

ignobioR vignette

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Version 2.0.0 - Next Generation Floristics toolkit for R

Overview

The **ignobioR** package implements Next Generation Floristics (NGF) methodology to explicitly account for spatial and temporal uncertainties in botanical occurrence records. It provides two core analytical tools:

1. **Map of Relative Floristic Ignorance (MRFI)** - Quantifies and visualizes knowledge gaps across your study area
2. **Virtual Floristic List (VFL)** - Generates probabilistic species lists accounting for spatial and temporal uncertainty

Installation

```
# Install from GitHub
if(!require(devtools)) install.packages("devtools")
devtools::install_github("interacquas/ignobioR")
```

Data Requirements

Both functions require occurrence data with these fields: - **Taxon**: Species name - **Long, Lat**: Coordinates (WGS84 or specify CRS) - **uncertainty**: Spatial uncertainty radius in meters - **year**: Year of observation

```
library(ignobioR)

# Load example data
data(floratus)      # Occurrence records
data(park)          # Study area polygon
data(unsuitablezone) # Areas to exclude (optional)
```

Map of Relative Floristic Ignorance (MRFI)

The MRFI quantifies floristic knowledge gaps by creating uncertainty buffers around occurrences and computing spatio-temporal ignorance scores. Higher values indicate less knowledge.

Key Parameters

- **tau:** Temporal decay rate (0-100%). Typical values: 10-30%. Represents % knowledge loss per 100 years.
- **cellsize:** Resolution in meters. Choose based on study area size (e.g., 1000m-5000m).
- **excl_areas:** Areas to exclude (e.g., water bodies for terrestrial flora).
- **site_buffer:** Expand analysis beyond site boundary (default: FALSE).
- **use_coverage_weighting:** TRUE (accurate, slower) or FALSE (fast approximation).

Example 1: Basic MRFI

```
# Standard analysis with moderate temporal decay
mrfi_basic <- ignorance_map(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  excl_areas = unsuitablezone,
  tau = 20,          # 20% knowledge loss per century
  cellsize = 2000    # 2 km resolution
)

# View results
terra::plot(mrfi_basic$MRFI, main = "Floristic Ignorance")
terra::plot(mrfi_basic$RICH, main = "Species Richness")
print(mrfi_basic$Statistics)
```

Example 2: High-Resolution Analysis

```
# Finer resolution for detailed mapping
mrfi_detailed <- ignorance_map(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  excl_areas = unsuitablezone,
  tau = 15,          # Conservative temporal decay
  cellsize = 1000,   # 1 km resolution
  use_coverage_weighting = TRUE # Maximum accuracy
)
```

Example 3: Analysis with Expanded Area

```
# Extend analysis beyond park boundaries
# Analyzes a larger region to map floristic knowledge in surrounding areas
mrfi_buffered <- ignorance_map(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  excl_areas = unsuitablezone,
  tau = 20,
  cellsize = 2000,
  site_buffer = TRUE, # Analyze beyond boundaries
)
```

```

    buffer_width = 5000      # 5 km expansion
  )

```

Output Files (saved to `./output/`): - 4-page PDF report with maps, diagnostics, and statistics - GeoTIFF raster (MRFI_map.tif) - Species list CSV

Virtual Floristic List (VFL)

The VFL estimates taxon occurrence probabilities using spatial overlap and temporal decay, aggregated through the inclusion-exclusion principle.

Key Parameters

- `tau`: Temporal decay rate (same interpretation as MRFI).
- `upperlimit`: Max records per taxon. 10 = fast, 20 = default, 30 = slow but accurate.
- `min_probability`: Filter taxa below threshold (0-100%).

Example 1: Standard VFL

```

# Generate probabilistic species list
vfl_standard <- virtual_list(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  excl_areas = unsuitablezone,
  tau = 20,
  upperlimit = 20,      # Balanced speed/accuracy
  min_probability = 5   # Exclude taxa < 5%
)

# View results
head(vfl_standard$VFL, 10)
summary(vfl_standard$VFL$Estimated_Spatiotemporal_probability)

```

Example 2: Fast Exploratory Analysis

```

# Quick analysis for initial exploration
vfl_fast <- virtual_list(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  tau = 20,
  upperlimit = 10,      # Fast computation
  min_probability = 0   # Include all taxa
)

```

Example 3: High-Accuracy Conservation Analysis

```
# Maximum accuracy for conservation decisions
vfl_conservation <- virtual_list(
  data_flor = floratus,
  site = park,
  excl_areas = unsuitablezone,
  tau = 10,                # Conservative decay
  upperlimit = 30,         # Maximum accuracy
  min_probability = 10     # Only confident predictions
)

# Identify poorly-documented but likely-present species
high_priority <- vfl_conservation$VFL[
  vfl_conservation$VFL$Estimated_Spatiotemporal_probability > 50 &
  vfl_conservation$VFL$Number_of_records < 5,
]
print(high_priority)
```

Output Files (saved to ./output/): - 2-page PDF report with distribution histograms and statistics - Probability table CSV

What's New in 2.0.0

- **Modern spatial packages:** Migrated from raster/sp to sf/terra
 - **Enhanced visualizations:** Automatic PDF reports with quantile and continuous scales
 - **Improved accuracy:** Coverage-weighted rasterization option
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Citation

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Learn More

- Source code: <https://github.com/interacquas/ignobioR>