ICCB Species distribution modelling and validation

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In this script we are fitting species distribution models to the data of koalas (Phascolarctos cinereus) in the South-East Queensland (SEQ) region under current environmental conditions, which we will predict into future environmental conditions.

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Model uncertainty
We wrote this script drawing on some of the following resources:
Ecocommons Notebooks https://www.ecocommons.org.au/notebooks/
Damaris Zurell's SDM Intro https://damariszurell.github.io/SDM-Intro/
${\rm https://damariszurell.github.io/EEC\text{-}MGC/b4_SDM_eval.html}$

Import packages

```
library(dplyr)
Attaching package: 'dplyr'
The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':
    filter, lag
The following objects are masked from 'package:base':
    intersect, setdiff, setequal, union
library(purrr)
library(ggplot2)
library(terra)
terra 1.8.50
library(sf)
Linking to GEOS 3.13.0, GDAL 3.8.5, PROJ 9.5.1; sf_use_s2() is TRUE
library(predicts)
library(blockCV)
blockCV 3.1.5
library(ecospat)
library(usdm)
library(randomForest)
randomForest 4.7-1.2
Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.
```

```
Attaching package: 'randomForest'
The following object is masked from 'package:ggplot2':
    margin
The following object is masked from 'package:dplyr':
    combine
library(precrec)
library(corrplot)
corrplot 0.95 loaded
# Install the mecofun package, used in the materials at https://damariszurell.github.io/SDM-
library(devtools)
Loading required package: usethis
devtools::install_git("https://gitup.uni-potsdam.de/macroecology/mecofun.git")
Skipping install of 'mecofun' from a xgit remote, the SHA1 (feb82c4a) has not changed since
  Use `force = TRUE` to force installation
# Load the mecofun package
library(mecofun)
```

Load koala presences and background points

They are loaded as spatvectors, but we also want them as dataframes for model input requirements.

```
koala_occ <- vect("Data/Biological_records/SEQ_koala_occurrences.shp")
background <- vect("Data/Biological_records/background_points_2.5k_random.shp")
# Make a dataframe of just x, y and presence
koala_occ_df <- koala_occ %>%
    as.data.frame(geom = "XY") %>%
```

```
dplyr::select(x,y) %>%
  mutate(Presence = 1)
head(koala_occ_df)
                 y Presence
1 1868673 -3265806
2 1851054 -3232106
                           1
3 1846917 -3231913
                           1
4 1874167 -3262365
                           1
5 1857487 -3259935
                           1
6 1874262 -3262395
                           1
background_df <- background %>%
  as.data.frame(geom = "XY") %>%
  dplyr::select(x,y) %>%
  mutate(Presence = 0)
head(background_df)
                 y Presence
1 1854692 -3111330
2 1859816 -3111330
                           0
3 1864940 -3111330
                           0
                           0
4 1870064 -3111330
5 1875188 -3111330
                           0
6 1880312 -3111330
                           0
# Combine to one
pr_bg <- rbind(koala_occ_df, background_df)</pre>
```

Load environmental covariates

Loading current covariate rasters. We formatted these rasters in the same way as the Koala data, so that they are all in the same projection and extent. We did this in the script: 'ICCB_Environmental_data.qmd'

```
covs_current <- rast("Data/Environmental_variables/current_bioclim.tif")

# Define the BIOCLIM names for the raster layers
layer_names <- c(</pre>
```

```
"BIO1 Annual Mean Temp",
  "BIO2_Mean_Diurnal_Temp_Range",
  "BIO3 Isothermality",
  "BIO4_Temperature_Seasonality",
  "BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month",
  "BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month",
  "BIO7_Temperature_Annual_Range",
  "BIO8_Mean_Temp_Wettest_Quarter",
  "BIO9_Mean_Temp_Driest_Quarter",
  "BIO10_Mean_Temp_Warmest_Quarter",
  "BIO11_Mean_Temp_Coldest_Quarter",
  "BIO12_Annual_Precipitation",
  "BI013_Precip_Wettest_Month",
  "BIO14_Precip_Driest_Month",
  "BIO15_Precip_Seasonality",
  "BIO16_Precip_Wettest_Quarter",
  "BIO17_Precip_Driest_Quarter",
  "BI018_Precip_Warmest_Quarter",
  "BIO19_Precip_Coldest_Quarter")
names(covs_current) <- layer_names</pre>
```

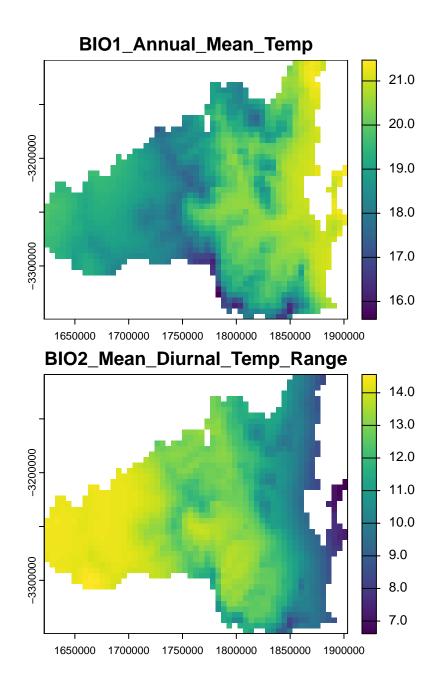
Covariate selection

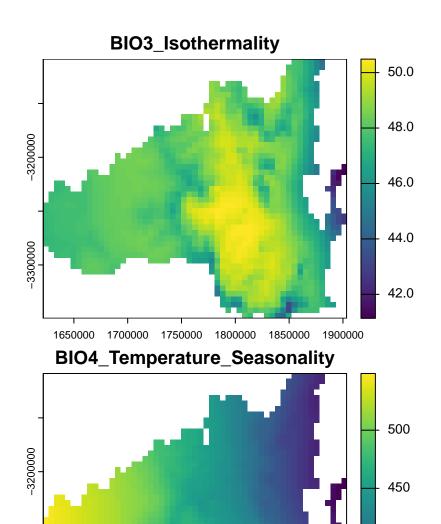
Option 1. Narrow down potential covariates based on ecological knowledge

For this example, we had advice from CSIRO scientists who conducted an expert elicitation to gather a set of potential covariates that are likely to be important for koalas. We use this knowledge to filter out the key bioclim variables.

We select the following: Bio5: Max temp of the warmest month (mainly for the northern populations) Bio6: Min temp of the coldest month (mainly for southern populations, which essentially excludes alpine regions) Bio12: Annual Precipitation Bio15: Precipitation seasonality (coefficient of variation)

```
for(i in 1:nlyr(covs_current)) {
  terra::plot(covs_current[[i]], main = names(covs_current)[[i]])
}
```



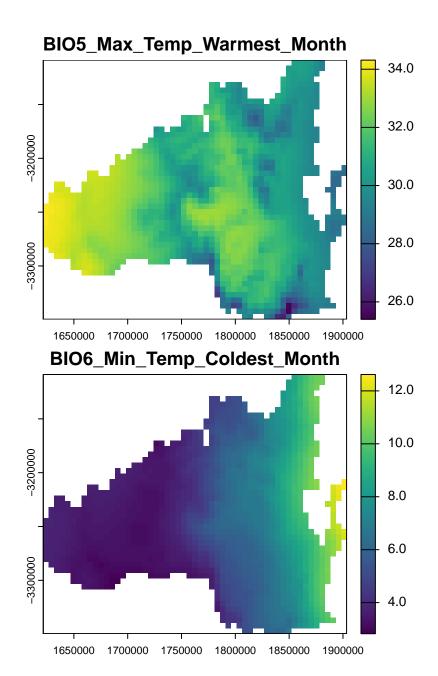


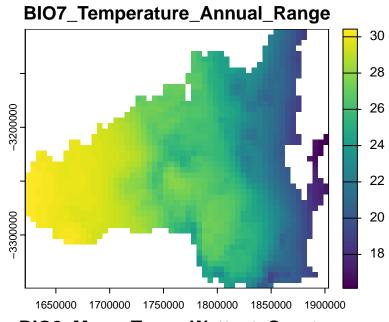
1650000 1700000 1750000 1800000 1850000

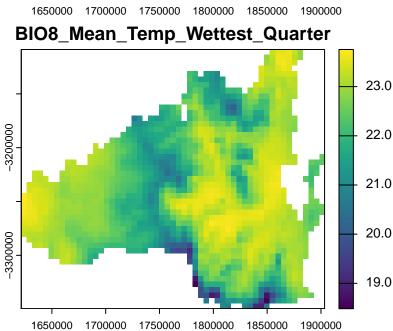
-3300000

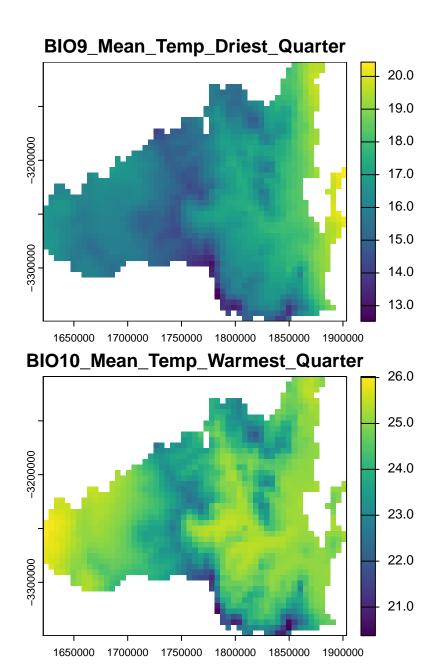
400

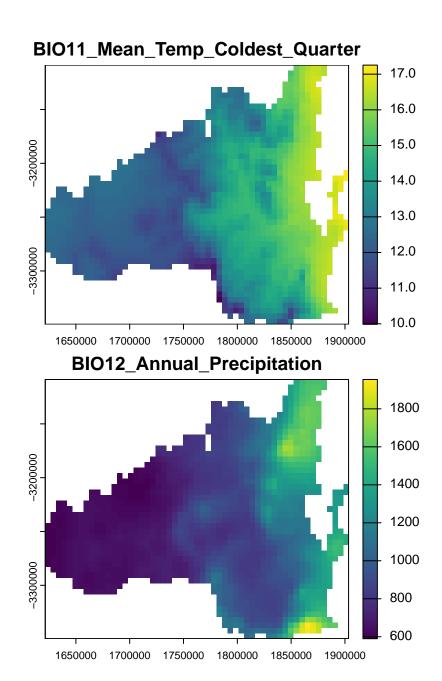
350

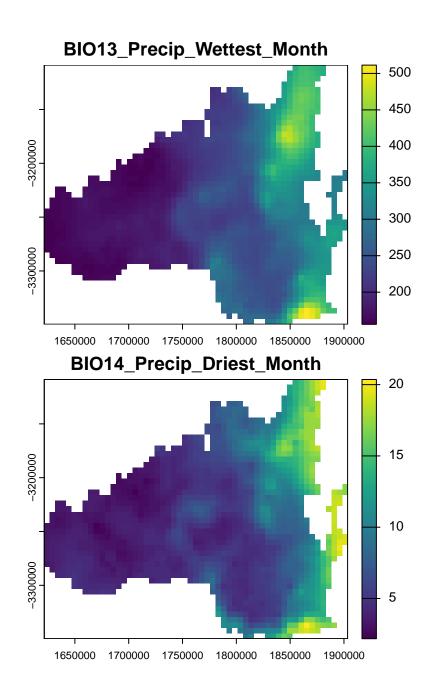


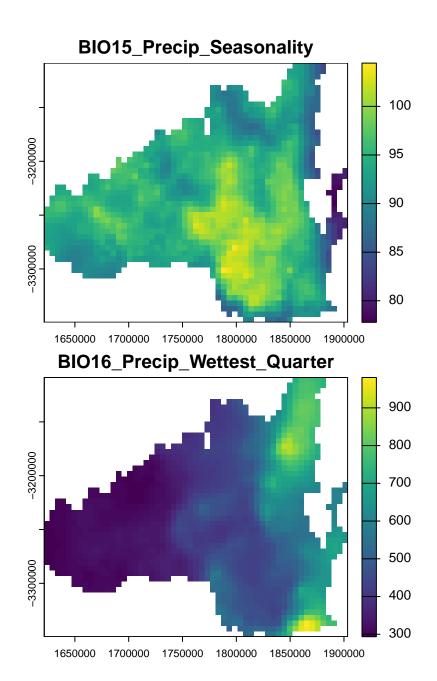


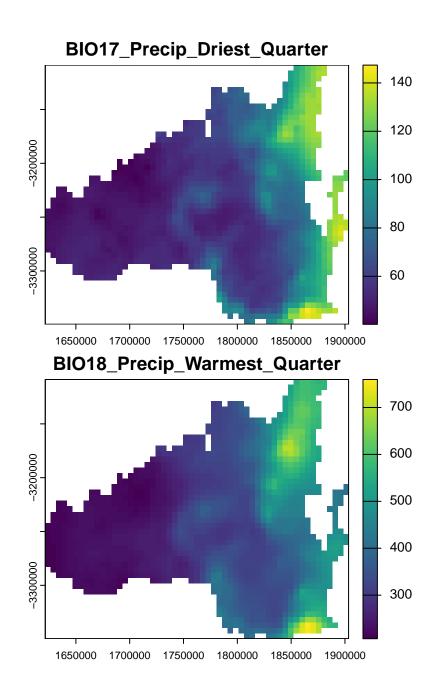


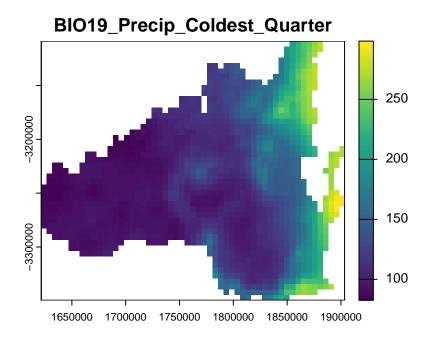




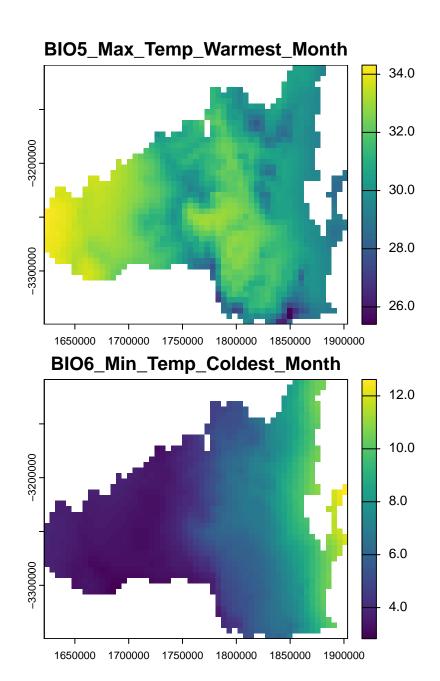


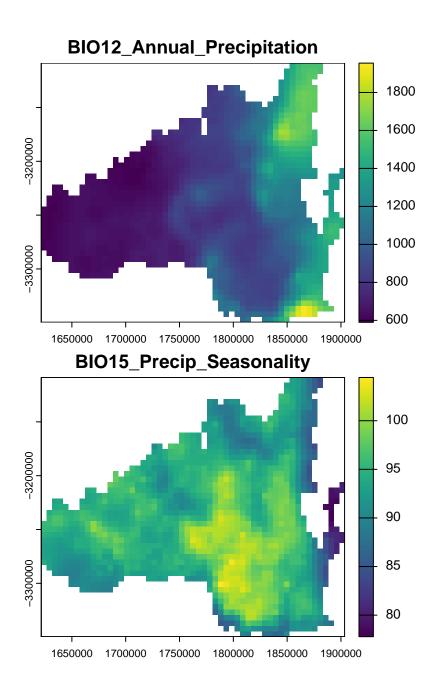






Show the four from expert elicitation the layers





Extract environmental covariate values from presence and background locations (training locations)

```
train_PB_covs <- terra::extract(covs_current, pr_bg[,c("x", "y")], xy = T)
train_PB_covs <- cbind(train_PB_covs, pr_bg["Presence"])

# Remove rows where there's values missing from at least one covariate
print(paste0("RECORDS FROM ", nrow(train_PB_covs) - sum(complete.cases(train_PB_covs)), " RO</pre>
```

[1] "RECORDS FROM 68 ROWS IN TRAINING DATA REMOVED DUE TO MISSING COVARIATE VALUES"

```
train_PB_covs <- train_PB_covs[complete.cases(train_PB_covs), ]
train_PB_covs <- dplyr::select(train_PB_covs, -ID)
head(train_PB_covs)</pre>
```

```
BIO1_Annual_Mean_Temp BIO2_Mean_Diurnal_Temp_Range BIO3_Isothermality
1
               20.73219
                                              9.515615
                                                                  46.85551
2
               20.85025
                                                                  47.88751
                                             10.291359
3
               20.61474
                                             10.648253
                                                                  48.39870
4
               21.00405
                                              9.129249
                                                                  46.28033
5
               20.75752
                                             10.070734
                                                                  47.49575
6
               21.00405
                                              9.129249
                                                                  46.28033
  BIO4_Temperature_Seasonality BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month
1
                       367.6388
                                                     29.73501
2
                       379.8710
                                                     30.47122
3
                       384.8382
                                                     30.53297
4
                                                     29.72843
                       363.1416
5
                       378.2968
                                                     30.20078
6
                       363.1416
                                                     29.72843
  BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month BIO7_Temperature_Annual_Range
                      9.386996
1
                                                      20.34801
2
                      8.940289
                                                      21.53093
3
                      8.487451
                                                      22.04552
4
                      9.958574
                                                      19.76986
5
                      8.959633
                                                      21.24114
6
                      9.958574
                                                      19.76986
  BIO8 Mean Temp Wettest Quarter BIO9 Mean Temp Driest Quarter
                         22.98827
1
                                                         18.36451
2
                         23.55152
                                                         18.09120
3
                         23.31077
                                                         17.78633
4
                         23.01914
                                                         18.89500
5
                         23.32381
                                                         18.13480
6
                         23.01914
                                                         18.89500
  BIO10 Mean Temp Warmest Quarter BIO11 Mean Temp Coldest Quarter
1
                          24.94183
                                                            15.92675
2
                          25.18869
                                                            15.87509
3
                          24.99932
                                                            15.57214
4
                          25.18043
                                                            16.27002
5
                          25.08320
                                                            15.80299
6
                          25.18043
                                                            16.27002
  BIO12_Annual_Precipitation BIO13_Precip_Wettest_Month
                     1238.362
                                                 327.7901
1
```

```
2
                     1165.235
                                                  327.1804
3
                     1161.138
                                                  327.4446
4
                     1222.618
                                                  311.3793
5
                     1109.354
                                                  305.5583
6
                     1222.618
                                                  311.3793
  BIO14_Precip_Driest_Month BIO15_Precip_Seasonality
                   10.800349
1
                                               92.89355
2
                    8.330686
                                               98.80420
3
                    8.048150
                                               99.45329
4
                   11.913177
                                               88.93709
5
                    8.327950
                                               97.22968
6
                   11.913177
                                               88.93709
  BIO16_Precip_Wettest_Quarter BIO17_Precip_Driest_Quarter
1
                       606.3058
                                                     94.95189
2
                       598.7009
                                                     77.30684
3
                       598.9535
                                                     75.86132
4
                       583.3614
                                                    100.51526
5
                       558.9021
                                                     77.90620
6
                       583.3614
                                                    100.51526
  BIO18_Precip_Warmest_Quarter BIO19_Precip_Coldest_Quarter
1
                       449.8074
                                                      189.9305 1870064 -3265048
2
                       444.0957
                                                      147.6409 1849568 -3234305
3
                       445.4260
                                                      145.7036 1844444 -3234305
4
                       448.1904
                                                      200.5528 1875188 -3259924
5
                                                      153.3001 1859816 -3259924
                       408.9403
6
                       448.1904
                                                      200.5528 1875188 -3259924
  Presence
1
         1
2
         1
3
         1
4
         1
5
         1
6
         1
```

Thin the koala presence points (for tutorial only)

We now thin the presences to reduce the number of points to a manageable size for plotting and modelling. This is not a recommended step for real data, but is done here to make the tutorial run faster and to make the plots clearer.

```
train_PB_covs_pres <- train_PB_covs %>% filter(Presence == 1)
train_PB_covs_bg <- train_PB_covs %>% filter(Presence == 0)
# Thin the presences for plotting
```

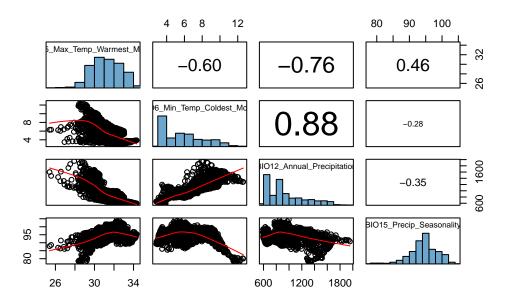
```
train_PB_covs_pres_thin <- train_PB_covs_pres[sample(nrow(train_PB_covs_pres), 10000), ]
# Combine back into both presence and background
train_PB_covs_thinned <- rbind(train_PB_covs_pres_thin, train_PB_covs_bg)</pre>
```

Check correlation and multicollinearity of covariates

Correlation plot

There are several different methods for creating correlation plots.

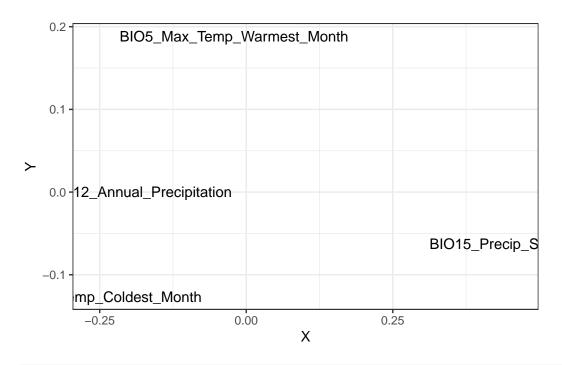
ecospat.cor.plot(covs_current_expert)



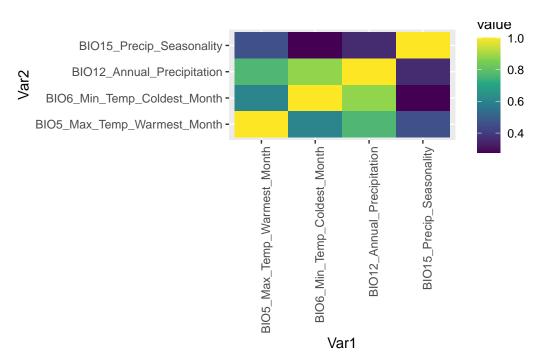
Using the corplots package

For a simple and quick plot.

```
corplots <- ENMTools::raster.cor.plot(covs_current_expert)
corplots$cor.mds.plot</pre>
```

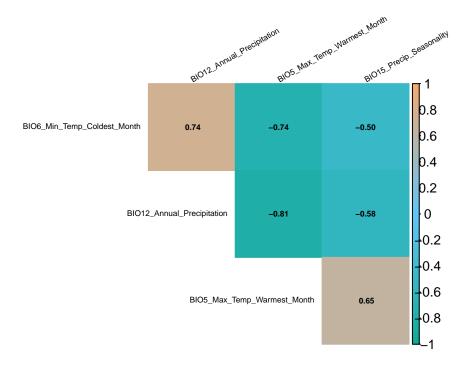


corplots\$cor.heatmap



Here, we use the corrplot package to create a correlation plot of the selected covariates (this is taken from an EcoCommons Australia notebook).

```
# Select columns by their names
cor_data <- train_PB_covs[, names(train_PB_covs) %in% c("BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month",</pre>
                                                        "BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month",
                                                        "BIO12_Annual_Precipitation",
                                                        "BIO15_Precip_Seasonality")]
# Check the structure of the numeric data
str(cor_data)
'data.frame': 88136 obs. of 4 variables:
 $ BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month: num 29.7 30.5 30.5 29.7 30.2 ...
 $ BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month: num 9.39 8.94 8.49 9.96 8.96 ...
 $ BIO12_Annual_Precipitation : num 1238 1165 1161 1223 1109 ...
 $ BIO15_Precip_Seasonality : num 92.9 98.8 99.5 88.9 97.2 ...
# Calculate the correlation matrix for the numeric columns
cor matrix <- cor(cor data, use = "complete.obs", method = "pearson")</pre>
corrplot(cor_matrix,
        method = "color",
                                  # Use colored squares for correlation
        type = "upper",
                                    # Show upper triangle only
        order = "hclust",
        addCoef.col = "black",
number.cex = 0 5
                                    # Reorder variables hierarchically
                                    # Show correlation coefficients in black
                                    # Reduce the size of correlation labels
        tl.col = "black",
                                    # Text label color
        tl.srt = 30,
                                    # Rotate labels slightly for readability
                                    # Reduce text size of variable labels (set smaller val
        tl.cex = 0.5,
        cl.cex = 0.8,
                                    # Reduce text size of color legend
                                     # Hide diagonal
        diag = FALSE,
         col = colorRampPalette(c("#11aa96", "#61c6fa", "#f6aa70"))(200),
         sig.level = 0.01, insig = "blank")
```



Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)

If you find corrplot is hard for you to make decisions, we can use Variance Inflation Factor (VIF). VIF is another statistical measure used to detect multicollinearity in a set of explanatory (independent) variables in a regression model.

Interpretation:

- VIF = 1: No correlation
- VIF > 1 and <= 5: Moderate correlation; may not require corrective action.
- VIF > 5: Indicates high correlation. Multicollinearity may be problematic, and further investigation is recommended.
- VIF > 10: Strong multicollinearity. The variable is highly collinear with others, and steps should be taken to address this.

```
# usdm::vif(covs_current_expert) # just VIF for all covariates
usdm::vifstep(covs_current_expert) # Variance Inflation Factor and test for multicollinearit
```

No variable from the 4 input variables has collinearity problem.

```
Variables VIF

1 BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month 2.751370

2 BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month 4.528719

3 BIO12_Annual_Precipitation 6.888077

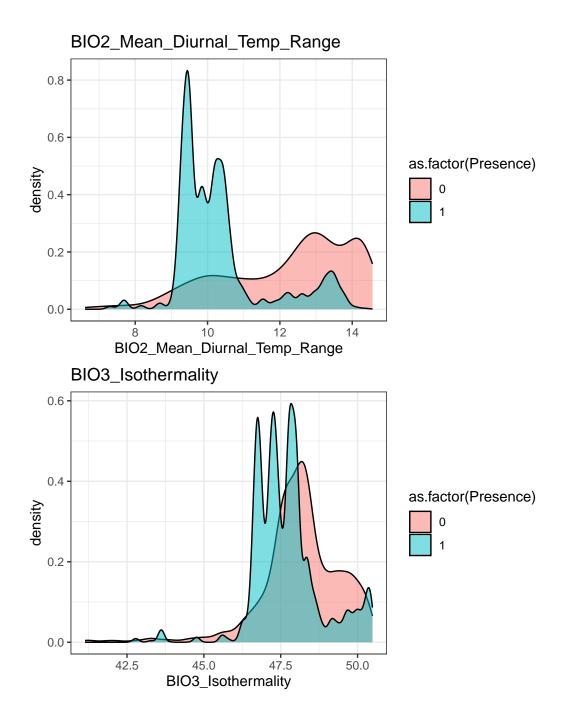
4 BIO15_Precip_Seasonality 1.263385
```

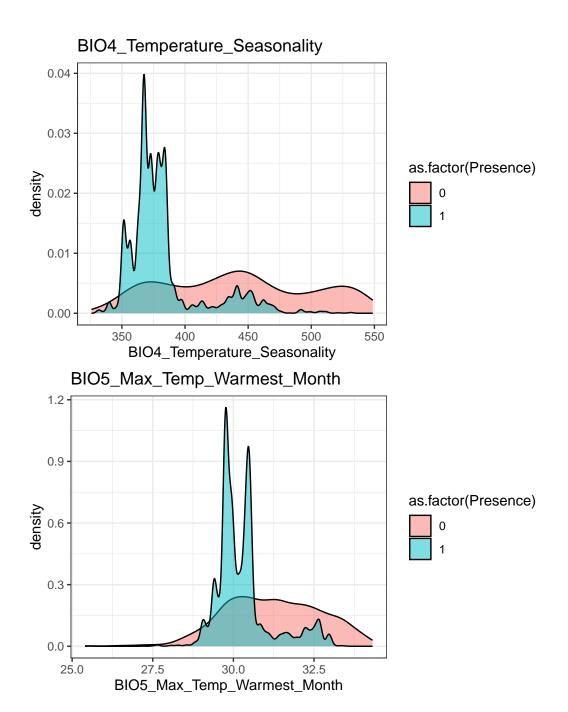
Exploration of the koala presence and background data

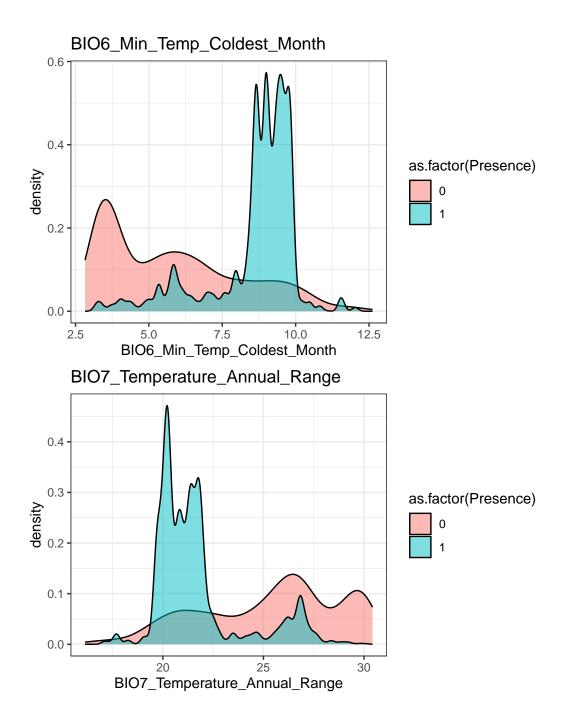
It is good practice to assess where in the environmental space the presence and background points are located. This can help to identify if there are any potential issues with the data, such as a lack of background points in certain areas of environmental space, and should show any patterns in the data that the model should pick up.

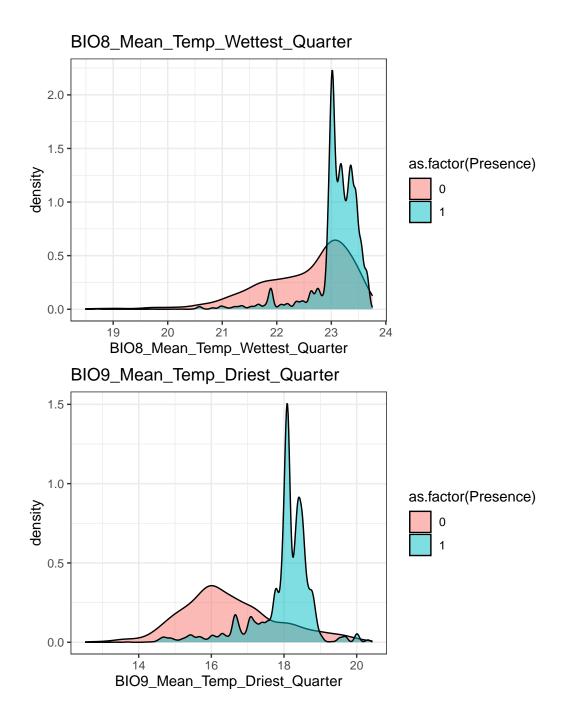
BIO1_Annual_Mean_Temp as.factor(Presence) 1 1

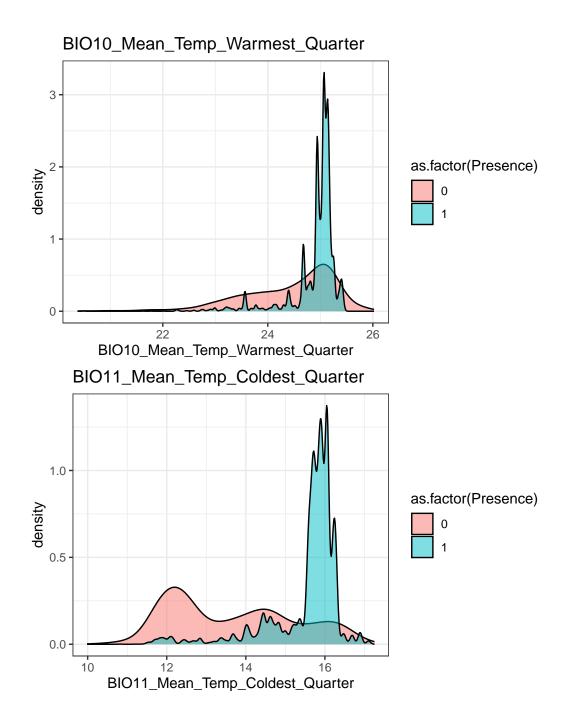
BIO1_Annual_Mean_Temp

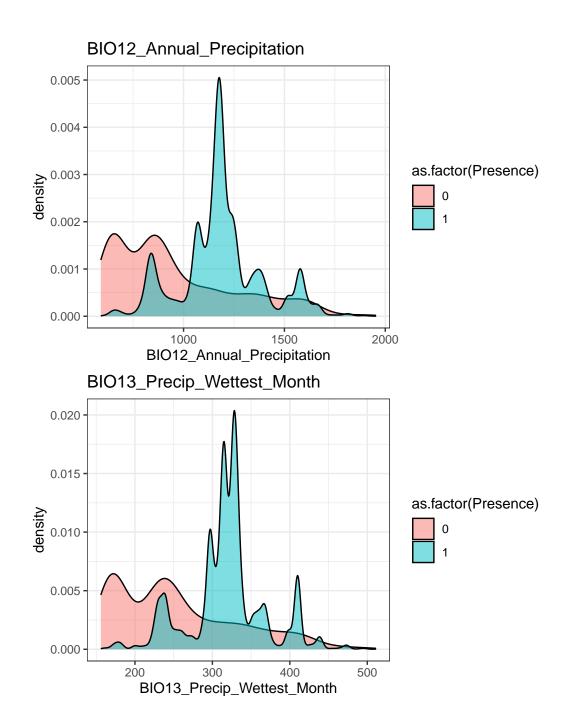


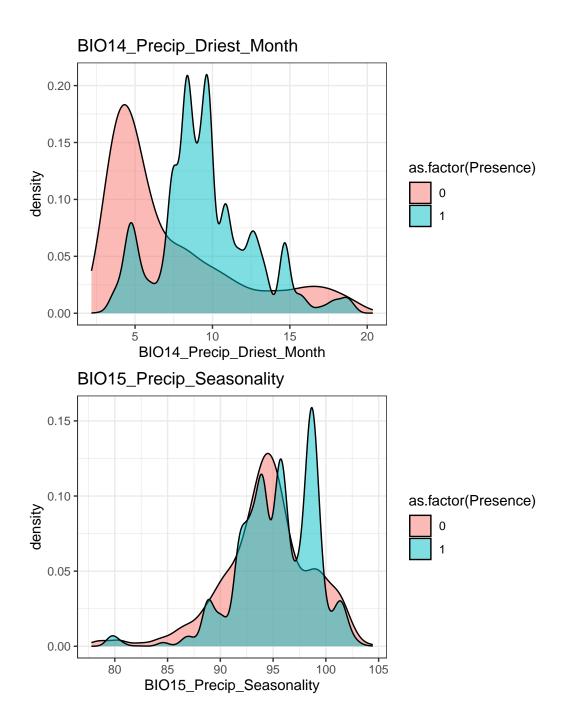


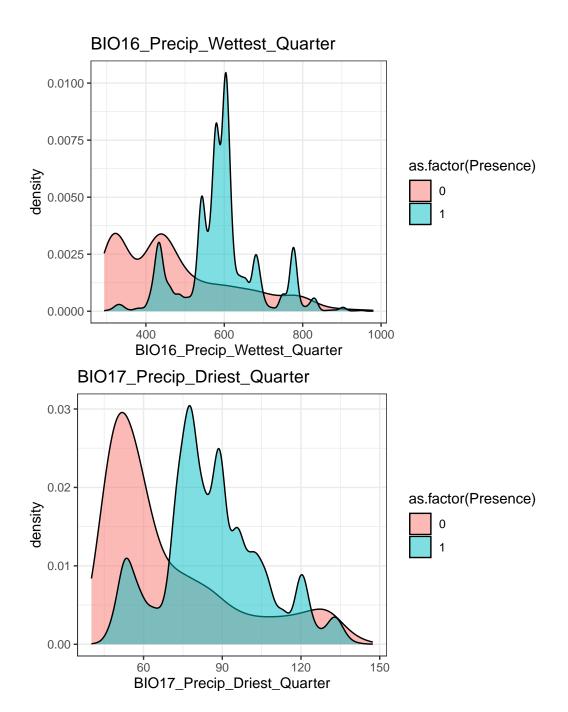


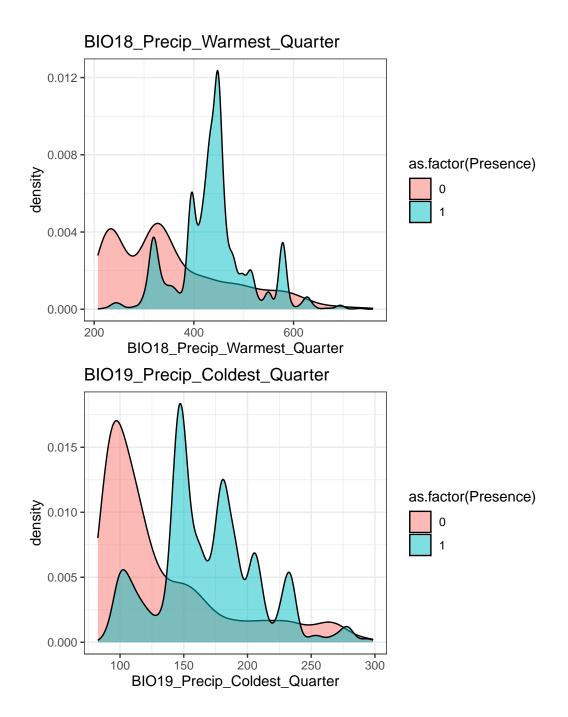


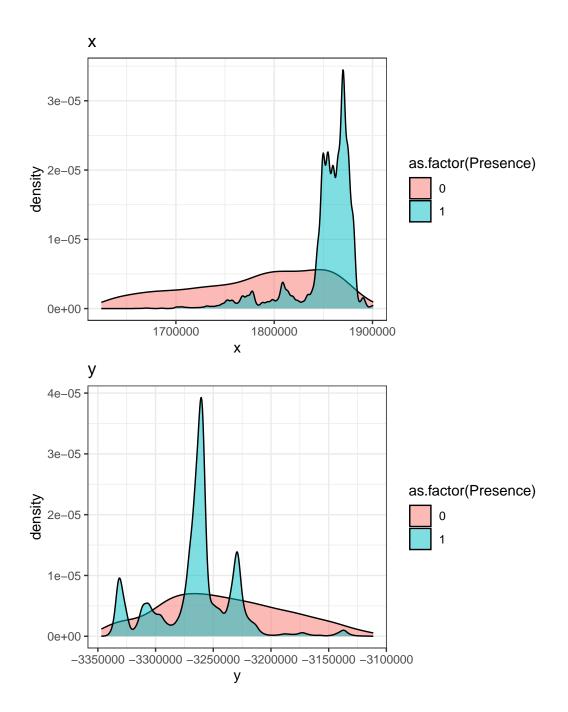


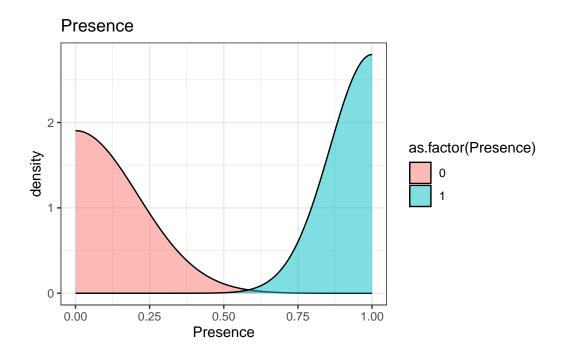












First Model: GLM model fitting

```
# Make a folder to save outputs
dir.create("outputs/GLM_outputs", showWarnings = F)
```

Null model

Null model: no explanatory variables or predictors are included.

It is always helpful to create a null model as a benchmark to assess how the inclusion of explanatory variables improves the model.

```
Call:
glm(formula = Presence ~ 1, family = binomial(link = "logit"),
```

```
data = train_PB_covs)
Coefficients:
           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept) 4.08096
                      0.02636
                              154.8
                                       <2e-16 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 14902 on 88135 degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 14902 on 88135 degrees of freedom
AIC: 14904
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 7
GLM Model 1 - expert variables
glm_model_1 <- glm(Presence ~</pre>
                   BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month +
                   BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month +
                   BIO12_Annual_Precipitation +
                   BIO15_Precip_Seasonality,
                  data=train_PB_covs_thinned,
                  family = binomial(link = "logit"))
# Check the model results
summary(glm_model_1)
Call:
glm(formula = Presence ~ BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month + BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month +
   BIO12_Annual_Precipitation + BIO15_Precip_Seasonality, family = binomial(link = "logit")
   data = train_PB_covs_thinned)
Coefficients:
                           Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
                          -6.651059 1.562034 -4.258 2.06e-05 ***
(Intercept)
```

BIO15_Precip_Seasonality

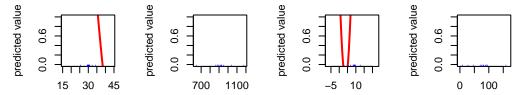
```
'***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
Signif. codes:
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
    Null deviance: 8758.5
                                            degrees of freedom
                                on 11463
Residual deviance: 5710.0
                                on 11459
                                            degrees of freedom
AIC: 5720
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
# These response curves don't look very helpful
dismo::response(glm_model_1)
predicted value
                                         predicted value
                                              0.0
    0.0
         15
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      BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month
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         BIO12_Annual_Precipitation
                                                   BIO15_Precip_Seasonality
```

GLM Model 2 - expert variables with quadratics

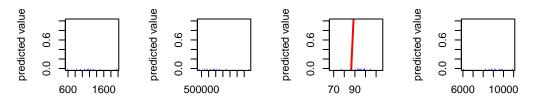
In this model, we include quadratic terms for the covariates. This is a common approach in species distribution modelling to account for non-linear relationships between the predictors and the response variable. This increases the complexity of the model and allows for more flexibility in fitting the data.

```
summary(glm_model_2)
Call:
glm(formula = Presence ~ BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month + I(BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month^2) +
    BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month + I(BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month^2) +
   BIO12_Annual_Precipitation + I(BIO12_Annual_Precipitation^2) +
   BIO15_Precip_Seasonality + I(BIO15_Precip_Seasonality^2),
   family = binomial(link = "logit"), data = train_PB_covs_thinned)
Coefficients:
                                  Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
(Intercept)
                                -8.396e+01 1.828e+01 -4.593 4.37e-06 ***
BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month
                                -1.334e+00 1.180e+00 -1.130
                                                               0.2585
I(BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month^2) 1.292e-02 1.910e-02 0.676
                                                               0.4988
BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month
                                -1.096e+00 1.914e-01 -5.728 1.02e-08 ***
I(BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month^2) 1.456e-01 1.293e-02 11.260 < 2e-16 ***
BIO12_Annual_Precipitation
                                 7.378e-04 1.941e-03 0.380
                                                              0.7039
I(BIO12 Annual Precipitation^2) -1.266e-06 6.923e-07 -1.828
                                                              0.0675 .
                                 2.084e+00 2.380e-01 8.758 < 2e-16 ***
BIO15_Precip_Seasonality
I(BI015_Precip_Seasonality^2)
                                -9.202e-03 1.269e-03 -7.253 4.09e-13 ***
Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
(Dispersion parameter for binomial family taken to be 1)
   Null deviance: 8758.5 on 11463
                                    degrees of freedom
Residual deviance: 5546.0 on 11455
                                    degrees of freedom
AIC: 5564
Number of Fisher Scoring iterations: 6
# These response curves don't look very helpful
dismo::response(glm_model_2)
```

Check the model results



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BIO12_Annual_Precipitati(BIO12_Annual_Precipitatic BIO15_Precip_Seasonal I(BIO15_Precip_Seasonalit

Model effect evaluation

Here we use a function presented in an EcoCommons Australia notebook to evaluate the model performance. The notebook can be found on their GitHub: https://github.com/EcoCommonsAustralia/n

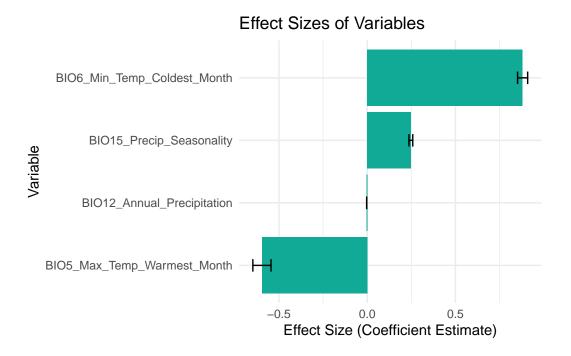
```
# Function to plot effect size graph
plot_effect_size <- function(glm_model) {</pre>
  # Check if required libraries are installed
  if (!requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
    stop("Please install the 'ggplot2' package to use this function.")
  }
  library(ggplot2)
  # Extract effect sizes (coefficients) from the model
  coefs <- summary(glm_model)$coefficients</pre>
  effect_sizes <- data.frame(</pre>
    Variable = rownames(coefs)[-1], # Exclude the intercept
    Effect_Size = coefs[-1, "Estimate"],
    Std_Error = coefs[-1, "Std. Error"]
  # Sort by effect size
  effect_sizes <- effect_sizes[order(-abs(effect_sizes$Effect_Size)), ]</pre>
  # Plot the effect sizes with error bars
  ggplot(effect_sizes, aes(x = reorder(Variable, Effect_Size), y = Effect_Size)) +
    geom_bar(stat = "identity", fill = "#11aa96") +
```

```
geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = Effect_Size - Std_Error, ymax = Effect_Size + Std_Error), width
coord_flip() +
labs(
    title = "Effect Sizes of Variables",
    x = "Variable",
    y = "Effect Size (Coefficient Estimate)"
) +
theme_minimal()
}
```

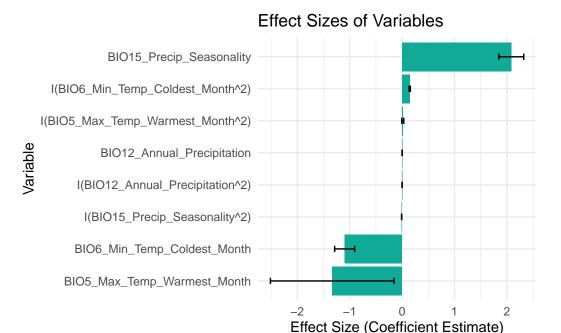
Use the function to check the effect sizes

We need to be careful when interpreting the effect sizes of models with quadratic terms however, as the response curve depends on the linear and the quadratic term.

```
# Example usage of effect size plot
plot_effect_size(glm_model_1)
```



```
plot_effect_size(glm_model_2)
```



Response curves

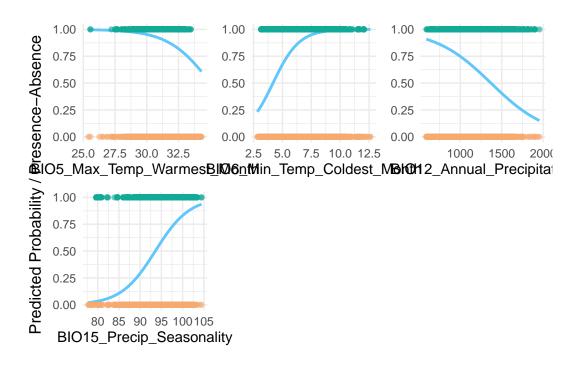
Again, we can use a function from the EcoCommons notebook to plot the response curves from the model, although for quadratics we need to adjust the function or use something else.

```
plot_species_response <- function(glm_model, predictors, data) {</pre>
  # Check if required libraries are installed
  if (!requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE) || !requireNamespace("gridExtra", quietly
    stop("Please install the 'ggplot2' and 'gridExtra' packages to use this function.")
  }
  library(ggplot2)
  library(gridExtra)
  # Create empty list to store response plots
  response_plots <- list()
  # Loop through each predictor variable
  for (predictor in predictors) {
    # Create new data frame to vary predictor while keeping others constant
    pred_range <- seq(</pre>
      min(data[[predictor]], na.rm = TRUE),
      max(data[[predictor]], na.rm = TRUE),
      length.out = 100
```

```
const_data <- data[1, , drop = FALSE] # Use first row to keep other predictors constant</pre>
  response_data <- const_data[rep(1, 100), ] # Duplicate the row
 response_data[[predictor]] <- pred_range</pre>
 # Predict probabilities
 predicted_response <- predict(glm_model, newdata = response_data, type = "response")</pre>
  # Create data frame for plotting
 plot_data <- data.frame(</pre>
   Predictor_Value = pred_range,
   Predicted_Probability = predicted_response
 # Add presence and absence data
 presence_absence_data <- data.frame(</pre>
    Predictor_Value = data[[predictor]],
   Presence_Absence = data$Presence
 # Generate the response plot
 p <- ggplot() +</pre>
    geom_line(data = plot_data,
              aes(x = Predictor_Value, y = Predicted_Probability),
              color = "#61c6fa", linewidth = 1) +
    geom_point(data = presence_absence_data[presence_absence_data$Presence_Absence == 1, ]
               aes(x = Predictor_Value, y = Presence_Absence),
               color = "#11aa96", alpha = 0.6) +
    geom_point(data = presence_absence_data[presence_absence_data$Presence_Absence == 0, ]
               aes(x = Predictor_Value, y = Presence_Absence),
               color = "#f6aa70", alpha = 0.6) +
    labs(x = predictor, y = NULL) +
    theme_minimal() +
    theme(axis.title.y = element_blank())
  # Store the plot in the list
 response_plots[[predictor]] <- p</pre>
}
# Arrange all plots in one combined plot with a single shared y-axis label
grid.arrange(
```

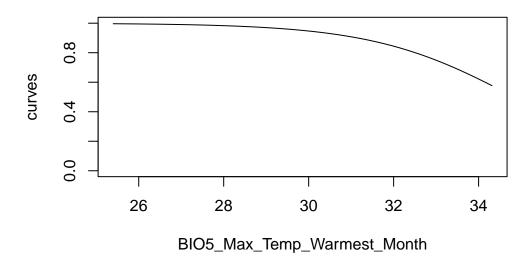
```
grobs = response_plots,
ncol = 3,
left = "Predicted Probability / Presence-Absence"
)
}
```

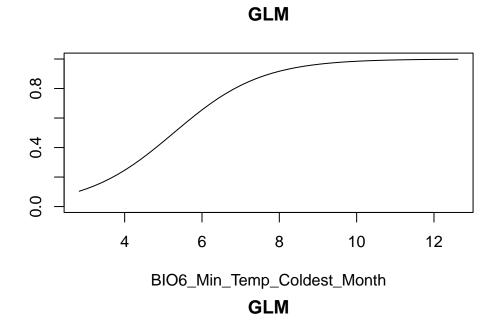
Use the response curve function

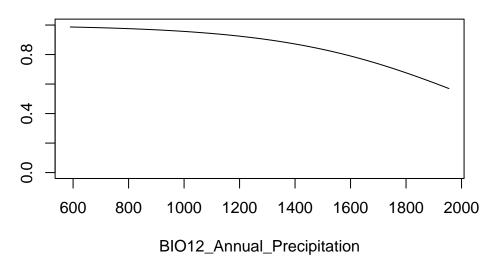


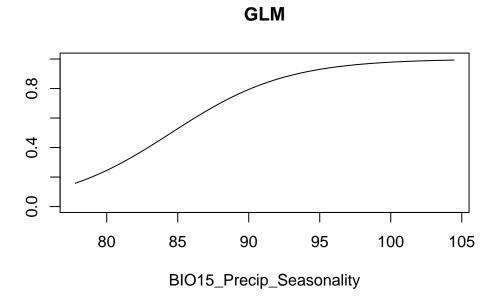
Model 1 partial responses

```
# Plot the partial responses
partial_response(glm_model_1, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], main='GLM')
```

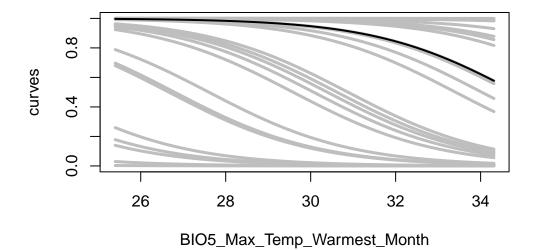




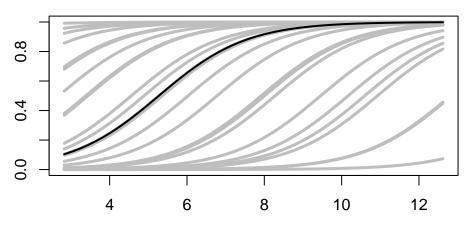




Plot inflated response curves:
inflated_response(glm_model_1, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], method = "st

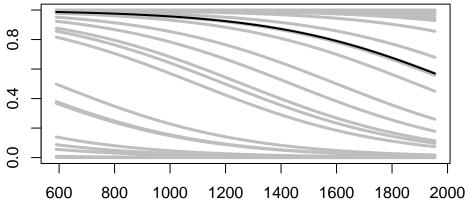






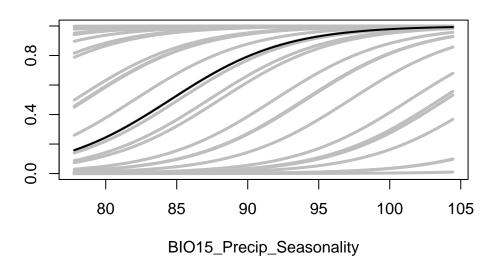
BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month





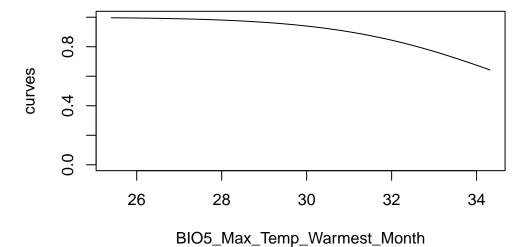
BIO12_Annual_Precipitation

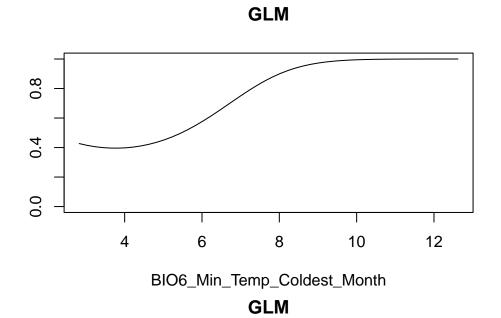
GLM

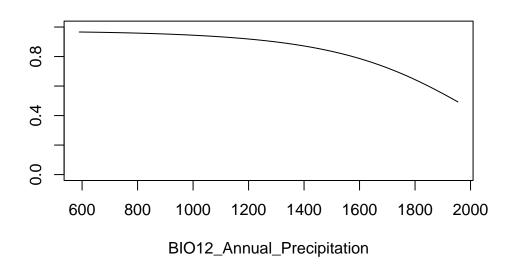


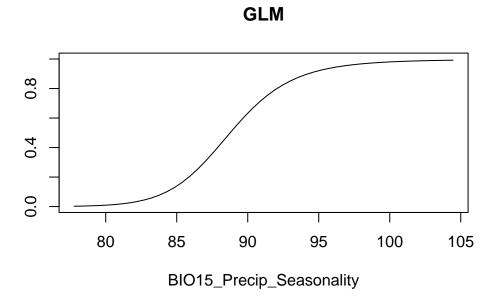
Model 2 partial responses

```
# Plot the partial responses
partial_response(glm_model_2, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], main='GLM')
```

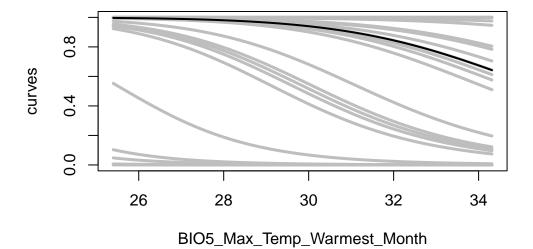




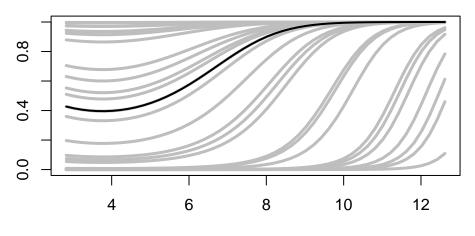




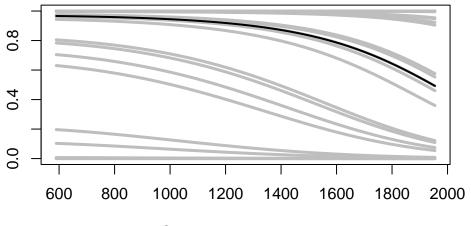
Plot inflated response curves:
inflated_response(glm_model_2, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], method = "st





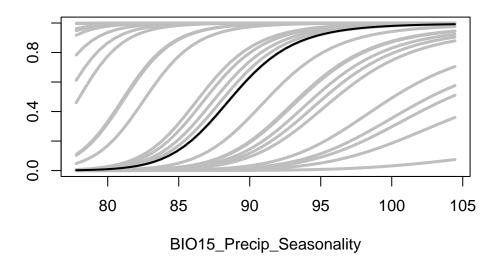


BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month



BIO12_Annual_Precipitation

GLM

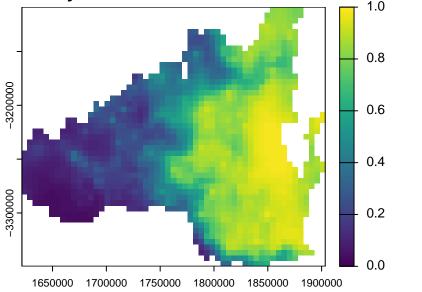


GLM predictions to current environment

Model 1

```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_model_1 <- predicts::predict(covs_current_expert, glm_model_1, type = "resp
# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
    predicted_raster_model_1,
    range = c(0, 1), # Set min and max values for the color scale
    main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM 1"
)</pre>
```

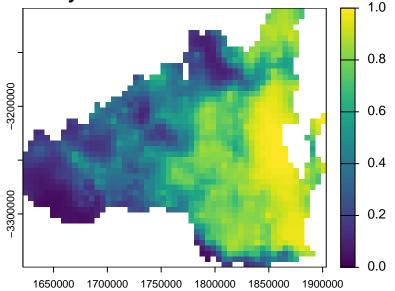
ative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM 1



Model 2

```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_model_2 <- predicts::predict(covs_current_expert, glm_model_2, type = "resp
# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
   predicted_raster_model_2,
   range = c(0, 1), # Set min and max values for the color scale
   main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM 2"
)</pre>
```





```
# Make a folder to save outputs
dir.create("outputs/RF_outputs", showWarnings = F)
```

Data preparation

Calculate the case weights (down/up-weighting)

Because we have a 'class imbalance' (uneven number of presences and background points), we are making their 'weight' in the model equal.

```
presNum <- as.numeric(table(train_PB_covs_thinned$Presence)["1"]) # number of presences
bgNum <- as.numeric(table(train_PB_covs_thinned$Presence)["0"]) # number of backgrounds
weight <- ifelse(train_PB_covs_thinned$Presence == 1, 1, presNum / bgNum) # down-weighting</pre>
```

Prepare for fitting the RF model(s)

```
# If wanting to fit a classification model
# Convert the response to factor for producing class relative likelihood
train_PB_covs_thinned$Presence_Factor <- as.factor(train_PB_covs_thinned$Presence)
# For down-sampling, the number of background (0s) in each bootstrap sample should the same
# (1s). For this, we use sampsize argument to do this.
# We need to choose the SMALLER number out of the two classes
sample_size <- c("0" = bgNum, "1" = bgNum)
sample_size <- c(bgNum)</pre>
```

Random Forest Model - expert covariates

Classification or regression model?

```
# # Specify the model formula - classification
# model_formula <- as.formula(Presence_Factor ~

# BI05_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month +

# BI06_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month +

# BI012_Annual_Precipitation +

# BI015_Precip_Seasonality)

# Specify the model formula - regression
model_formula <- as.formula(Presence ~

BI05_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month +

BI06_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month +

BI012_Annual_Precipitation +

BI015_Precip_Seasonality)</pre>
```

Fit the random forest model

This will throw a warning as we only have two unique values (0s and 1s), but in our case that is fine, and you can ignore the warning.

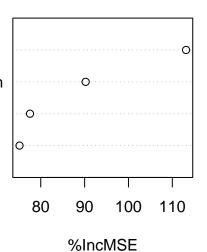
Warning in randomForest.default(m, y, ...): The response has five or fewer unique values. Are you sure you want to do regression?

Check the model results

```
# Model summary
rf_1
Call:
 randomForest(formula = model_formula, data = train_PB_covs_thinned,
                                                                           weights = weight,
               Type of random forest: regression
                     Number of trees: 1000
No. of variables tried at each split: 1
          Mean of squared residuals: 0.08568366
                    % Var explained: 23.08
# Variable importance:
importance(rf_1)
                              %IncMSE IncNodePurity
BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month 90.23977
                                           69.47576
BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month 113.13609
                                          102.85306
BIO12_Annual_Precipitation
                             77.54665
                                           82.91868
BIO15_Precip_Seasonality
                             75.15556
                                           47.28076
# Plot variable importance
varImpPlot(rf_1, type = 1)
```

rf_1

BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month
BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month
BIO12_Annual_Precipitation
BIO15_Precip_Seasonality

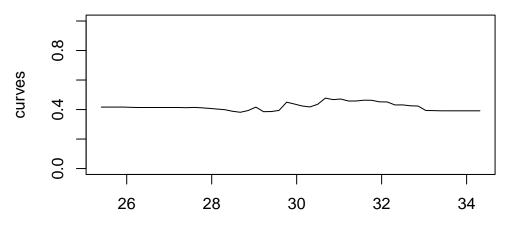


```
# Look at single trees:
head(getTree(rf_1,1,T))
```

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  0.8093923
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5 0.3189369
  0.8502269
```

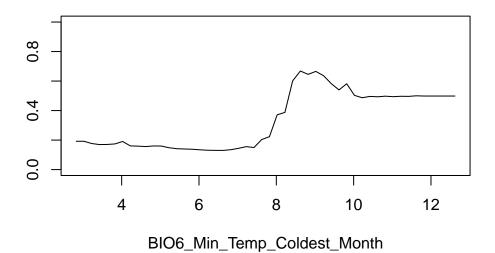
Partial dependence plots

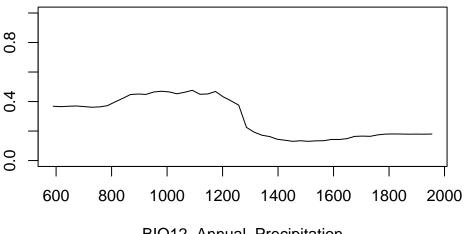
```
# Now, we plot response curves in the same way as we did for GLMs above:
partial_response(rf_1, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], main='Random Forest'
```



BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month

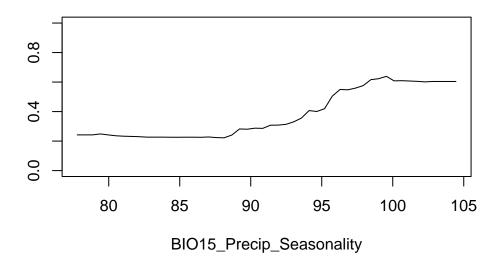
Random Forest



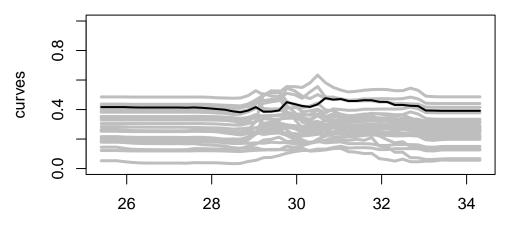


BIO12_Annual_Precipitation

Random Forest

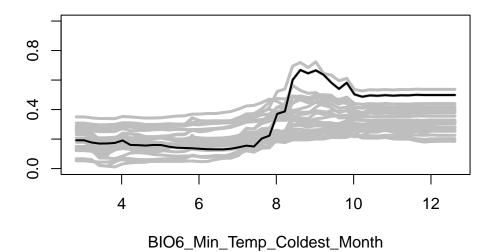


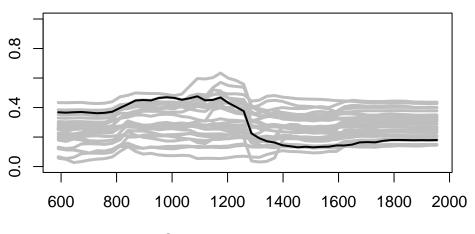
Plot inflated response curves: inflated_response(rf_1, predictors = train_PB_covs_thinned[,predictors], method = "stat3", 1



BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month

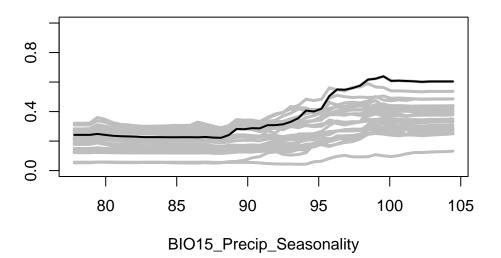
Random Forest





BIO12_Annual_Precipitation

Random Forest

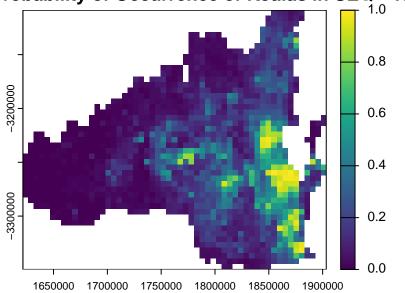


Random Forest predictions

```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_RF_1 <- predicts::predict(covs_current_expert, rf_1, type = "response")
# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
   predicted_raster_RF_1,
   range = c(0, 1), # Set min and max values for the color scale</pre>
```

```
main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - RF 1"
)
```

lative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - RF 1



Model evaluation with spatial block cross-validation

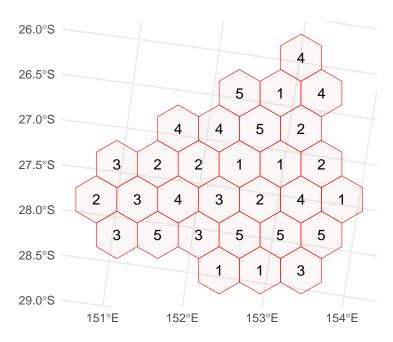
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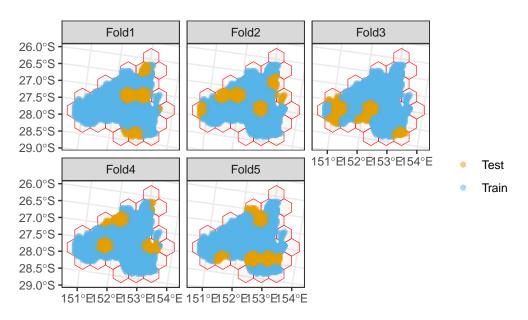
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      335 726
3
 1176 8653 288 1347
4
 1202 5192 262 4808
   8674 321 1326
5
 1143
```



```
cv_plot(cv = spblock,
    x = train_PB_covs_thinned_sf,
    points_alpha = 0.5,
    nrow = 2)
```



Extract the folds to save
spfolds <- spblock\$folds_list</pre>

We now have a list of 5 folds, where the first object is the training data, and the second str(spfolds)

```
List of 5
$ :List of 2
..$ : int [1:9413] 10859 10860 10965 11019 11020 10706 10656 10707 10657 11021 ...
..$ : int [1:2051] 11421 11423 11382 6511 11442 11422 11402 11381 11401 10738 ...
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..$ : int [1:1061] 10859 10860 10965 11019 11020 10706 10656 10707 10657 11021 ...
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..$ : int [1:5070] 10982 11140 3731 9771 3978 5636 294 10774 10981 3251 ...
```

Run the model for every fold and evaluate

Model evaluation - metrics

Typically, it helps to evaluate your model with several metrics that describe different features of model performance and prediction. Here, we define a function to feed in a model prediction and calculate several evaluation metrics.

The metrics are:

-Area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC ROC)

Higher values of this (closer to 1) suggest a model is good at distinguishing presence points from the background.

-Continuous boyce index

Higher values of this (closer to 1) suggest a model is good at predicting higher suitability at spots where there were presences.

```
test_PB_covs_scv <- train_PB_covs_thinned[spfolds[[f]][[2]]], ]</pre>
  glm_model_1 <- glm(Presence ~</pre>
                     BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month +
                     BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month +
                     BIO12_Annual_Precipitation +
                     BI015_Precip_Seasonality,
                    data=train_PB_covs_scv,
                    family = binomial(link = "logit"))
    # Predict to the testing data of fold f
  test_PB_covs_scv$pred <- predict(glm_model_1, newdata = test_PB_covs_scv, type = "response")</pre>
  # Evaluate prediction on test set
  ROC = precrec::auc(precrec::evalmod(scores = test_PB_covs_scv$pred, labels = test_PB_covs_
  boyce = ecospat::ecospat.boyce(fit = test_PB_covs_scv$pred,
                                  obs = test_PB_covs_scv$pred[which(test_PB_covs_scv$Presence
                                  nclass = 0, # Calculate continuous index
                                  method = "pearson",
                                  PEplot = F)[["cor"]]
  # Add results to dataframe
  eval_df <- eval_df %>% add_row(fold = f, ROC = ROC, boyce = boyce)
}
```

Summarise the evaluation metrics

Model evaluation for Random Forest with spatial block cross-validation

We're going to use the same spatial folds as before.

Run the RF model for every fold and evaluate

```
# Start a dataframe to save results
eval_df.RF <- data.frame(fold = numeric(),</pre>
                       ROC = numeric(),
                       boyce = numeric())
for(f in seq along(spfolds)) {
  # Subset the training and testing data (spatial cross validation) (for the fth fold)
  train_PB_covs_scv <- train_PB_covs_thinned[spfolds[[f]][[1]], ]</pre>
  test_PB_covs_scv <- train_PB_covs_thinned[spfolds[[f]][[2]], ]</pre>
  presNum <- as.numeric(table(train PB_covs scv$Presence)["1"]) # number of presences</pre>
  bgNum <- as.numeric(table(train_PB_covs_scv$Presence)["0"]) # number of backgrounds
  weight <- ifelse(train_PB_covs_scv$Presence == 1, 1, presNum / bgNum) # down-weighting
  sample_size <- c("0" = bgNum, "1" = bgNum)</pre>
  sample_size <- c(bgNum)</pre>
  rf 1 <- randomForest::randomForest(formula = model formula,
                                    data = train_PB_covs_scv,
                                    weights = weight,
                                    ntree = 1000,
                                    sampsize = sample_size,
                                    replace = T,
                                    importance=TRUE)
    # Predict to the testing data of fold f
  test_PB_covs_scv$pred <- predict(rf_1, newdata = test_PB_covs_scv, type = "response")</pre>
  # Evaluate prediction on test set
  ROC = precrec::auc(precrec::evalmod(scores = test_PB_covs_scv$pred, labels = test_PB_covs_
  boyce = ecospat::ecospat.boyce(fit = test_PB_covs_scv$pred,
```

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Warning in randomForest.default(m, y, ...): The response has five or fewer unique values. Are you sure you want to do regression?
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```

Summarise the evaluation metrics

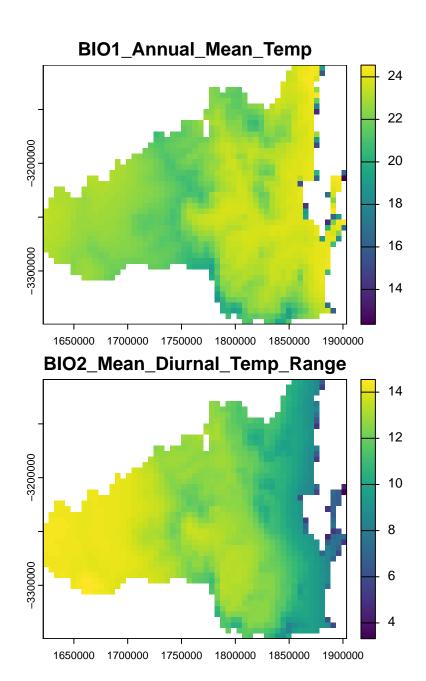
Make predictions to future climates

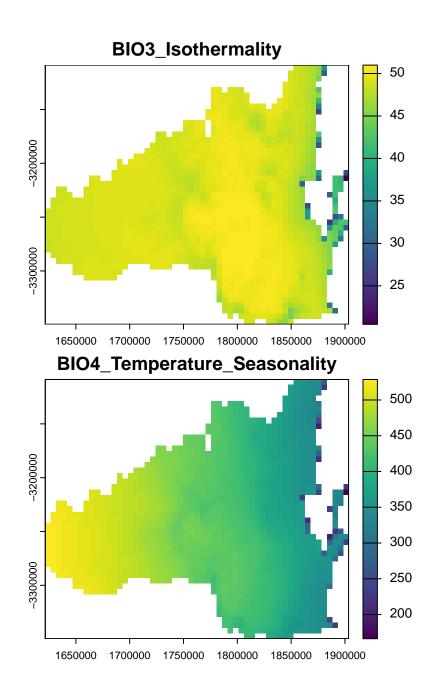
Load future environmental data

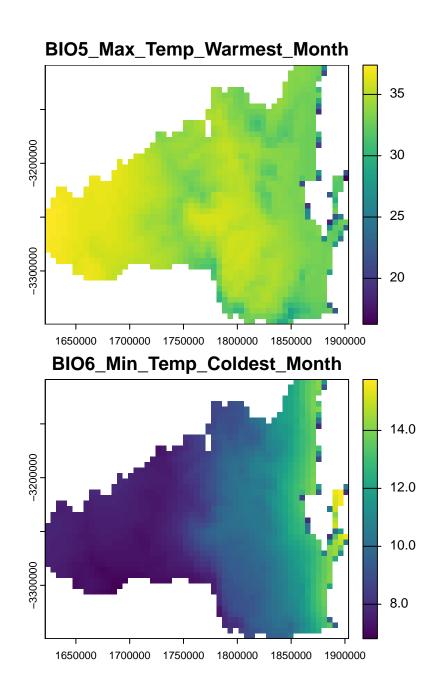
```
covs_future <- rast("Data/Environmental_variables/future_bioclim.2090.SSP370.tif")</pre>
names(covs_future) <- layer_names</pre>
covs_future
class
           : SpatRaster
dimensions: 47, 55, 19 (nrow, ncol, nlyr)
resolution : 5123.954, 5123.954 (x, y)
          : 1621552, 1903370, -3349594, -3108768 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref. : GDA94 / Geoscience Australia Lambert (EPSG:3112)
           : future_bioclim.2090.SSP370.tif
source
          : BIO1_~_Temp, BIO2_~Range, BIO3_~ality, BIO4_~ality, BIO5_~Month, BIO6_~Month,
names
min values :
              0.8177757, 0.3121004,
                                        1.564732,
                                                     12.43535,
                                                                   1.130271,
                                                                              0.4521889,
max values : 24.5521488, 14.5486765, 50.989292, 528.63293,
                                                                   37.389927, 15.7586107,
covs_future <- terra::mask(covs_future, covs_current) # Crop to SEQ extent</pre>
covs_future_expert <- subset(covs_future, names(covs_future) %in% c("BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_M
                                                                   "BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_M
                                                                   "BI012_Annual_Precipitat
                                                                   "BI015_Precip_Seasonalit
```

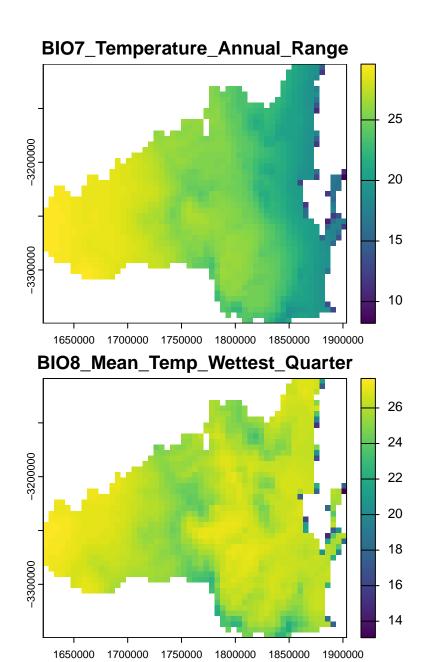
Plot the future rasters

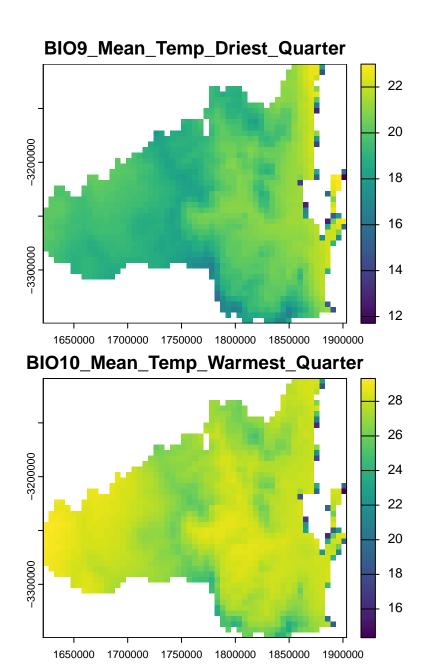
```
for(i in 1:nlyr(covs_future)) {
  terra::plot(covs_future[[i]], main = names(covs_future)[[i]])
}
```

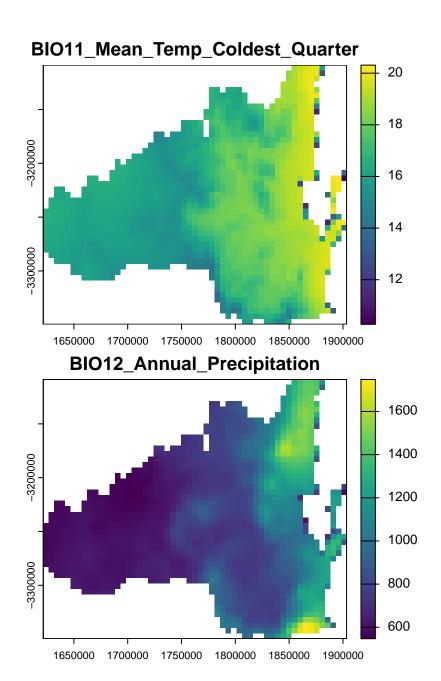


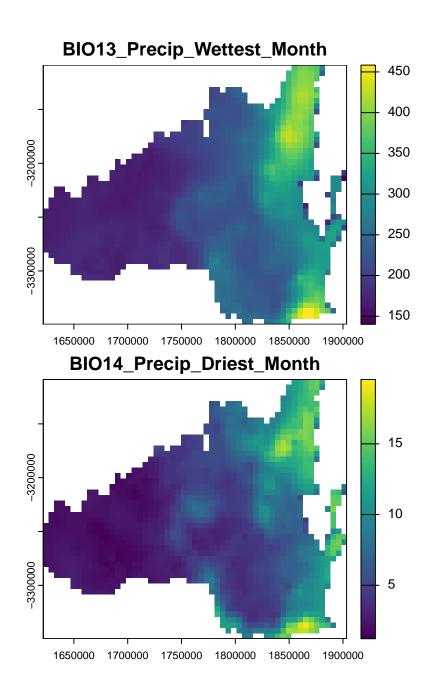


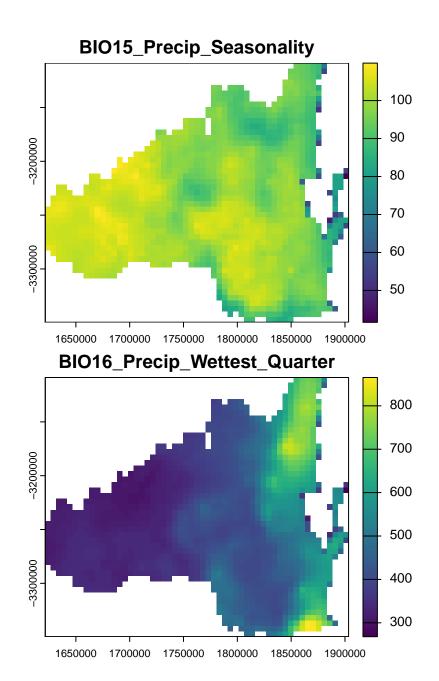


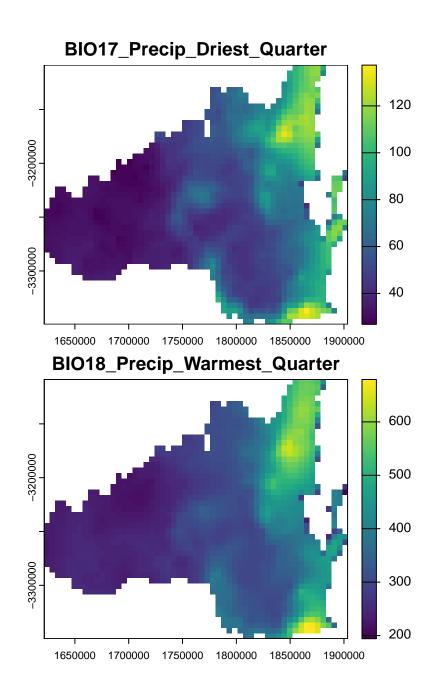


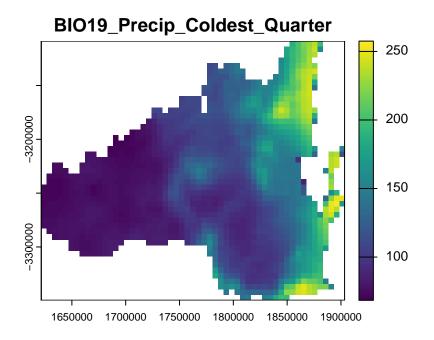




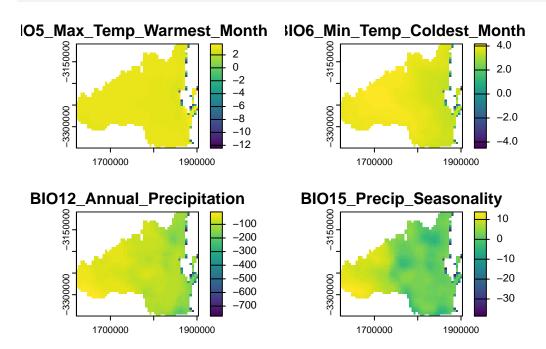




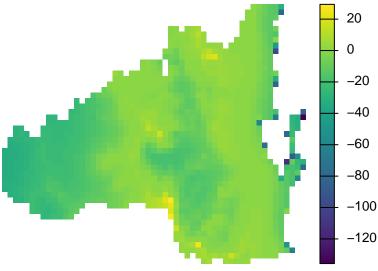


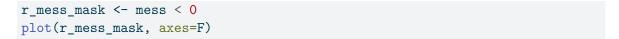


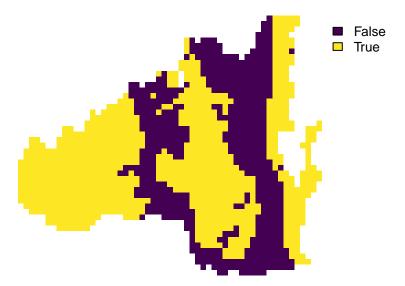
Plot to compare the difference between the current and future rasters
plot(covs_future_expert - covs_current_expert)



Test the environmental distance between current data and future conditions







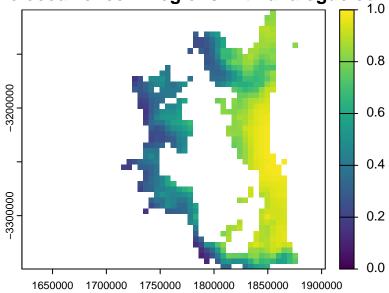
Test which areas you might mask out because they are 'novel' in environmental space and therefore require model extrapolation.

```
analog_fut <- predicted_raster_model_1

values(analog_fut)[values(mess)<0] <- NA

plot(analog_fut,
    range = c(0, 1), # Set min and max values for the color scale
    main = "Koala relative occurrence in regions with analogue conditions")</pre>
```

a relative occurrence in regions with analogue conditions

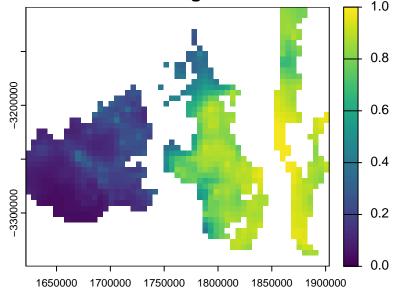


```
novel_fut <- predicted_raster_model_1

values(novel_fut)[values(mess)>0] <- NA

plot(novel_fut,
    range = c(0, 1),  # Set min and max values for the color scale
    main = "Koala relative occurrence in regions with novel conditions")</pre>
```

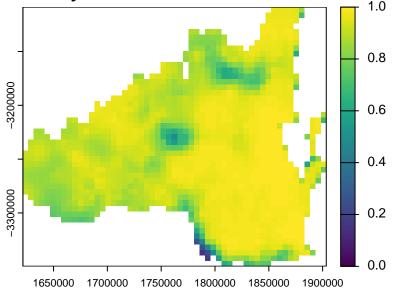
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GLM future predictions

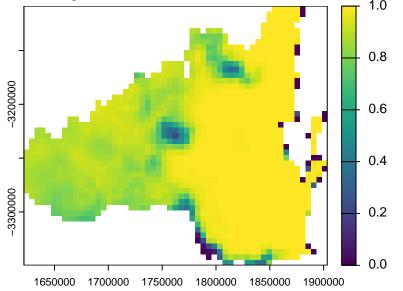
```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_model_1 <- predict(covs_future_expert, glm_model_1, type = "response")
# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
   predicted_raster_model_1,
   range = c(0, 1),  # Set min and max values for the color scale
   main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM1"
)</pre>
```

ative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM1



```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_model_2 <- predict(covs_future_expert, glm_model_2, type = "response")
# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
   predicted_raster_model_2,
   range = c(0, 1),  # Set min and max values for the color scale
   main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - GLM2"
)</pre>
```



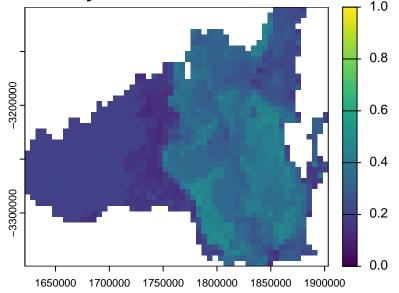


Random Forest future predictions

```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_RF_1 <- predicts::predict(covs_future_expert, rf_1, type = "response", na.r

# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
    predicted_raster_RF_1,
    range = c(0, 1), # Set min and max values for the color scale
    main = "Relative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - RF"
)</pre>
```

elative Probability of Occurrence of Koalas in SEQ - RF



Presenting predictions with uncertainty

There are many sources of model uncertainty that should be explored and ideally, presented alongside model predictions.

One that we'll focus on here is climate scenario uncertainty. We do so by fitting a second model to future climate data from a lower emission shared socioeconomic path scenario (SSP 1.26).

Load future environmental data (SSP 1.26)

```
covs_future_SSP126 <- rast("Data/Environmental_variables/future_bioclim.2090.SSP126.tif")
names(covs_future_SSP126) <- layer_names
covs_future_SSP126</pre>
```

class : SpatRaster

dimensions : 47, 55, 19 (nrow, ncol, nlyr) resolution : 5123.954, 5123.954 (x, y)

extent : 1621552, 1903370, -3349594, -3108768 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)

coord. ref. : GDA94 / Geoscience Australia Lambert (EPSG:3112)

source : future_bioclim.2090.SSP126.tif

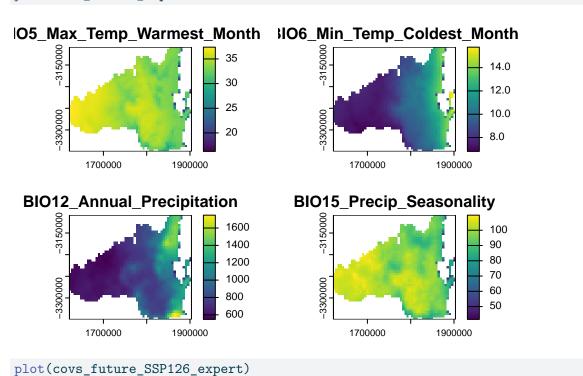
names : BIO1_~_Temp, BIO2_~Range, BIO3_~ality, BIO4_~ality, BIO5_~Month, BIO6_~Month, min values : 0.7471204, 0.3128485, 1.585051, 12.19436, 1.046093, 0.3754203, max values : 22.4384842, 14.8543510, 51.254021, 544.83429, 35.546104, 13.5217409,

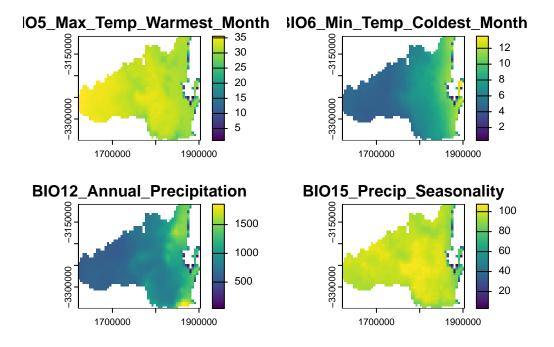
```
covs_future_SSP126_expert <- subset(covs_future_SSP126, names(covs_future_SSP126) %in% c("BI
```

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Plot to compare the variables across the two scenarios

plot(covs_future_expert)

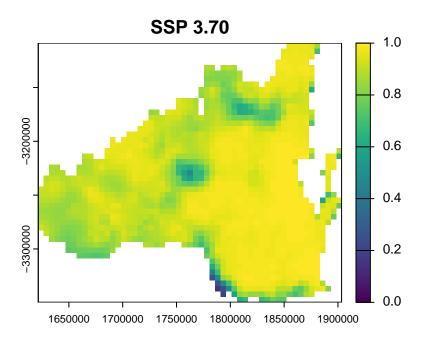




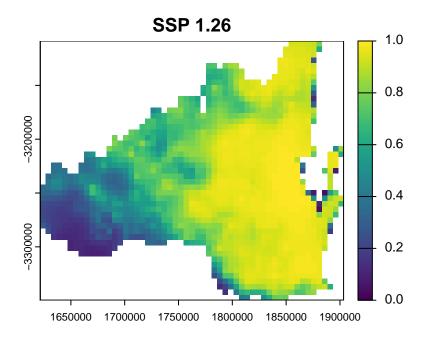
GLM future predictions (SSP 1.26)

```
# Predict the presence probability across the entire raster extent
predicted_raster_model_1_SSP126 <- predict(covs_future_SSP126_expert, glm_model_1, type = "r

# Plot the species distribution raster
plot(
    predicted_raster_model_1,
    range = c(0,1),
    main = "SSP 3.70"
)</pre>
```



```
plot(
  predicted_raster_model_1_SSP126,
  range = c(0,1),
  main = "SSP 1.26"
)
```



Model uncertainty

Another element of uncertainty that can be represented is model uncertainty, or the standard error around the coefficient estimates.

```
# Extract standard errors of coefficients
coef_se <- summary(glm_model_1)$coefficients[, "Std. Error"]</pre>
print(coef_se)
                 (Intercept) BIO5_Max_Temp_Warmest_Month
                1.7073577601
                                               0.0565765829
BIO6_Min_Temp_Coldest_Month BIO12_Annual_Precipitation
                0.0320840066
                                              0.0003021583
   BIO15_Precip_Seasonality
                0.0118936628
covs_df <- as.data.frame(covs_future_expert, na.rm = FALSE)</pre>
pred_link <- predict(glm_model_1, newdata = covs_df, type = "link", se.fit = TRUE)</pre>
# Linear predictor (eta)
eta <- pred_link$fit
se_eta <- pred_link$se.fit</pre>
# Confidence intervals (95%)
z < -1.96
eta_lower <- eta - z * se_eta
eta_upper <- eta + z * se_eta
# Transform back to response scale
linkinv <- glm_model_1$family$linkinv</pre>
predicted <- linkinv(eta)</pre>
lower_ci <- linkinv(eta_lower)</pre>
upper_ci <- linkinv(eta_upper)</pre>
# Add to covs_df
covs_df$predicted <- predicted</pre>
covs_df$lower_ci <- lower_ci</pre>
covs_df$upper_ci <- upper_ci</pre>
```

```
predicted_r <- setValues(rast(covs_future_expert, nlyr = 1), predicted)
lower_ci_r <- setValues(rast(covs_future_expert, nlyr = 1), lower_ci)
upper_ci_r <- setValues(rast(covs_future_expert, nlyr = 1), upper_ci)

# Step 2: Name the layers
names(predicted_r) <- "predicted"
names(lower_ci_r) <- "lower_CI"
names(upper_ci_r) <- "upper_CI"

prediction_w_uncertainty <- c(predicted_r, lower_ci_r, upper_ci_r)

plot(prediction_w_uncertainty, range = c(0, 1))</pre>
```

