Sampling networks of ecological interactions

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0.1 Summary

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0.2 Introduction

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Biodiversity assessment aims at sampling individuals in collections and determining the number of species represented. Given that, by definition, samples are incomplete, these collections enumerate a lower number of the species actually present. The ecological literature dealing with robust estimators of species richness and diversity in collections of individuals is immense, and a number of useful approaches have been used to obtain such estimates (Colwell, 2009; Gotelli & Colwell, 2011, 2001; Hortal, Borges & Gaspar, 2006; Magurran, 1988). Recent effort has been also focused at defining essential biodiversity variables (EBV) (Pereira *et al.*, 2013) that can be sampled and

measured repeatedly to complement biodiversity estimates. Yet sampling species or taxa-specific EBVs is just probing a single component of biodiversity; interactions among species are another fundamental component, the one that supports the existence of species. For example, the extinction of interactions represents a dramatic loss of biodiversity because it entails the loss of fundamental ecological functions (Valiente-Banuet *et al.*, 2014). This missed component of biodiversity loss, the extinction of ecological interactions, very often accompanies, or even precedes, species disappearance. Interactions among species are a key component of biodiversity and here I aim to show that most problems associated to sampling interactions in natural communities have to do with problems associated to sampling species diversity. I consider pairwise interactions among species at the habitat level, in the context of alpha diversity and the estimation of local interaction richness from sampling data (Mao & Colwell, 2005). In the first part I provide a succinct overview of previous work addressing sampling issues for ecological interaction networks. In the second part I discuss specific rationales for sampling the biodiversity of ecological interactions.

0.3 Material and Methods

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0.4 Results

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0.10 Supplementary Material

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