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# **ECOGEO** 'Omics Training: 3.1 Amplicon Analysis - Mothur Version 2

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# **Abstract**

mothur is a bioinformatics tool for analyzing 16S rRNA gene sequences, which can be used to process data generated by Sanger, PacBio, IonTorrent, 454, and Illumina (MiSeg/HiSeg).

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## **Before start**

Before starting, please visit the ECOGEO website for more information on this "Introduction to Environmental 'Omics" training series. The site contains a pre-packaged virtual machine that can be downloaded and used to run all of the protocols in this protocols.io collection. In addition to the VM, the website contains video and presentations from our initial "Intro to Env 'Omics" workshop held at the Univ. of Hawai'i at Manoa on 25-26 Jul 2016.

Please email 'ecogeo-join@earthcube.org' to join the ECOGEO listserv for future updates.

#### **Protocol**

## Step 1.

Move to directory containing mothur and launch mothur

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cmd COMMAND
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- \$ cd /home/c-debi/ecogeo/mothurdir
- \$ mothur

# Step 2.

To perform rarefaction, open a second terminal window and navigate to /mothurdir. Less output file:

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cmd COMMAND
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mothur > rarefaction.single(shared=stability.an.shared, calc=sobs, freq=100)

#### **EXPECTED RESULTS**

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## Step 3.

Creates a file with data for rarefaction curve (nano)

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cmd COMMAND
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\$ cut -f1,2 stability.an.groups.rarefaction > sample1.rarefaction
Step 4.

Alpha diversity measures:

#### cmd COMMAND

mothur > summary.single(shared=stability.an.shared, calc=nseqs-coverage-sobsinvsimpson, subsample=2441)

\$ less stability.an.groups.ave-std.summary

If there is no "\$" at the beginning of the command, perform it in mothur.

## Step 5.

What about bar graphs with relative abundance and taxonomy?

#### cmd COMMAND

- \$ less less stability.an.cons.taxonomy
- \$ less stability.an.0.03.subsample.shared

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

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Bacteria(100); "Bacteroidetes"(100); "Bacteroidia"(100); "Bacteroidales"(100); "Porphyromonadaceae"(100); "Porphyromonadaceae"_unclassified(100); "Porphyromonadaceae"
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## NOTES

## Elisha Wood-Charlson 09 Aug 2016

0.03.subsample.shared file was missing. Should be fixed in VM 2.0 release

# Step 6.

Beta diversity measures:

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cmd COMMAND
mothur > dist.shared(shared=stability.an.shared, calc=thetayc-jclass, subsample=2241)
Step 7.
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Turn distance measure output in to a dendrogram:

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cmd COMMAND
mothur > tree.shared(phylip=stability.an.thetayc.0.03.lt.ave.dist)
mothur > quit()

$ less stability.an.thetayc.0.03.lt.ave.tre
$ Dendroscope
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