence length
res <- bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                   identifiers = test.data$processid,
                   filt_basecount = c(500,600))
# Gene marker & sequence length
res<-bold.fetch(get_by = "processid",</pre>
                 identifiers = test.data$processid,
                 filt_marker = "COI-5P",
                 filt_basecount = c(500, 600))
## End(Not run)
```

bold.fields.info

Retrieve metadata of the BOLD data fields

Description

Provides information on the field (column) names and their respective data type, all of which are compliant with the Barcode Core Data Model (BCDM), the latest data model of the BOLD database.

Usage

```
bold.fields.info(print.output = FALSE)
```

Arguments

print.output Whether the output should be printed in the console. Default is FALSE.

Details

The function downloads the latest field (column) meta data (file type and brief description) which is currently available for download from BOLD.print,output = TRUE will print the information in the console.

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Value

A data frame containing information on all fields (columns).

Examples

```
bold.field.data<-bold.fields.info()
head(bold.field.data,10)</pre>
```

bold.full.search

Search user based (private) and publicly available data on the BOLD database

Description

Retrieves record ids accessible to the particular user along with publicly available data based on taxonomy, geography, markers and collection dates

Usage

```
bold.full.search(
  taxonomy = NULL,
  geography = NULL,
  marker = NULL,
  marker_min_length = NULL,
  marker_max_length = NULL,
  collection_start_date = NULL,
  collection_end_date = NULL,
  institutes = NULL
)
```

Arguments

taxonomy A list of single or multiple character strings specifying the taxonomic names at

any hierarchical level. Default value is NULL.

geography A list of single or multiple character strings any of the country/province/state/region/sector

codes. Default value is NULL.

marker A character string specifying the particular marker gene. Default value is NULL.

marker_min_length

A numerical value of the minimum length of the specified marker gene. Default

value is NULL.

marker_max_length

A numerical value of the maximum length of the specified marker gene. Default

value is NULL.

collection_start_date

A date value specifying the start date of a date range. Default value is NULL.

collection_end_date

A date value specifying the end date of a date range. Default value is NULL.

institutes A list of single or multiple character strings specifying the institute names. De-

fault value is NULL.

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Details

bold.full.search searches user accessible and publicly available data on BOLD, retrieving proccessid and their respective marker codes. All the BCDM data can then be retrieved using the processids as inputs for the bold. fetch function. Search parameters can include one or a combination of taxonomy, geography, institutes, markers, marker lengths and collection dates. Taxonomy, geography and institutes inputs are provided as lists if provided as text values directly (Ex. taxonomy = list("Panthera", "Poecilia")). A dataframe column can also be used as an input for these 3 parameters using the '\$' operator (e.g., df\$column_name). If this is the case (i.e. df\$colum_name), as.list should be used instead of just list (Ex. taxonomy = as.list (df\$column_name), geography = as.list(df\$column_name)) in order to preserve the query structure for internal operation. The function will return NULL output unless this is adhered to. Marker is given as a character value. Names of the markers can be found on the BOLD webpage. Marker length and collection dates are provided as numeric and character values respectively. Marker lengths without specifying the marker will generate an error but just specifying the marker will provide all the data for that marker available based on the user access. In such a case, the function has a default minimum length of 5 and a maximum length of 2000 base pairs. If one of the two lengths are provided, default value of the other will be used (Example: if marker_min_length is given by the user, the default marker maximum length of 2000). Collection dates work in a similar way with a default start date of '2000-01-01' and a end date of '2075-01-01'. Any misspellings (Ex. Canadaa), incorrect placements of search terms (Ex. taxa names in geography) or terms currently having no data on BOLD as query terms will result in a NULL output. There is a hard limit of 1 million record downloads for each search.

Value

A data frame containing all the processids and marker codes related to the query search.. *Important Note*: bold.apikey() should be run prior to running bold.full.search to setup the apikey which is needed for the latter.

```
## Not run:
#Taxonomy
bold.data.tax <- bold.full.search(taxonomy = list("Panthera leo"))

#Result
head(bold.data.tax,10)

#Taxonomy and Geography
bold.data.taxo.geo <- bold.full.search(taxonomy = list("Panthera uncia"),
geography = list("India"))

#Result
head(bold.data.taxo.geo,10)

#Taxonomy, Geography and marker
bold.data.taxo.geo.marker <- bold.full.search(taxonomy = list("Panthera uncia"),
geography = list("India"), marker = "COI-5P", marker_min_length=300, marker_max_length=700)

#Result
bold.data.taxo.geo.marker

# Input as a dataframe column
df_test<-data.frame(taxon_name=c("Panthera leo","Panthera uncia"),</pre>
```

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```
locations = c("India", "Sri Lanka"))
# Result (correct way)
bold.data.taxo.geo.df.col <- bold.full.search(taxonomy = as.list(df_test$taxon_name),</pre>
geography = as.list(df_test$locations))
# Incorrect way
bold.data.taxo.geo.df.col <- bold.full.search(taxonomy = list(df_test$taxon_name),</pre>
geography = list(df_test$locations))
## End(Not run)
```

bold.public.search

Search publicly available data on the BOLD database

Description

Retrieves record ids for publicly available data based on taxonomy, geography, bin_uris or datasets/project codes search.

Usage

```
bold.public.search(
  taxonomy = NULL,
  geography = NULL,
  bins = NULL,
  institutes = NULL,
  dataset_codes = NULL,
  project_codes = NULL
)
```

Arguments

taxonomy

	hierarchical level. Default value is NULL.
geography	A list of single or multiple characters specifying any of the country/province/state/region/sector/site names/codes. Default value is NULL.
bins	A list of single or multiple characters specifying the BIN ids. Default value is

A list of single or multiple characters specifying the taxonomic names at any

NULL.

A list of single or multiple characters specifying the institutes. Default value is institutes

NULL.

A list of single or multiple characters specifying the dataset codes. Default value dataset_codes

is NULL.

A list of single or multiple characters specifying the project codes. Default value project_codes

is NULL.

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Details

bold.public.search searches publicly available data on BOLD, retrieving associated processids and marker codes. All the BCDM data can then be retrieved using the processids as inputs for the bold.fetch function. Search parameters can include one or a combination of taxonomy, geography, bin uris, dataset or project codes. Each input should be provided as a separate list (Ex. taxonomy = list("Panthera", "Poecilia"), geography = list("India)). A dataframe column can also be used as an input using the '\$' operator (e.g., df\$column_name). If this is the case (i.e. df\$column_name), as.list should be used instead of just list (Ex. taxonomy = as.list (df\$column_name), geography = as.list(df\$column_name)). The character length of a search query should also be considered as the function wont be able to retrieve records if that exceeds the predetermined web URL character length (2048 characters). For multi-parameter searches (e.g. taxonomy + geography + bins; see the example: Taxonomy + Geography + BIN id), it's important to logically combine the parameters to ensure accurate and non-empty results. There is a hard limit of 1 million record downloads for each search.

Value

A data frame containing all the processids and marker codes related to the query search.

```
bold.data <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Panthera leo"))</pre>
#Result
head(bold.data,10)
#Taxonomy and Geography
bold.data.taxo.geo <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = list("Panthera uncia"),</pre>
geography = list("India"))
head(bold.data.taxo.geo,10)
#Taxonomy, Geography and BINs
bold.data.taxo.geo.bin <- bold.public.search(taxonomy=list("Panthera leo"),</pre>
geography = list("India"),
bins=list("BOLD:AAD6819"))
#Result
bold.data.taxo.geo.bin
# Input as a dataframe column
df_test<-data.frame(taxon_name=c("Panthera leo","Panthera uncia"),</pre>
locations = c("India", "Sri Lanka"))
# Result
bold.data.taxo.geo.df.col <- bold.public.search(taxonomy = as.list(df_test$taxon_name),</pre>
geography = as.list(df_test$locations))
```

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Canadian spider data by Blagoev et al.(2015)

Description

The test data comprises 1,336 process and sample IDs from the Salticidae (Arthropoda:Arachnida:Araneae) family, sourced from Canadian spider data published by Blagoev et al. (2015). This publication includes a DNA barcode reference library encompassing 1,018 species of Canadian spiders.

Usage

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Format

A data frame with 1336 rows and 2 columns:

processid Character vector of processidssampleid Character vector of sampleids corresponding to the processids

Source

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/1755-0998.12444

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