

# Package ‘algaeClassify’

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**Description** The algaeClassify package contains functions designed to facilitate the assignment of morpho-functional group (MFG) classifications to phytoplankton species based on a combination of taxonomy (Class, Order) and a suite of 7 binomial functional traits. Classifications can also be made using only a species list and a database of trait-derived classifications included in the package. MFG classifications are derived from Salmaso, Nico, Luigi Naselli-Flores, and Judit Padisak. "Functional classifications and their application in phytoplankton ecology." Freshwater Biology 60.4 (2015): 603-619, and this reference should be cited when using the package. The algaeClassify package is a product of the GEISHA (Global Evaluation of the Impacts of Storms on freshwater Habitat and Structure of phytoplankton Assemblages), funded by CESAB (Centre for Synthesis and Analysis of Biodiversity) and the USGS John Wesley Powell Center, with data and other support provided by members of GLEON (Global Lake Ecology Observation Network). This software is preliminary or provisional and is subject to revision. It is being provided to meet the need for timely best science. The software has not received final approval by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). No warranty, expressed or implied, is made by the USGS or the U.S. Government as to the functionality of the software and related material nor shall the fact of release constitute any such warranty. The software is provided on the condition that neither the USGS nor the U.S. Government shall be held liable for any damages resulting from the authorized or unauthorized use of the software.

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accum	<i>Split a dataframe column with binomial name into genus and species columns. Plots change in species richness over time, generates species accumulation curve, and compares SAC against simulated idealized curve assuming all unique taxa have equal probability of being sampled at any point in the time series. (author Dietmar Straile)</i>
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## Description

Split a dataframe column with binomial name into genus and species columns. Plots change in species richness over time, generates species accumulation curve, and compares SAC against simulated idealized curve assuming all unique taxa have equal probability of being sampled at any point in the time series. (author Dietmar Straile)

## Usage

```
accum(b_data, phyto_name = "phyto_name", column, n = 50,
      save.pdf = FALSE, lakename = "", datename = "date_dd_mm_yy",
      dateformat = "%d-%m-%y")
```

## Arguments

b_data	Name of data.frame object
phyto_name	Character string: field containing phytoplankton id (species, genus, etc.)
column	column name or number for field containing abundance (biomass,biovol, etc.) can be NA for presence absence
n	number of simulations for randomized ideal species accumulation curve
save.pdf	TRUE/FALSE- should plots be displayed or saved to a pdf?
lakename	optional character string for adding lake name to pdf output
datename	character string name of b_data field containing date
dateformat	character string: posix format for datename column

**Value**

a two panel plot with trends in richness on top, and cumulative richness vs. simulated accumulation curve on bottom

**Examples**

```
data(lakegeneva)
#example dataset with 50 rows

accum(b_data=lakegeneva,column=6,n=10,save.pdf=FALSE)
```

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date_mat	<i>Transform a phytoplankton timeseries into a matrix of abundances for ordination</i>
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**Description**

Transform a phytoplankton timeseries into a matrix of abundances for ordination

**Usage**

```
date_mat(phyto.df, abundance.var = "biovol_um3_ml",
  taxa.name = "phyto_name", date.name = "date_dd_mm_yy",
  format = "%d-%m-%y", time.agg = c("day", "month", "year",
  "monthyear"), fun = function(x) mean(x[!base::is.na(x)]))
```

**Arguments**

phyto.df	Name of data.frame object
abundance.var	Character string: field containing abundance data. NA for presence/absence
taxa.name	Character string: field containing taxonomic identifiers
date.name	Character string: field containing date.
format	Character string: POSIX format string for formatting date column
time.agg	Character string: time interval for aggregating abundance. default is day.
fun	function for aggregation. default is mean, excluding NA's

**Value**

A matrix of phytoplankton abundance, with taxa in rows and time in columns. If time.agg = 'monthyear', returns a 3dimensional matrix (taxa,month,year). If abundance.var = NA, matrix cells will be 1 for present, 0 for absent

**Examples**

```
data(lakegeneva)
#example dataset with 50 rows

geneva.mat<-date_mat(lakegeneva,abundance.var=NA)

geneva.mat
```

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`genus_species_extract` *Split a dataframe column with binomial name into genus and species columns.*

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### Description

Split a dataframe column with binomial name into genus and species columns.

### Usage

```
genus_species_extract(phyto.df, phyto.name)
```

### Arguments

`phyto.df`            Name of data.frame object  
`phyto.name`        Character string: field in phyto.df containing species name.

### Value

A data.frame with new character fields 'genus' and 'species'

### Examples

```
data(lakegeneva)
#example dataset with 50 rows

head(lakegeneva) #need to split the phyto_name column
new.lakegeneva=genus_species_extract(lakegeneva, 'phyto_name')

head(new.lakegeneva)
```

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lakegeneva	<i>example dataset from lake Geneva, Switzerland</i>
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### Description

example dataset from lake Geneva, Switzerland

### Usage

```
data(lakegeneva)
```

### Format

A data frame with columns:

**lake** lake name  
**phyto\_name** phytoplankton species name  
**month** month of sampling  
**year** year of sampling  
**date\_dd\_mm\_yy** date of sampling  
**biovol\_um3\_ml** biovolume

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mfg.csr	<i>MFG-CSR correspondence based on CSR-trait relationships in Reynolds et al. 1988 and MFG-trait relationships in Salmaso et al. 2015</i>
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### Description

MFG-CSR correspondence based on CSR-trait relationships in Reynolds et al. 1988 and MFG-trait relationships in Salmaso et al. 2015

### Usage

```
data(mfg.csr)
```

### Format

A data frame with columns:

**MFG.number** shortened MFG designation

**MFG** full MFG name from Salmaso et al. 2015

**CSR** CSR classification including intermediate classes

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mfg_csr_convert	<i>Returns a CSR classification based on Morphofunctional group (MFG). Correspondence based on Salmaso et al. 2015 and Reynolds et al. 1988</i>
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### Description

Returns a CSR classification based on Morphofunctional group (MFG). Correspondence based on Salmaso et al. 2015 and Reynolds et al. 1988

### Usage

```
mfg_csr_convert(mfg)
```

### Arguments

mfg                      Character string with MFG name, following Salmaso et al. 2015

### Value

A character string with values 'C','S','R','CR','SC','SR', or NA

### Examples

```
mfg_csr_convert("11a-NakeChlor")
```

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mfg_csr_convert_df	<i>Returns a CSR classification based on Morphofunctional group (MFG). Correspondence based on Salmaso et al. 2015 and Reynolds et al. 1988</i>
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### Description

Returns a CSR classification based on Morphofunctional group (MFG). Correspondence based on Salmaso et al. 2015 and Reynolds et al. 1988

### Usage

```
mfg_csr_convert_df(phyto.df, mfg)
```

### Arguments

phyto.df	dataframe containing a character field containing MFG classifications
mfg	Character string with MFG name, following Salmaso et al. 2015

### Value

A dataframe with an additional field named CSR, containing CSR classifications or NA

### Examples

```
data(lakegeneva)
lakegeneva<-genus_species_extract(lakegeneva, 'phyto_name')
lakegeneva<-phyto_convert_df(lakegeneva)
lakegeneva<-mfg_csr_convert_df(lakegeneva, mfg='MFG')
head(lakegeneva)
```

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phyto_convert_df	<i>Wrapper function to apply species_phyto_convert() across a data.frame</i>
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### Description

Wrapper function to apply species\_phyto\_convert() across a data.frame

### Usage

```
phyto_convert_df(phyto.df, flag = 1)
```

### Arguments

phyto.df	Name of data.frame. Must have character fields named 'genus' and 'species'
flag	Resolve ambiguous MFG: 1 = return(NA), 2 = manual selection

**Value**

a single MFG classification as character string

**Examples**

```
data(lakegeneva)
#example dataset with 50 rows

new.lakegeneva <- genus_species_extract(lakegeneva, 'phyto_name')
new.lakegeneva <- phyto_convert_df(new.lakegeneva)
head(new.lakegeneva)
```

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phyto_ts_aggregate	<i>Aggregate phytoplankton timeseries based on abundance. Up to 3 grouping variables can be given: e.g. genus, species, stationid, depth range. If no abundance var is given, will aggregate to presence/absence of grouping vars.</i>
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**Description**

Aggregate phytoplankton timeseries based on abundance. Up to 3 grouping variables can be given: e.g. genus, species, stationid, depth range. If no abundance var is given, will aggregate to presence/absence of grouping vars.

**Usage**

```
phyto_ts_aggregate(phyto.data, DateVar = "date_dd_mm_yy",
  AbundanceVar = "biovol_um3_ml", GroupingVar1 = "phyto_name",
  GroupingVar2 = NA, GroupingVar3 = NA, remove.rare = F, fun = sum,
  format = "%d-%m-%y")
```

**Arguments**

phyto.data	data.frame
DateVar	character string: field name for date variable. character or POSIX data.
AbundanceVar	character string with field name containing abundance data
GroupingVar1	character string: field name for first grouping variable. defaults to spp.
GroupingVar2	character string: name of additional grouping var field
GroupingVar3	character string: name of additional grouping var field
remove.rare	TRUE/FALSE. If TRUE, removes all instances of GroupingVar1 that occur < 5 of time periods.
fun	function used to aggregate abundance based on grouping variables
format	character string: format for DateVar POSIXct conversion

**Value**

a data.frame with grouping vars, date\_dd\_mm\_yy, and abundance or presence/absence

**See Also**

<http://www.algaebase.org> for up-to-date phytoplankton taxonomy, <https://powellcenter.usgs.gov/geisha> for project information

**Examples**

```
data(lakegeneva)
lakegeneva<-genus_species_extract(lakegeneva,'phyto_name')
lakegeneva.common.genera=phyto_ts_aggregate(lakegeneva,AbundanceVar=NA,GroupingVar1='genus')
head(lakegeneva.common.genera)
```

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sampeff	<i>Visually assess change in sampling effort over time (author: Dietmar Straile)</i>
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**Description**

Visually assess change in sampling effort over time (author: Dietmar Straile)

**Usage**

```
sampeff(b_data, column, save.pdf = F, lakename = "",
        datecolumn = "date_dd_mm_yy", dateformat = "%d-%m-%y")
```

**Arguments**

b_data	Name of data.frame object
column	column name or number for field containing abundance (biomass,biovol, etc.) can be NA for presence absence
save.pdf	TRUE/FALSE Should the output plot be saved to a file? defaults to FALSE
lakename	Character string for labelling output plot
datecolumn	Character String or number specifying dataframe field with date information
dateformat	Character string specifying POSIX data format

**Value**

a time-series plot of minimum relative abundance over time. This should change systematically with counting effort.

**Examples**

```
data(lakegeneva)
#example dataset with 50 rows

sampeff(lakegeneva,column=6) #column 6 contains biovolume
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species.mfg.library	<i>Trait-based MFG classifications for common Eurasion/North American phytoplankton species. See accompanying manuscript for sources</i>
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### Description

Trait-based MFG classifications for common Eurasion/North American phytoplankton species. See accompanying manuscript for sources

### Usage

```
data(species.mfg.library)
```

### Format

A data frame with columns:

**genus** genus name

**species** species name

**MFG** corresponding MFG classification based on Salmaso et al. 2015

**MFG2** corresponding MFG classification based on Salmaso et al. 2015

**Habitat** corresponding MFG classification based on Salmaso et al. 2015

**Note** corresponding MFG classification based on Salmaso et al. 2015

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species_phyto_convert	<i>Conversion of a single genus and species name to a single MFG. Uses species.mfg.library</i>
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### Description

Conversion of a single genus and species name to a single MFG. Uses species.mfg.library

### Usage

```
species_phyto_convert(genus, species, flag = 1)
```

### Arguments

**genus** Character string: genus name

**species** Character string: species name

**flag** Resolve ambiguous mfg: 1 = return(NA), 2 = manual selection

### Value

a single MFG classification as character string

### Examples

```
species_phyto_convert('Scenedesmus', 'bijuga')
#returns "11a-NakeChlor"
```

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traits_to_mfg	<i>Assign MFG based on binary functional traits and taxonomy (Class and Order)</i>
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## Description

Assign MFG based on binary functional traits and taxonomy (Class and Order)

## Usage

```
traits_to_mfg(flagella = NA, size = NA, colonial = NA,
  filament = NA, centric = NA, gelatinous = NA, aerotopes = NA,
  class = NA, order = NA)
```

## Arguments

flagella	1 if flagella are present, 0 if they are absent.
size	Character string: 'large' or 'small'. Classification criteria is left to the user.
colonial	1 if typically colonial growth form, 0 if typically unicellular.
filament	1 if dominant growth form is filamentous, 0 if not.
centric	1 if diatom with centric growth form, 0 if not. NA for non-diatoms.
gelatinous	1 mucilagenous sheath is typically present, 0 if not.
aerotopes	1 if aerotopes allowing buoyancy regulation are typically present, 0 if not.
class	Character string: The taxonomic class of the species
order	Character string: The taxonomic order of the species

## Value

A character string of the species' morphofunctional group

## See Also

<http://www.algaebase.org> for up-to-date phytoplankton taxonomy, <https://powellcenter.usgs.gov/geisha> for project information

## Examples

```
traits_to_mfg(flagella = 1, size = "large", colonial = 1, filament = 0, centric = NA, gelatinous = 0,
  aerotopes = 0, class = "Euglenophyceae", order = "Euglenales")
```

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traits_to_mfg_df	<i>Assign morphofunctional groups to a dataframe of functional traits and higher taxonomy</i>
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**Description**

Assign morphofunctional groups to a dataframe of functional traits and higher taxonomy

**Usage**

```
traits_to_mfg_df(dframe, arg.names = c("flagella", "size", "colonial",
  "filament", "centric", "gelatinous", "aerotopes", "class", "order"))
```

**Arguments**

dframe	An R dataframe containing functional trait information and higher taxonomy
arg.names	Character string of column names corresponding to arguments for traits_to_mfg()

**Value**

A character vector containing morpho-functional group (MFG) designations

**Examples**

```
#create a two-row example dataframe of functional traits
func.dframe=data.frame(flagella=1,size=c("large","small"),colonial=0,filament=0,centric=NA,
  gelatinous=0,aerotopes=0,class="Euglenophyceae",order="Euglenales",
  stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

#check the dataframe
print(func.dframe)

#run the function to produce a two-element character vector
traits_to_mfg_df(func.dframe,c("flagella","size","colonial","filament","centric","gelatinous",
  "aerotopes","class","order"))
```

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traits_to_mfg_df_nosize	<i>Assign morphofunctional groups to a dataframe of functional traits and higher taxonomy</i>
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**Description**

Assign morphofunctional groups to a dataframe of functional traits and higher taxonomy

**Usage**

```
traits_to_mfg_df_nosize(dframe, arg.names = c("flagella", "size",
  "colonial", "filament", "centric", "gelatinous", "aerotopes", "class",
  "order"))
```

**Arguments**

dframe	An R dataframe containing functional trait information and higher taxonomy
arg.names	Character string of column names corresponding to arguments for traits_to_mfg()

**Value**

A character vector containing morpho-functional group (MFG) designations

**Examples**

```
#create a two-row example dataframe of functional traits
func.dframe=data.frame(flag=1,size=c("large","small"),col=0,fil=0,cent=NA,gel=0,
                        aer=0,cl="Euglenophyceae",or="Euglenales",stringsAsFactors=FALSE)

#check the dataframe
print(func.dframe)

#run the function to produce a two-element character vector
traits_to_mfg_df(func.dframe,c("flag","size","col","fil","cent","gel","aer","cl","or"))
```

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traits_to_mfg_nosize	<i>Assign a MFG based on binary functional traits and taxonomy (Class, Order) Uses an abbreviated version of the MFG classification (Salmaso et al. 2015), that does not differentiate among MFGs based on size.</i>
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**Description**

Assign a MFG based on binary functional traits and taxonomy (Class, Order) Uses an abbreviated version of the MFG classification (Salmaso et al. 2015), that does not differentiate among MFGs based on size.

**Usage**

```
traits_to_mfg_nosize(flagella = NA, colonial = NA, filament = NA,
                     centric = NA, gelatinous = NA, aerotopes = NA, class = NA,
                     order = NA)
```

**Arguments**

flagella	1 if flagella are present, 0 if they are absent.
colonial	1 if typically colonial growth form, 0 if typically unicellular.
filament	1 if dominant growth form is filamentous, 0 if not.
centric	1 if diatom with centric growth form, 0 if not. NA for non-diatoms.
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aerotopes	1 if aerotopes allowing buoyancy regulation are typically present, 0 if not.
class	Character string: The taxonomic class of the species
order	Character string: The taxonomic order of the species

**Value**

A character string of the species' morphofunctional group

**See Also**

<http://www.algaebase.org> for up-to-date phytoplankton taxonomy, <https://powellcenter.usgs.gov/geisha> for project information

**Examples**

```
traits_to_mfg(flagella=1,colonial=1,filament=0,centric=NA,gelatinous=0,aerotopes=0,  
              class="Euglenophyceae",order="Euglenales")
```

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