

1 **Supplementary Material for *A Guide to***
2 ***Pre-processing High-Frequency Animal***
3 ***Tracking Data***

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31 **1 Validating the Residence Patch
32 Method with Calibration Data**

33 Here we show how the residence patch method (Barraquand and Benhamou 2008;
34 Bijleveld et al. 2016; Oudman et al. 2018) accurately estimates the duration of known
35 stops in a track collected as part of a calibration exercise in the Wadden Sea.

36 **1.1 Outline of Cleaning Steps**

37 We began by visualising the data to check for location errors, and found a single
38 outlier position approx. 15km away from the study area (Fig. 1.1, 1.2; main text Fig.
39 7.a). This outlier was removed by filtering data by the X coordinate bounds using
40 the function `atl_filter_bounds`; X coordinate bounds $\leq 645,000$ in the UTM 31N
41 coordinate reference system were removed ($n = 1$; remaining positions = 50,815; Fig.
42 1.2). We then calculated the incoming and outgoing speed, as well as the turning
43 angle at each position using the functions `atl_get_speed` and `atl_turning_angle`
44 respectively, as a precursor to targeting large-scale location errors in the form of
45 point outliers. We used the function `atl_filter_covariates` to remove positions
46 with incoming and outgoing speeds \geq the speed threshold of 15 m/s ($n = 13,491$,
47 26.5%; remaining positions = 37,324, 73.5%; Fig. 1.3; main text Fig. 7.b). This speed
48 threshold was chosen as 5 m/s faster than the known boat speed, 10 m/s. Finally,
49 we targeted small-scale location errors by applying a median smooth with a moving
50 window size $K = 5$ using the function `atl_median_smooth` (Fig. 1.4; main text Fig.
51 7.c). Smoothing did not reduce the number of positions. We thinned the data to a 30
52 second interval leaving 1,803 positions (4.8% positions of the smoothed track)

53 **1.2 Prepare libraries**

54 First we prepare the libraries we need. Libraries can be installed from CRAN if
55 necessary.

```
# load libs
library(data.table)
library(atlastools)
library(ggplot2)
library(patchwork)

pal <- RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(5, "Set1")
pal[3] <- "seagreen"
pal[2] <- RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(5, "Blues")[5]
```

56 1.3 Access data and preliminary visualisation

- 57 First we access the data from a local file using the `data.table` package (Dowle and
58 Srinivasan 2020). We then visualise the raw data.

```
# read and plot example data
data <- fread("data/atlas1060_allTrials_annotated.csv")
data_raw <- copy(data)
```

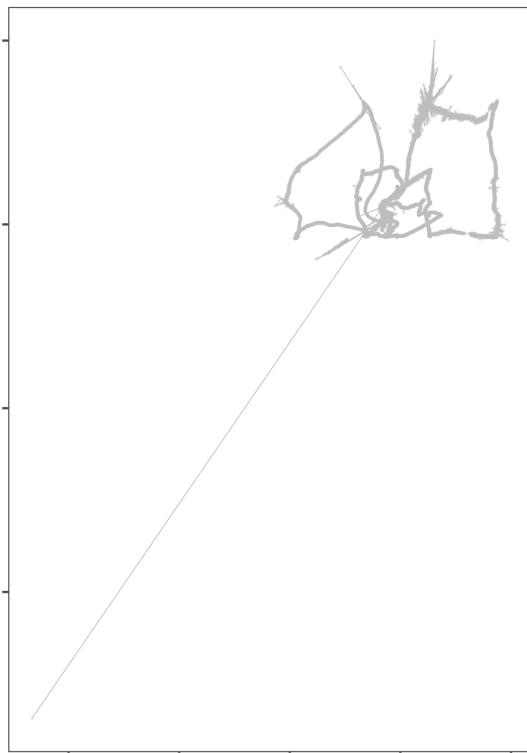


Figure 1.1: The raw data from a calibration exercise conducted around the island of Griend in the Dutch Wadden Sea. A handheld WATLAS tag was used to examine how ATLAS data compared to GPS tracks, and we use the WATLAS data here to demonstrate the basics of the pre-processing pipeline, as well as validate the residence patch method. It is immediately clear from the figure that the track shows location errors, both in the form of point outliers as well as small-scale errors around the true location.

59 1.4 Filter by bounding box

- 60 We first save a copy of the data, so that we can plot the raw data with the cleaned
61 data plotted over it for comparison.

```
# make a copy using the data.table copy function
data_unproc <- copy(data)
```

- 62 We then filter by a bounding box in order to remove the point outlier to the far south
63 east of the main track. We use the `atl_filter_bounds` functions using the `x_range`
64 argument, to which we pass the limit in the UTM 31N coordinate reference system.
65 This limit is used to exclude all points with an X coordinate < 645,000.

66 We then plot the result of filtering, with the excluded point in black, and the points
67 that are retained in green.

```
# remove_inside must be set to FALSE
data <- atl_filter_bounds(
  data = data,
  x = "x", y = "y",
  x_range = c(645000, max(data$x)),
  remove_inside = FALSE
)
```

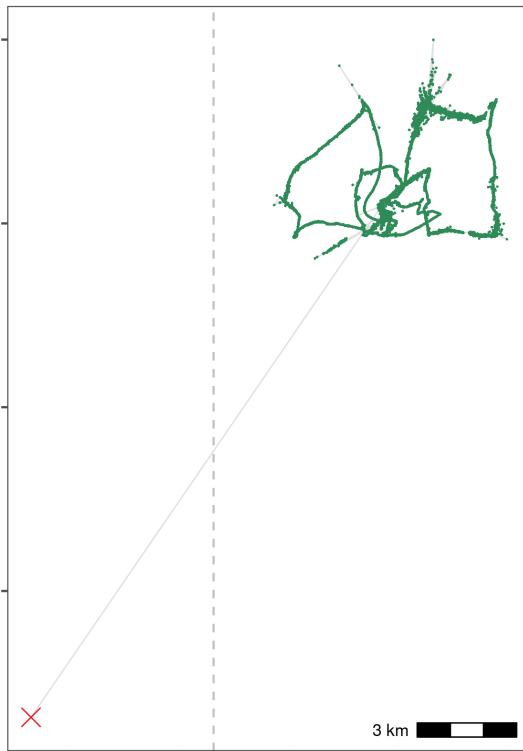


Figure 1.2: Removal of a point outlier using the function `atl_filter_bounds`. The point outlier (black point) is removed based on its X coordinate value, with the data filtered to exclude positions with an X coordinate $< 645,000$ in the UTM 31N system. Positions that are retained are shown in green.

68 1.5 Filter trajectories

69 1.5.1 Handle time

70 Time in ATLAS tracking is counted in milliseconds and is represented by a 64-bit
71 integer (type `long`), which is not natively supported in R; it will instead be converted
72 to a `numeric`, or `double`.

73 This is not what is intended, but it works. The `bit64` package can help handle 64-bit
74 integers if you want to keep to intended type.

75 A further issue is that 64-bit integers (whether represented as `bit64` or `double`) do
76 not yield meaningful results when you try to convert them to a date-time object, such
77 as of the class `POSIXct`.

- 78 This is because `as.POSIXct` fails when trying to work with 64-bit integers (it cannot
 79 interpret this type), and returns a date many thousands of years in the future (approx.
 80 52,000 CE) if the time column is converted to numeric.
- 81 There are two possible solutions. The parsimonious one is to convert the 64-bit
 82 number to a 32-bit short integer (dividing by 1000), or to use the `nanotime` package.
 83 The conversion method loses an imperceptible amount of precision. The `nanotime`
 84 requires installing another package. The first method is shown here.
- 85 In the spirit of not destroying data, we create a second lower-case column called
 86 `time`.

```
# divide by 1000, convert to integer, then convert to POSIXct
data[, time := as.integer(TIME / 1000)]
```

87 1.5.2 Add speed and turning angle

```
# add incoming and outgoing speed
data[, `:=`(
  speed_in = atl_get_speed(data,
    x = "x",
    y = "y",
    time = "time"
  ),
  speed_out = atl_get_speed(data, type = "out")
)]

# add turning angle
data[, angle := atl_turning_angle(data = data)]
```

88 1.5.3 Get 95th percentile of speed and angle

```
# use sapply
speed_angle_thresholds <-
  sapply(data[, list(speed_in, speed_out, angle)],
    quantile,
    probs = 0.9, na.rm = T
  )
```

89 1.5.4 Filter on speed

- 90 Here we use a speed threshold of 15 m/s, the fastest known boat speed. We then
 91 plot the data with the extreme speeds shown in grey, and the positions retained
 92 shown in green.

```
# make a copy
data_unproc <- copy(data)

# remove speed outliers
data <- atl_filter_covariates(
  data = data,
  filters = c("(speed_in < 15 & speed_out < 15)")
```

```

)
# recalculate speed and angle
data[, `:=`(
  speed_in = atl_get_speed(data,
    x = "x",
    y = "y",
    time = "time"
  ),
  speed_out = atl_get_speed(data, type = "out")
)]
# add turning angle
data[, angle := atl_turning_angle(data = data)]

```



Figure 1.3: Improving data quality by filtering out positions that would require unrealistic movement. We removed positions with speeds ≥ 15 m/s, which is the fastest possible speed in this calibration data, part of which was collected in a moving boat around Griend. Grey positions are removed, while green positions are retained. Rectangles indicate areas expanded for visualisation in following figures.

93 1.6 Smoothing the trajectory

94 We then apply a median smooth over a moving window ($K = 5$). This function
95 modifies in place, and does not need to be assigned to a new variable. We create a
96 copy of the data before applying the smooth so that we can compare the data before
97 and after smoothing.

```
# apply a 5 point median smooth, first make a copy
data_unproc <- copy(data)

# now apply the smooth
atl_median_smooth(
  data = data,
  x = "x", y = "y", time = "time",
  moving_window = 5
)
```

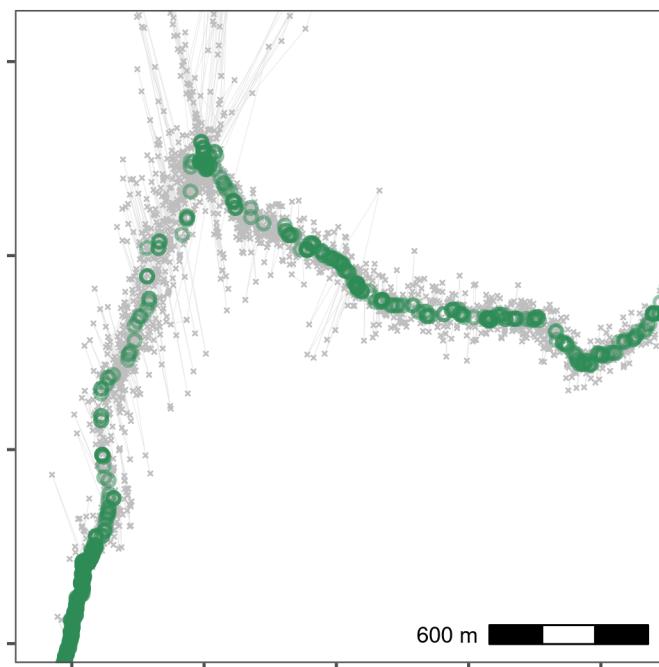


Figure 1.4: Reducing small-scale location error using a median smooth with a moving window $K = 5$. Median smoothed positions are shown in green, while raw, unfiltered data is shown in grey. Median smoothing successfully recovers the likely path of the track without a loss of data. The area shown is the upper rectangle from Fig. 1.3.

98 1.7 Thinning the data

99 Next we thin the data to demonstrate thinning by median smoothing. Following
100 this, we plot the median smooth and thinning by aggregation.

```
# save a copy
data_unproc <- copy(data)

# remove columns we don't need
```

```

data <- data[, setdiff(
  colnames(data),
  c("tID", "Timestamp", "id", "TIME", "UTCtime")
),
with = FALSE
]

# thin to a 30s interval
data_thin <- atl_thin_data(
  data = data,
  interval = 30,
  method = "aggregate",
  id_columns = "TAG"
)

```

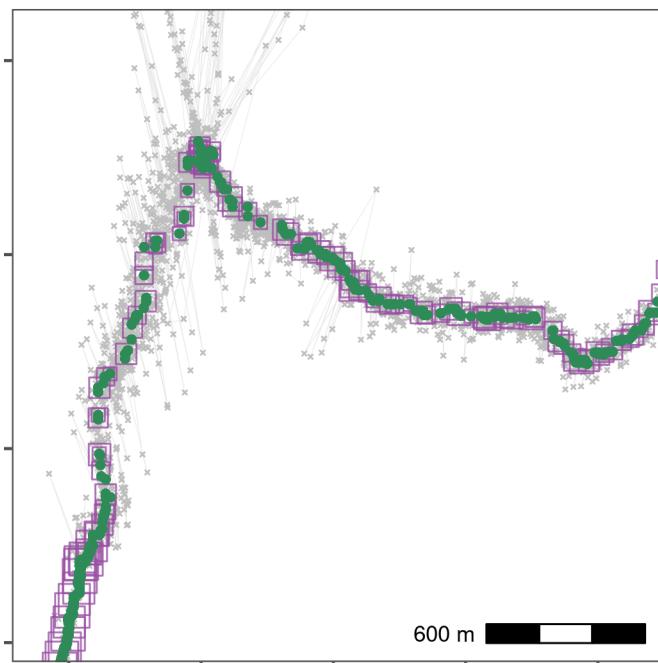


Figure 1.5: Thinning by aggregation over a 30 second interval (down from 1 second) preserves track structure while reducing the data volume for computation. Here, thinned positions are shown as purple squares, with the size of the square indicating the number of positions within the 30 second bin used to obtain the average position. Green points show the median smoothed data from Fig. 1.4, while the raw data are shown in grey. The area shown is the upper rectangle in Fig. 1.3.

101 1.8 Residence patches

102 1.8.1 Get waypoint centroids

103 We subset the annotated calibration data to select the waypoints and the positions
 104 around them which are supposed to be the locations of known stops. Since each
 105 stop was supposed to be 5 minutes long, there are multiple points in each known
 106 stop.

```

library(stringi)
data_res <- data_unproc[stri_detect(tID, regex = "(WP)")]
107 From this data, we get the centroid of known stops, and determine the time difference
108 between the first and last point within 50 metres, and within 10 minutes of the
109 waypoint positions' median time.
110 Essentially, this means that the maximum duration of a stop can be 20 minutes, and
111 stops above this duration are not expected.

# get centroid
data_res_summary <- data_res[, list(
  x_median = median(x),
  y_median = median(y),
  t_median = median(time)
),
by = "tID"
]

# now get times 10 mins before and after
data_res_summary[, `:=`(
  t_min = t_median - (10 * 60),
  t_max = t_median + (10 * 60)
)]
```

make a list of positions 10min before and after

```

wp_data <- mapply(function(l, u, mx, my) {
  tmp_data <- data_unproc[inrange(time, l, u)]
  tmp_data[, distance := sqrt((mx - x)^2 + (my - y)^2)]

  # keep within 50
  tmp_data <- tmp_data[distance <= 50, ]

  # get duration
  return(diff(range(tmp_data$time)))
}, data_res_summary$t_min, data_res_summary$t_max,
data_res_summary$x_median, data_res_summary$y_median,
SIMPLIFY = TRUE
)
```

112 1.8.2 Prepare data

113 An indicator of individual residence at or near a position can be useful when
114 attempting to identify residence patches. Positions can be filtered on a metric such
115 as residence time (Bracis, Bildstein, and Mueller 2018).

116 1.8.3 Calculate residence time

117 First we calculate the residence time with a radius of 50 metres. For this, we need a
118 dataframe with coordinates, the timestamp, and the animal id. We save this data to
119 file for later use.

```

# load recurse
library(recurse)

# get 4 column data
data_for_patch <- data_thin[, list(x, y, time, TAG)]

# get recurse data for a 10m radius
recurse_stats <- getRecursions(data_for_patch,
    radius = 50, timeunits = "mins"
)

# assign to recurse data
data_for_patch[, res_time := recurse_stats$residenceTime]

# save recurse data
fwrite(data_for_patch, file = "data/data_calib_for_patch.csv")

```

120 1.8.4 Run residence patch method

121 We subset data with a residence time > 5 minutes in order to construct residence
 122 patches. From this subset, we construct residence patches using the parameters:
 123 buffer_radius = 5 metres, lim_spat_indep = 50 metres, lim_time_indep = 5 min-
 124 utes, and min_fixes = 3.

```

# assign id as tag
data_for_patch[, id := as.character(TAG)]

# on known residence points
patch_res_known <- atl_res_patch(data_for_patch[res_time >= 5, ],
    buffer_radius = 5,
    lim_spat_indep = 50,
    lim_time_indep = 5,
    min_fixes = 3
)

```

125 1.8.5 Get spatial and summary objects

126 We get spatial and summary ouput of the residence patch method using the
 127 atl_patch_summary function using the options which_data = "spatial" and
 128 which_data = "summary". We use a buffer radius here of 20 metres for the spatial
 129 buffer, despite using a buffer radius of 5 metres earlier, simply because it is easier to
 130 visualise in the output figure.

```

# for the known and unkniwn patches
patch_sf_data <- atl_patch_summary(patch_res_known,
    which_data = "spatial",
    buffer_radius = 20
)

# assign crs
sf::st_crs(patch_sf_data) <- 32631

```

```

# get summary data
patch_summary_data <- atl_patch_summary(patch_res_known,
  which_data = "summary"
)

```

1.8.6 Prepare to plot data

131 We read in the island's shapefile to plot it as a background for the residence patch figure.

```

# read griend and hut
griend <- sf::st_read("data/griend_polygon/griend_polygon.shp")
hut <- sf::st_read("data/griend_hut.gpkg")

```

1.9 Compare patch metrics

135 We then merge the annotated, known stop data with the calculated patch duration.
 136 We filter this data to exclude one exceedingly long outlier of about an hour (WP080),
 137 which how

```

# get known patch summary
data_res <- data_unproc[stringi::stri_detect(tID, regex = "(WP)"), ]

# get waypoint summary
patch_summary_real <- data_res[, list(
  nfixes_real = .N,
  x_median = round(median(x), digits = -2),
  y_median = round(median(y), digits = -2)
),
by = "tID"
]

# add real duration
patch_summary_real[, duration_real := wp_data]

# round median coordinate for inferred patches
patch_summary_inferred <-
  patch_summary_data[
    ,
    c(
      "x_median", "y_median",
      "nfixes", "duration", "patch"
    )
  ][, `:=`(
    x_median = round(x_median, digits = -2),
    y_median = round(y_median, digits = -2)
  )]

# join with respatch summary
patch_summary_compare <-
  merge(patch_summary_real,

```

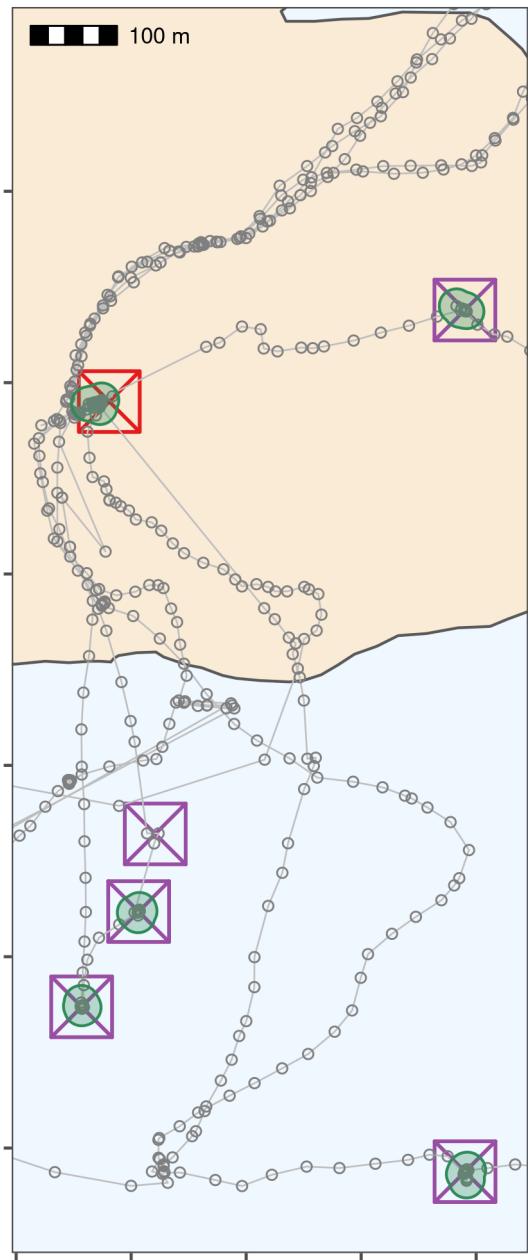


Figure 1.6: Classifying thinned data into residence patches yields robust estimates of the duration of known stops. The island of Griend (53.25°N , 5.25°E) is shown in beige. Residence patches (green polygons; function parameters in text) correspond well to the locations of known stops (purple crossed-squares). However, the algorithm identified all areas with prolonged residence, including those which were not intended stops ($n = 12$; green polygons without crossed-squares). The algorithm also failed to find two stops of 6 and 15 seconds duration, since these were lost in the data thinning step (crossed-square without green polygon shows one of these). The area shown is the lower rectangle in Fig. 1.3.

```

    patch_summary_inferred,
    on = c("x_median", "y_median"),
    all.x = TRUE, all.y = TRUE
  )

# drop nas
patch_summary_compare <- na.omit(patch_summary_compare)

# drop patch around WP080
patch_summary_compare <- patch_summary_compare[tID != "WP080", ]

138 7 patches are identified where there are no waypoints, while 2 waypoints are not
139 identified as patches. These waypoints consisted of 6 and 15 (WP098 and WP092)
140 positions respectively, and were lost when the data were aggregated to 30 second
141 intervals.

```

142 1.9.1 Linear model durations

143 We run a simple linear model.

```

# get linear model
model_duration <- lm(duration_real ~ duration,
  data = patch_summary_compare
)

# get R2
summary(model_duration)

# write to file
writeLines(
  text = capture.output(
    summary(model_duration)
  ),
  con = "data/model_output_residence_patch.txt"
)

```

144 1.9.2 Linear model summary

```

cat(
  readLines(
    con = "data/model_output_residence_patch.txt",
    encoding = "UTF-8"
  ),
  sep = "\n"
)
#>
#> Call:
#> lm(formula = duration_real ~ duration, data = patch_summary_compare)
#>
#> Residuals:
#>      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
#> -103.237  -19.277   -2.917    7.003   93.431

```

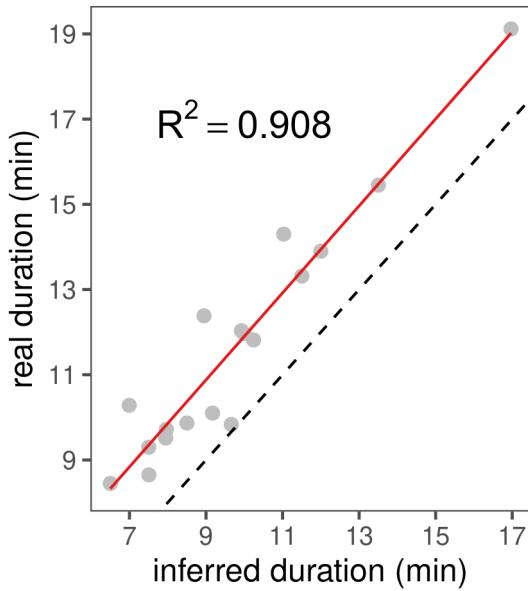


Figure 1.7: The inferred duration of residence patches corresponds very closely to the real duration (grey circles, red line shows linear model fit), with an underestimation of the true duration of around 2%. The dashed black line represents $y = x$ for reference.

```
#>
#> Coefficients:
#>             Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
#> (Intercept) 101.42061   47.66936   2.128  0.0493 *
#> duration     1.02108    0.07876  12.965 6.66e-10 ***
#> ---
#> Signif. codes:  0 ‘***’ 0.001 ‘**’ 0.01 ‘*’ 0.05 ‘.’ 0.1 ‘ ’ 1
#>
#> Residual standard error: 50.35 on 16 degrees of freedom
#> Multiple R-squared:  0.9131, Adjusted R-squared:  0.9077
#> F-statistic: 168.1 on 1 and 16 DF,  p-value: 6.655e-10
```

¹⁴⁵ 1.10 Plot figure 7

¹⁴⁶ Plotting code is not shown in PDF and HTML form, see the .Rmd file.

2 Processing Egyptian Fruit Bat Tracks

147 We show the pre-processing pipeline at work on the tracks of three Egyptian fruit
149 bats (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*), and construct residence patches.

2.1 Prepare libraries

150 Install the required R libraries that are required from CRAN if not already installed.

```
# load libs
library(data.table)
library(RSQLite)
library(ggplot2)
library(patchwork)

# prepare a palette
pal <- RColorBrewer::brewer.pal(4, "Set1")
```

2.2 Install atlastools from Github.

152 atlastools is available from Github and is archived on Zenodo (Gupte 2020). It
154 can be installed using `remotes` or `devtools`. Here we use the `remotes` function
155 `install_github`.

```
install.packages("remotes")

# installation using remotes
remotes::install_github("pratikunterwegs/atlastools")
```

2.3 Read bat data

156 Read the bat data from an SQLite database local file and convert to a plain text csv
158 file. This data can be found in the “data” folder.

```
# prepare the connection
con <- dbConnect(
  drv = SQLite(),
  dbname = "data/Three_example_bats.sql"
)

# list the tables
table_name <- dbListTables(con)

# prepare to query all tables
```

```

query <- sprintf('select * from \'%s\'', table_name)

# query the database
data <- dbGetQuery(conn = con, statement = query)

# disconnect from database
dbDisconnect(con)

159 Convert data to csv, and save a local copy in the folder "data".

# convert data to datatable
setDT(data)

# write data for QGIS
fwrite(data, file = "data/bat_data.csv")

```

160 2.4 A First Visual Inspection

161 Plot the bat data as a sanity check, and inspect it visually for errors (Fig. 2.1). The
 162 plot code is hidden in the rendered copy (PDF) of this supplementary material, but is
 163 available in the Rmarkdown file “06_bat_data.Rmd”. The saved plot is shown below
 164 as Fig. 2.1.

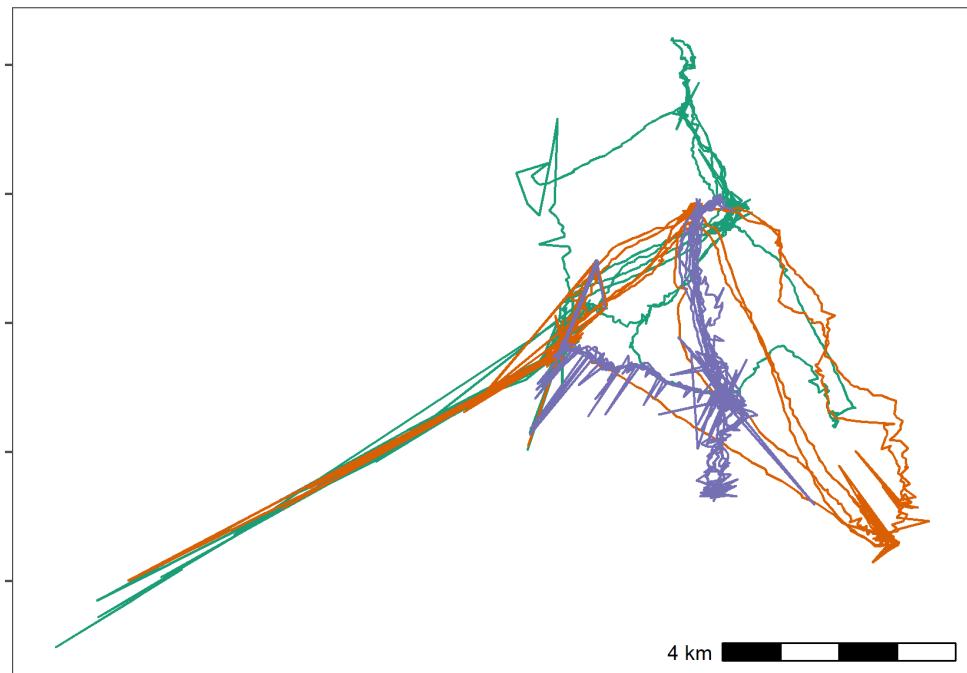


Figure 2.1: Movement data from three Egyptian fruit bats tracked using the ATLAS system (*Rousettus aegyptiacus*; (Toledo et al. 2020; Shohami and Nathan 2020)). The bats were tracked in the Hula Valley, Israel (33.1°N, 35.6°E), and we use three nights of tracking (5th, 6th, and 7th May, 2018), for our demonstration, with an average of 13,370 positions (SD = 2,173; range = 11,195 – 15,542; interval = 8 seconds) per individual. After first plotting the individual tracks, we notice severe distortions, making pre-processing necessary

165 2.5 Prepare data for filtering

166 Here we apply a series of simple filters. It is always safer to deal with one individual
167 at a time, so we split the data.table into a list of data.tables to avoid mixups among
168 individuals.

169 2.5.1 Prepare data per individual

```
# split bat data by tag
# first make a copy using the data.table function copy
# this prevents the original data from being modified by atlastools
# functions which DO MODIFY BY REFERENCE!
data_split <- copy(data)

# now split
data_split <- split(data_split, by = "TAG")
```

170 2.6 Filter by covariates

171 No natural bounds suggest themselves, so instead we proceed to filter by covariates,
172 since point outliers are obviously visible.

173 We use filter out positions with SD > 20 and positions calculated using only 3 base
174 stations, using the function atl_filter_covariates.

175 First we calculate the variable SD.

```
# get SD.
# since the data are data.tables, no assignment is necessary
invisible(
  lapply(data_split, function(dt) {
    dt[, SD := sqrt(VARX + VARY + (2 * COVXY))]
  })
)
```

176 Then we pass the filters to atl_filter_covariates. We apply the filter to each
177 individual's data using an lapply.

```
# filter for SD <= 20
# here, reassignment is necessary as rows are being removed
# the atl_filter_covariates function could have been used here
data_split <- lapply(data_split, function(dt) {
  dt <- atl_filter_covariates(
    data = dt,
    filters = c(
      "SD <= 20",
      "NBS > 3"
    )
  )
})
```

178 2.6.1 Sanity check: Plot filtered data

179 We plot the data to check whether the filtering has improved the data (Fig. 2.2). The
180 plot code is once again hidden in this rendering, but is available in the source code
181 file.

182 2.7 Filter by speed

183 Some point outliers remain, and could be removed using a speed filter.

184 First we calculate speeds, using atl_get_speed. We must assign the speed output
185 to a new column in the data.table, which has a special syntax which modifies in
186 place, and is shown below. This syntax is a feature of the data.table package, not
187 strictly of atlastools (Dowle and Srinivasan 2020).

```
# get speeds as with SD, no reassignment required for columns
invisible(
  lapply(data_split, function(dt) {

    # first process time to seconds
    # assign to a new column
    dt[, time := floor(TIME / 1000)]

    dt[, `:=` (
      speed_in = atl_get_speed(dt,
        x = "X", y = "Y",
        time = "time",
        type = "in"
      ),
      speed_out = atl_get_speed(dt,
        x = "X", y = "Y",
        time = "time",
        type = "out"
      )
    )]
  })
)
```

188 Now filter for speeds > 20 m/s (around 70 km/h), passing the predicate (a statement
189 return TRUE or FALSE) to atl_filter_covariates. First, we remove positions
190 which have NA for their speed_in (the first position) and their speed_out (last
191 position).

```
# filter speeds
# reassignment is required here
data_split <- lapply(data_split, function(dt) {
  dt <- na.omit(dt, cols = c("speed_in", "speed_out"))

  dt <- atl_filter_covariates(
    data = dt,
    filters = c(
      "speed_in <= 20",
      "speed_out <= 20"
```

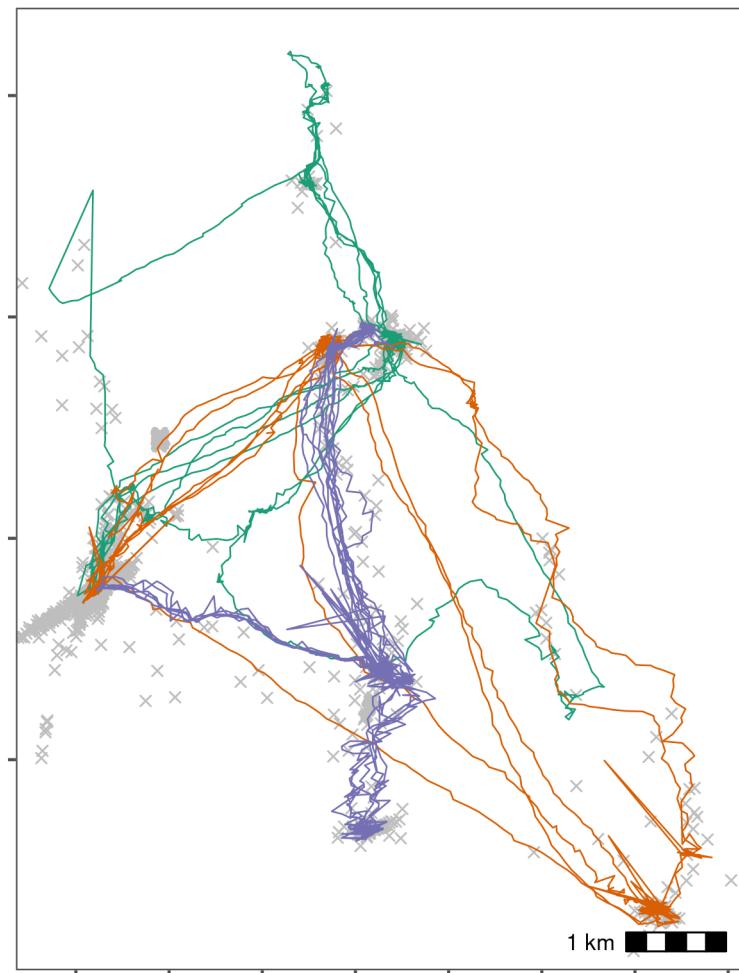


Figure 2.2: Bat data filtered for large location errors, removing observations with standard deviation > 20 . Grey crosses show data that were removed. Since the number of base stations used in the location process is a good indicator of error (Weiser et al. 2016), we also removed observations calculated using fewer than four base stations. Both steps used the function `atl_filter_covariates`. This filtering reduced the data to an average of 10,447 positions per individual (78% of the raw data on average). However, some point outliers remain.

```
)  
)  
})
```

192 2.7.1 Sanity check: Plot speed filtered data

193 The speed filtered data is now inspected for errors (Fig. 2.3). The plot code is once
194 again hidden.

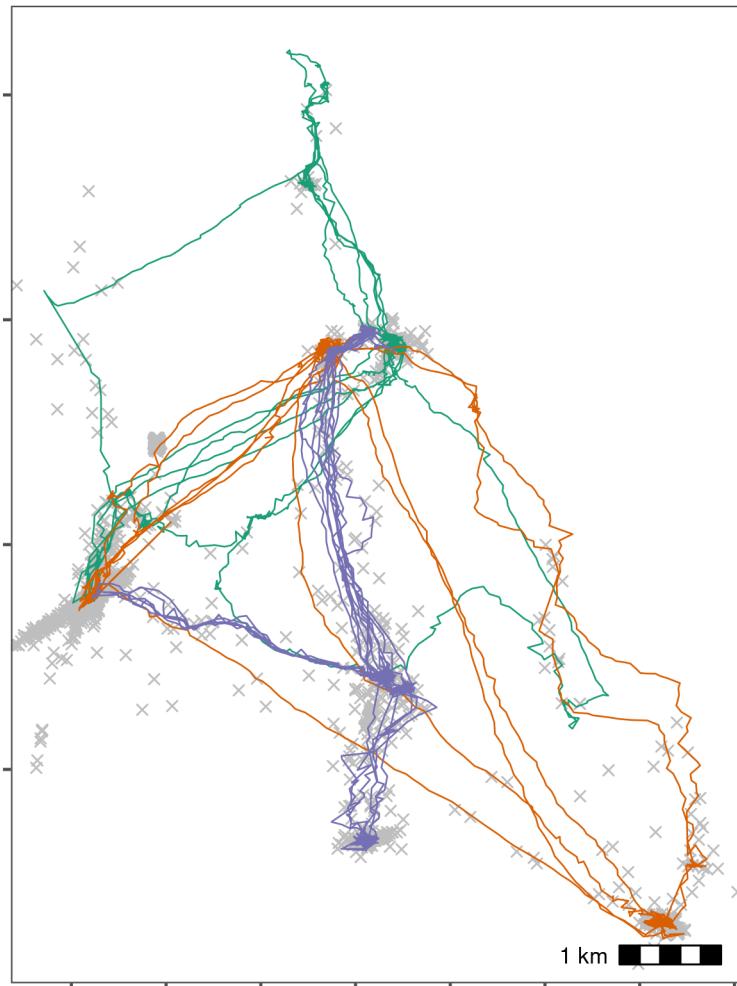


Figure 2.3: Bat data with unrealistic speeds removed. Grey crosses show data that were removed. We calculated the incoming and outgoing speed of each position using `atl_get_speed`, and filtered out positions with speeds > 20 m/s using `atl_filter_covariates`, leaving 10,337 positions per individual on average (98% from the previous step).

195 2.8 Median smoothing

- 196 The quality of the data is relatively high, and a median smooth is not strictly
197 necessary. We demonstrate the application of a 5 point median smooth to the
198 data nonetheless (Fig. 2.4).
- 199 Since the median smoothing function `atl_median_smooth` modifies in place, we
200 first make a copy of the data, using `data.table`'s `copy` function. No reassignment is
201 required, in this case. The `lapply` function allows arguments to `atl_median_smooth`
202 to be passed within `lapply` itself.
- 203 In this case, the same moving window K is applied to all individuals, but modifying
204 this code to use the multivariate version `Map` allows different K to be used for
205 different individuals. This is a programming matter, and is not covered here further.

```
# since the function modifies in place, we shall make a copy
data_smooth <- copy(data_split)

# split the data again
data_smooth <- split(data_smooth, by = "TAG")

# apply the median smooth to each list element
# no reassignment is required as THE FUNCTION MODIFIES IN PLACE!
invisible(

    # the function arguments to atl_median_smooth
    # can be passed directly in lapply

    lapply(
        X = data_smooth,
        FUN = atl_median_smooth,
        time = "time", moving_window = 5
    )
)
```

206 2.8.1 Sanity check: Plot smoothed data

207 2.9 Making residence patches

208 2.9.1 Calculating residence time

- 209 First, the data is put through the `recurve` package to get residence time (Bracis,
210 Bildstein, and Mueller 2018).

```
# load recurve
library(recurve)

# split the data
data_smooth <- split(data_smooth, data_smooth$TAG)
```

- 211 We calculated residence time, but since bats may revisit the same features, we want
212 to prevent confusion between frequent revisits and prolonged residence.
- 213 For this, we stop summing residence times within Z metres of a location if the
214 animal exited the area for one hour or more. The value of Z (radius, in `recurve`

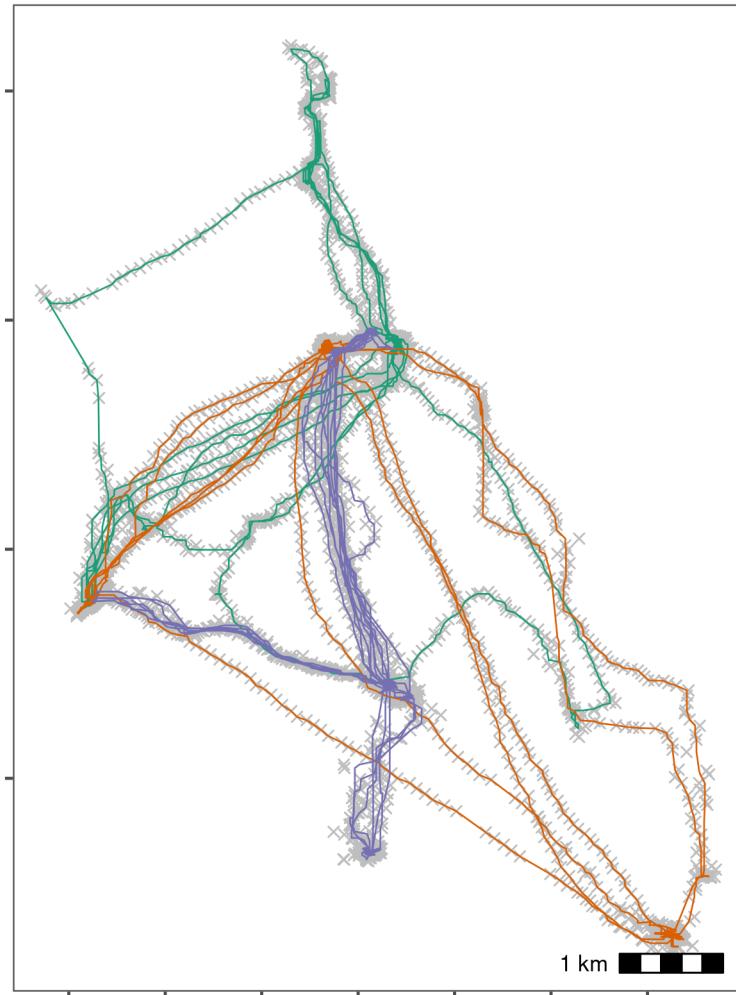


Figure 2.4: Bat data after applying a median smooth with a moving window $K = 5$. Grey crosses show data prior to smoothing. The smoothing step did not discard any data.

215 parameter terms) was chosen as 50m.

216 This step is relatively complicated and is only required for individuals which fre-
 217 quently return to the same location, or pass over the same areas repeatedly, and
 218 for which revisits (cumulative time spent) may be confused for residence time in a
 219 single visit.

220 While a simpler implementation using total residence time divided by the number
 221 of revisits is also possible, this does assume that each revisit had the same residence
 222 time.

```

# get residence times

data_residence <- lapply(data_smooth, function(dt) {
  # do basic recurse
  dt_recurse <- getRecursions(
    x = dt[, c("X", "Y", "time", "TAG")],
    radius = 50,
    timeunits = "mins"
  )

  # get revisit stats
  dt_recurse <- setDT(
    dt_recurse[["revisitStats"]]
  )

  # count long absences from the area
  dt_recurse[, timeSinceLastVisit := ifelse(is.na(timeSinceLastVisit), -Inf, timeSinceLastVisit)]
  dt_recurse[, longAbsenceCounter := cumsum(timeSinceLastVisit > 60),
             by = .(coordIdx)
  ]
  # get data before the first long absence of 60 mins
  dt_recurse <- dt_recurse[longAbsenceCounter < 1, ]

  dt_recurse <- dt_recurse[, list(
    resTime = sum(timeInside),
    fpt = first(timeInside),
    revisits = max(visitIdx)
  ),
    by = .(coordIdx, x, y)
  ]

  # prepare and merge existing data with recursion data
  dt[, coordIdx := seq(nrow(dt))]

  dt <- merge(dt,
              dt_recurse[, c("coordIdx", "resTime")],
              by = c("coordIdx")
  )

  setorder(dt, "time")
})
```

223 We bind the data together and assign a human readable timestamp column.

```
# bind the list
data_residence <- rbindlist(data_residence)

# get time as human readable
data_residence[, ts := as.POSIXct(time, origin = "1970-01-01")]
```

224 2.9.2 Constructing residence patches

225 Some preparation is required. First, the function requires columns `x`, `y`, `time`, and `id`,
226 which we assign using the `data.table` syntax. Then we subset the data to only work
227 with positions where the individual had a residence time of more than 5 minutes.

```
# add an id column
data_residence[, `:=`(
  id = TAG,
  x = X, y = Y
)]

# filter for residence time > 5 minutes
data_residence <- data_residence[resTime > 5, ]

# split the data
data_residence <- split(data_residence, data_residence$TAG)
```

228 We apply the residence patch method, using the default argument values
229 (`lim_spat_indep` = 100 (metres), `lim_time_indep` = 30 (minutes), and `min_fixes`
230 = 3). We change the `buffer_radius` to 25 metres (twice the buffer radius is used, so
231 points must be separated by 50m to be independent bouts).

```
# segment into residence patches
data_patches <- lapply(data_residence, atl_res_patch,
  buffer_radius = 25
)
```

232 2.9.3 Getting residence patch data

233 We extract the residence patch data as spatial `sf`-MULTIPOLYGON objects. These are
234 returned as a list and must be converted into a single `sf` object. These objects and
235 the raw movement data are shown in Fig. 2.5.

```
# get data spatials
data_spatials <- lapply(data_patches, atl_patch_summary,
  which_data = "spatial",
  buffer_radius = 25
)

# bind list
data_spatials <- rbindlist(data_spatials)

# convert to sf
library(sf)
```

```
data_spatials <- st_sf(data_spatials, sf_column_name = "polygons")  
  
# assign a crs  
st_crs(data_spatials) <- st_crs(2039)
```

236 **2.9.4 Write patch spatial representations**

```
st_write(data_spatials,  
    dsn = "data/data_bat_residence_patches.gpkg"  
)
```

237 Write cleaned bat data.

```
data_clean <- fwrite(rbindlist(data_smooth),  
    file = "data/data_bat_smooth.csv"  
)
```

238 Write patch summary.

```
# get summary  
patch_summary <- lapply(data_patches, atl_patch_summary)  
  
# bind summary  
patch_summary <- rbindlist(patch_summary)  
  
# write  
fwrite(  
    patch_summary,  
    "data/data_bat_patch_summary.csv"  
)
```

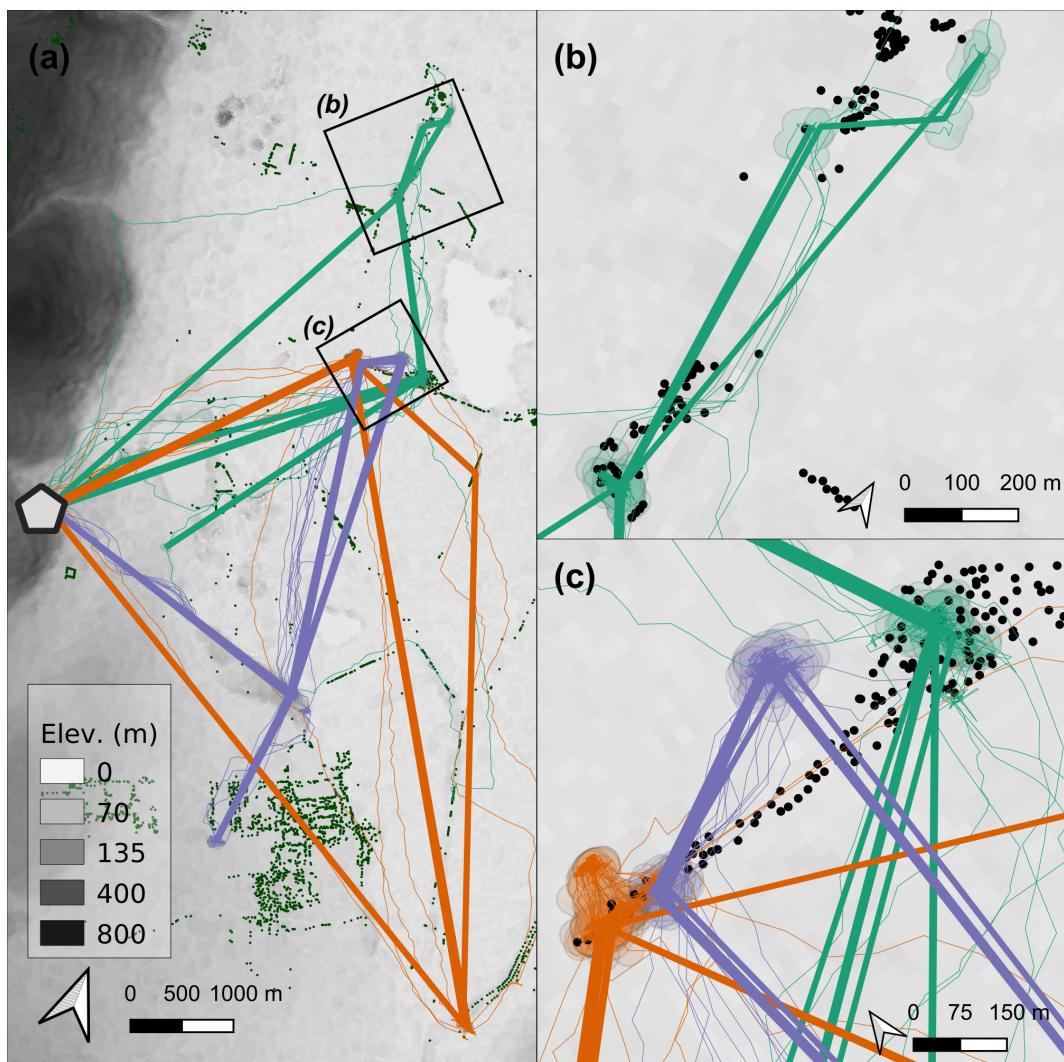


Figure 2.5: A visual examination of plots of the bats' residence patches and linear approximations of paths between them showed that though all three bats roosted at the same site, they used distinct areas of the study site over the three nights (a). Bats tended to be resident near fruit trees, which are their main food source, travelling repeatedly between previously visited areas (b, c). However, bats also appeared to spend some time at locations where no fruit trees were recorded, prompting questions about their use of other food sources (b, c). When bats did occur close together, their residence patches barely overlapped, and their paths to and from the broad area of co-occurrence were not similar (c). Constructing residence patches for multiple individuals over multiple activity periods suggests interesting dynamics of within- and between-individual overlap (b, c).

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