

# Package ‘satmap’

May 6, 2014

**Type** Package

**Title** Advanced plot tools for spatial data

**Version** 0.0.1

**Date** 2014-03-16

**Author** Robert K. Bauer

**Maintainer** Robert K. Bauer <robert.bauer@ifremer.fr>

**Depends** R (>= 2.10), utils, raster, grDevices, ncdf4, maps, maptools, mapdata

**Imports** abind, fields, marmap, plotrix, rgdal, methods

**Description** Advanced plot tools for spatial (satellite, bathymetric and topographic) data. Recognized classes and formats include ncdf4, Raster, .nc- and .gz-files.

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**NeedsCompilation** no

**Repository** CRAN

**Date/Publication** 2014-04-30 16:03:02

**SystemRequirements** ImageMagick

## R topics documented:

add.region . . . . .	2
area_extrac . . . . .	4
bindate2Title . . . . .	5
check_gzfiles . . . . .	7
clim_plot . . . . .	8
cmap . . . . .	9
delete.region . . . . .	10
empty.plot . . . . .	11
get.bathy . . . . .	12

inst.pkg . . . . .	13
internal.datasets . . . . .	14
matrix2raster . . . . .	14
name_join . . . . .	15
name_split . . . . .	16
nc2raster . . . . .	18
nc2time . . . . .	19
parameter_definitions . . . . .	20
param_convert . . . . .	21
plotmap . . . . .	22
raster2matrix . . . . .	24
readbin . . . . .	25
regions . . . . .	26
region_definitions . . . . .	27
set.colorbar . . . . .	29
v . . . . .	30
v-class . . . . .	36
writebin . . . . .	36
<b>Index</b>	<b>38</b>

---

add.region	<i>adding a region to the <a href="#">region_definitions</a> file</i>
------------	---

---

## Description

adding a region to the [region\\_definitions](#)-file, taking or restoring a backup of region definitions. The basic idea is to provide a region-keyword that is used to access the region-information in later related function-calls (see: [v](#) and [plotmap, regions](#)). Information consists of a region-keyword, -longname, its spatial extent (longitudes and latitudes), grid resolution, as well as default colorbar position and figure size.

The required information can be provided by a **widget** that leads step by step through the region definition (is set default), in parts by an [extent](#)-object with the missing information then completed by the **widget** or by a one-row data frame that holds the entire information (see: [region\\_definitions](#)).

**ATTENTION!** When reinstalling or updating the satmap package, previous region definitions are getting lost! It is therefore highly recommended to take and restore own backups (see: backup and restore).

## Usage

```
add.region(add, add.px, cbx, cby, figdim, lib.folder,
           widget=T, backup=F, backup.folder=., backup.name, restore=F)
```

**Arguments**

add	<p><a href="#">extent</a>-,raster-object or dataset containing all required region definition entries (label, name, latn, lats, lonw, lone, ncol, nrow, px, cbx1, cbx2, cby1, cby2, figxdim, figydim and grid.res). Ignored when add.px is supplied.</p> <p>The values latn, lats, lonw, lone define the regions extent, cbx1, cbx2, cby1 and cby2 define the position of the colorbar, gradient the orientation of the colorbar (x for horizontal, y for vertical), oticks the margin where to put the colorbar ticks relative to the colorbar rectangle (l left, r right and b for bottom; figxdim and figydim set the default window size of .gz-file figures and grid.res the default grid resolution.</p>
add.px	dataframe or list containing region data needed to read gz-compressed .gz-files. Required entries include 'label' to identify the region, 'ncol' and 'nrow', to define the number of columns and rows of the 'gz'-file, respectively. These values are automatically set if missing when writing gz-compressed .gz-files (see: <a href="#">writebin</a> ).
cbx	the horizontal limits (x1, x2) of the colorbar. If missing, the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement.
cby	the vertical limits (y1, y2) of the colorbar. If missing, the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement.
figdim	numeric vector indicating the width and height of the plot device in inches. If missing and force.figdim.widget is set FALSE, figdim is assigned a default width and height of 7in, otherwise the user will be asked to resize the plot device to set plot dimensions.
lib.folder	Character string indicating R-library path in which the satmap-package is installed.
widget	whether a <b>widget</b> shall assist the data entry procedure (default is TRUE).
backup	whether the current region_definitions-file should be backuped in the folder 'backup.folder' in the file backup.name (default is FALSE). <b>ATTENTION!</b> When reinstalling or updating the satmap package, previous region_definitions are getting lost!
backup.folder	Character string indicating the folder where to store the region_definitions-file backup (default is the current working directory).
backup.name	Character string indicating the filename of the region_definitions-file backup (If restore the default is the original satmap-region_definitions file; if backup the default is set to 'region_definitions.bkp.%Y%m%d.rda').
restore	whether to restore a backup of the region_definitions-file (default is FALSE).

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**[delete.region](#), [region\\_definitions](#), [regions](#), [plotmap](#), [v](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: Add region by supplying a one-row data.frame
##           that holds the entire required information
data(region_definitions) # load region_definitions
lion <- region_definitions[region_definitions$label == lion,] # selecting Gulf of Lions region
lion
junk <- lion
junk$label <- junk # rename region label
add.region(junk) # add junk region
data(region_definitions) # reload region_definitions
region_definitions[,1:9]

## Example 2: Delete region
delete.region("junk") # delete junk region
data(region_definitions) # reload region_definitions
region_definitions[,1:9]

## Example 3: Add region by supplying an extent- or raster-object and running the widget
library(raster)

ext <- extent(0,10,50,60)
plotmap(ext)
#add.region(ext) # extent-object

r <- raster(ext)
#add.region(r) # raster-object

## Example 4: Add region by supplying raster-object, colorbar positions and running the widget
#add.region(r,cbx=c(5,9.5),cby=c(51.7,52.4))

## Example 5: Add region by running the widget
#add.region()

## Example 6: Add region by running the widget
#add.region(add.px=list(label="lion",nrow=10,ncol=10))
#data(region_definitions)
#region_definitions[region_definitions$label == "lion",]

## Example 7: Creating a backup
#add.region(backup=T)

## Example 8: Restoring the backup of the original region_definitions file
#add.region(restore=T)
```

---

area\_extrac

*Extracts a pre-defined region from '.gz'-file and saves subset as a new '.gz'-file*

---

**Description**

Extracts a pre-defined region from .gz-file and saves subset as a new .gz-file (gzip compressed format). Basically it represents a combined call of [regions](#), [crop](#), [raster2matrix](#) and [writebin](#).

**Usage**

```
area_extrac(obj, area)
```

**Arguments**

obj	Character string indicating search criteria for .gz-files.
area	Character string identifying the region that should be extracted. area must be a subregion of the original region defined by the .gz-file. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[readbin](#), [writebin](#), [crop](#), [raster2matrix](#), [param\\_unconvert](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: extract, write .gz-files, following default plot-procedure
library(raster)

# load sample-.gz-file
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz)
print(gz.files)
area_extrac(gz.files[1], area=lion)

gz <- Sys.glob(lion*.gz) # load new-.gz-file
v(gz) # visualize new-.gz-file
system(paste(rm, gz))
v(gz.files[1], v_area=lion)
```

---

bindate2Title

*returns formatted date string for v-plot titles*


---

**Description**

returns formatted date string for v-plot titles by provided date information (e.g. filename of .gz-files, name of raster-layers. bindate2Title is returned by default by [v](#)-calls. bindate2main and bindate2ylab are plotted when [v](#) is called with sidelabels=T.

**Usage**

```
bindate2Title(timestep, date1, date2=date1)
```

```
bindate2main(timestep, date1, date2=date1)
```

```
bindate2ylab(timestep, date1, date2=date1)
```

**Arguments**

timestep	character string, indicating the range of the time unit in numbers and the time unit (e.g. "1d" for daily data; "7d" or "1w" for weekly data; "1m" for monthly data)
date1, date2	character string, indicating the first and last date of the timeframe covered (recognized format is %Y%m%d%H or %Y%m%d). E.g. 20030301 and 20030331 for monthly data (timestep = 1m) of March 2003.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[name\\_split](#), [v](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: output of different bindate2???-functions
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files
u <- name_split(gz.files)

print(gz.files[1]) # print filename
print(u[1,]) # print splitted filename
bindate2main(u$timestep[1],u$date1[1],u$date2[1]) # main
bindate2Title(u$timestep[1],u$date1[1],u$date2[1]) # Title
bindate2ylab(u$timestep[1],u$date1[1],u$date2[1]) # ylab

## Example 2: Visualize output for multiple .gz-files
u$option <- ...
f <- nrow(u)*2

x11(width=9.7,height=7.8,xpos=-1)
par(mar=c(f,f,f,0)) # mar= c(bottom, left, top, right)
empty.plot()
box()
for (i in 1:nrow(u)){
  mtext(name_join(u[i,]),side=1,line=i-10)
  main <- bindate2main(u$timestep[i],u$date1[i],u$date2[i]) # main
```

```
Title <- bindate2Title(u$timestep[i],u$date1[i],u$date2[i]) # Title
ylab <- bindate2ylab(u$timestep[i],u$date1[i],u$date2[i]) # ylab
mtext(c(Title,ylab,main),side=1:3,line=c(i,nrow(u)+1-i,nrow(u)+1-i))
mtext(paste("file",i),side=c(1,1:3),line=c(i-10,i,nrow(u)+1-i,nrow(u)+1-i),adj=0)
}
mtext(c("filename",
      "bindate2Title (default)",
      "bindate2ylab (sidelabels=T)",
      "bindate2main (sidelabels=T)"),
      side=c(1,1:3),line=c(-11,rep(i+2,3)),font=2)
```

---

check_gzfiles	Returns summary on '.gz'-file types
---------------	-------------------------------------

---

**Description**

Returns summary table on .gz-file types available in a specified folder. Provided information include region (region covered, as described by the [region\\_definitions](#)), sat (satellite source), param (parameter), res (spatial resolution), ts (temporal resolution), filetype (file filetype)

**Usage**

```
check_gzfiles(sstring="*",folder=".",filetype=".gz")
```

**Arguments**

sstring	Character string indicating search criteria for sat files (default is *, including all .gz-files).
folder	Character string indicating folder in which searched files are located (default is current working directory)
filetype	Character string indicating file type of sat files (default is .gz)

**Value**

An aggregated data frame, returning .gz-file type-information (see description) on available files in a specified folder.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[name\\_split](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: plot .gz-files, following default plot-procedure
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table per filetype

gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files
name_split(gz.files) # return summary-table per file
```

---

clim\_plot

plots ' .gz' -file climatologies

---

## Description

Creates climatology plots of .gz-files. **ATTENTION!** This function requires an ImageMagick installation, but runs also under Windows operating systems.

## Usage

```
clim_plot(obj, plotfolder=".", plotname, question=T, sst.frontcolor=red,
          chla.frontcolor=blue, sidelabels = F, Ylab = F, axeslabels = T, v_area, ...)
```

## Arguments

obj	Character string indicating search criteria for climatology .gz-files.
plotfolder	directory where image should be saved.
plotname	the name of the output file. If not provided, value will be derived from .gz-filenames.
question	whether the user shall be informed about the number of figures to plot before running the procedure (default is TRUE).
chla.frontcolor	color map to be plotted for chlorophyll fronts (default is blue; obtained from <a href="#">cmap-dataset</a> )
sst.frontcolor	color map to be plotted for sea surface temperature fronts (default is red; obtained from <a href="#">cmap-dataset</a> )
sidelabels	whether an additional y-axis label and title should be added to the plot device (default is FALSE). If TRUE, y-axis label is defined by Ylab, the additional title is derived from the date-information and gives the month information.
Ylab	an additional title for the y axis (default is date information), only used when sidelabels is set TRUE. Default value is year-information.
axeslabels	whether axeslabels should be shown (default is TRUE, set as 'longitude' and 'latitude')
v_area	character string identifying the region that should be plotted, or in case of obj == bathy, also a Raster* or Extent object. If missing, region is derived from the .gz-filename. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.



... Additional arguments to be passed to [v](#) and [plotmap](#) (e.g. main, sidelabels, Ylab, scale\_arrow, minv, maxv, adaptive.vals, cb.xlab, suffix, v\_area, v\_image, v\_contour, v\_arrows, fill, col, border, grid, grid.res, bwd, axeslabels, ticklabels, cex.lab, cex.ticks)

### Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

### See Also

[v](#), [readbin](#), [name\\_split](#), [regions](#), [plotmap](#)

### Examples

```
## Example 1: plot seasonal .gz-files, following default plot-procedure
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*1s_*.gz) # load seasonal .gz-files
v(gz.files) # as single plots

# as combined climatology plot, saved in plotfolder
clim_plot(gz.files, plotfolder=owd, plotname=chla.summary.png)
```

---

cmap

*color maps*


---

### Description

list holding different color maps that can be used in image plots (see: [image](#), [image.plots](#), [v](#), [clim\\_plot](#))

available color maps are: ano, bathy, blue, chla, green, haxby, jet (obtained from matlab), rainbow, red, sst and haxbyrev.

### Usage

```
data(cmap)
```

### Format

list

### Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
data(cmap)
names(cmap)

## simple example of the \link{image}-function
x <- 10*(1:nrow(volcano))
y <- 10*(1:ncol(volcano))
image(x, y, volcano, col = terrain.colors(100))
image(x, y, volcano, col = cmap$jet) # jet color map
image(x, y, volcano, col = cmap$haxby) # haxby color map
image(x, y, volcano, col = cmap$chla) # chlorophyll color map
image(x, y, volcano, col = cmap$sst) # sst color map
```

---

delete.region	<i>deletes a region from the <a href="#">region_definitions</a>-definition file</i>
---------------	---

---

## Description

deletes a specified region from the [region\\_definitions](#)-definition file

## Usage

```
delete.region(region, lib.folder, restore=F)
```

## Arguments

region	Character string identifying the region that should be deleted. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.
lib.folder	Character string indicating R-library path in which the satmap-package is installed.
restore	whether the original <a href="#">region_definitions</a> -file should be restored.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## See Also

[add.region](#), [region\\_definitions](#), [regions](#), [writebin](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: Add region by supplying a one-row data.frame
##           that holds the entire required information
data(region_definitions)
lion <- region_definitions[region_definitions$label == lion,] # selecting Gulf of Lions region
lion
junk <- lion
```

```
junk$label <- junk # rename region label
add.region(junk) # add junk region
data(region_definitions) # reload region_definitions
region_definitions[,1:9]

## Example 2: Delete region
delete.region("junk") # delete junk region
data(region_definitions) # reload region_definitions
region_definitions[,1:9]
```

---

empty.plot	<i>Creates an empty scatter plot</i>
------------	--------------------------------------

---

## Description

Creates an empty scatter plot that is equal to the function call:

```
plot(1,lwd=0,axes=F,xlab="",ylab="",...)
```

## Usage

```
empty.plot(..., axes = F, xlab = "", ylab = "")
```

## Arguments

axes	whether to show plot axes (default is FALSE).
xlab, ylab	label for the x- and y-axis of the plot (default is empty).
...	Other arguments to be passed either to plot.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
empty.plot()
title("empty plot")
box()
axis(1)
axis(2)
```

---

get.bathy	<i>Returns bathymetric data from the NOAA server as RasterLayer, given coordinate bounds and resolution.</i>
-----------	--

---

## Description

Returns bathymetric data from the NOAA server as RasterLayer, given coordinate bounds and resolution.

## Usage

```
get.bathy(v_area, lon, lat, resolution=4, keep=F ,
          savename.bathy, folder.bathy, visualize=T, ...)
```

## Arguments

v_area	character string identifying the region that should be plotted, or in case of <code>x == bathy</code> , also a Raster* or Extent object. If missing, region is derived from the .gz-filename. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.
lon	Vector returning longitude coordinates of the area to be plotted, only valable for <code>x == bathy</code> .
lat	Vector returning latitude coordinates of the area to be plotted, only valable for <code>x == bathy</code> .
resolution	resolution of the bathymetric grid, in minutes (default is 4).
keep	whether to write the data downloaded from NOAA into a file (default is FALSE).
savename.bathy	savename for the bathymetric data file, if not specified set to type 'bathy_lon-lat_res.resolution.dat' or 'bathy_v_area_res.resolution.dat'.
folder.bathy	directory where bathymetric data should be saved (default is current working directory).
visualize	whether the bathymetric data should be plotted instantly.
...	additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">v</a> , used if visualize is set TRUE.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## See Also

[v](#), [add.region](#), [region\\_definitions](#), [regions](#), [writebin](#), [get.bathy](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: plot bathymetry using a v_area-keyword
#get.bathy("lion",res=4, keep=T) # can take some time, requires server connection!
#get.bathy("lion",res=1, keep=T,visualize=F)

## Example 2: plot bathymetry of the Baltic Sea defined by longitude and latitude coordinates
lon <- c(9, 31)
lat <- c(53.5, 66)
#get.bathy(lon=lon,lat=lat,visualize=T,main="Baltic Sea")

## Example 3: plot landmask of the Baltic Sea defined by an extent- or raster-object
library(raster)
ext <- extent(lon,lat)
#get.bathy(ext,visualize=T,main="Baltic Sea",res=4,levels=200, steps=200) # extent-object
```

---

inst.pkg

*Loading Packages and automatically installs packages if missing*

---

## Description

Loads and automatically installs packages if missing

## Usage

```
inst.pkg(package)
```

## Arguments

package            the name of a package to be loaded, given as a name or character string.

## Details

inst.pkg is based on [install.packages](#) and [library](#).

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
inst.pkg(satmap) # loading existing package
inst.pkg(marmap) # install and load new package
```

---

internal.datasets	<i>internal datasets</i>
-------------------	--------------------------

---

**Description**

internal (lazyload) datasets medm9\_proj and regions.dim.bathy, accessed by v.plot and [read-bin](#) respectively.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

---

matrix2raster	<i>Converts a matrix to a RasterLayer or arrays to a RasterStack-object</i>
---------------	---

---

**Description**

matrix2raster Converts a matrix to a RasterLayer or arrays to a RasterStack-object.

**Usage**

```
matrix2raster(z,x,y,layer,proj="+proj=longlat")
```

**Arguments**

z	matrix or array to be converted.
x	optional x-coordinates giving the horizontal <a href="#">range</a> of the raster layer, its size does not need to coincide with ncol(z)!
y	optional y-coordinates giving the verical <a href="#">range</a> of the raster layer, its size does not need to coincide with nrow(z)!
layer	layer to be selected (only valid if z is an array).
proj	optional argument, setting the coordinate reference system (CRS) of a Raster* object (default is +proj=longlat).

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**Examples**

```
## Example 1: convert a matrix
m <- matrix(3,2,2)
matrix2raster(m)

## Example 2: convert an array
a <- array(3,dim=c(2,2,2))
matrix2raster(a)
matrix2raster(a,layer=1)

## Example 3: convert .nc-file to raster-object manually
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
ncfile <- Sys.glob(herring*.nc) # load sample-.nc-files

library(ncdf4)
library(raster)
nc <- nc_open(ncfile) # open netcdf file
z <- ncvar_get(nc,Conc)[,,1]
lon <- as.vector(ncvar_get(nc,lon)) # fillvalues are automatically replaced by NA
lat <- as.vector(ncvar_get(nc,lat)) # fillvalues are automatically replaced by NA
matrix2raster(z,x=lon,y=lat)

## Example 4: convert .nc-file to raster-object using nc2raster
nc2raster(ncfile,varname=Conc,layer=1:4)

## Example 5: convert .nc-file to raster-object using raster-function
stack(ncfile,varname=Conc,bands=1:4)
```

---

name_join	<i>create '' .gz'-filenames from a list or dataframe</i>
-----------	--

---

**Description**

creates filenames based on a list or dataframe with the (header)-names:  
 area source parameter resolution timestep date1 date2 option  
 by aligning the defined filetype:  
 e.g. area\_source\_parameter\_resolution\_timestep\_date1\_date2.option.filetype

**Usage**

```
name_join(parts, filetype=gz)
```

**Arguments**

parts                    a list or dataframe with the parts:

- area , the region keyword

- source , the data source
- param , the parameter saved in the .gz-file. Can only be one value!
- resolution , the spatial resolution
- timestep , the temporal resolution
- date1 & date2 , the temporal resolution (the time interval covered).
- option a character string holding supplementary information of .gz-file treatment

filetype                      character string indicating the filtype to be checked. (‘.gz’ by default)

### Author(s)

Herve Demarq, translated from IDL by Robert K. Bauer

### See Also

See [check\\_gzfiles](#) to return summary of available .gz-files and [name\\_split](#) to split .gz-filenames

### Examples

```
## Example: read and plot .gz-file
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files

# return summary of availble .gz-files
# suffix-column corresponds to option column of the name_join-call
# addition n-column returns the number of available files per filetype
check_gzfiles(gz.files)

## Example: split and rejoin .gz-filenames
name_split(gz.files) # return summary-table per file
name_join(name_split(gz.files))
```

---

name_split	Returns a summary table of an ‘.gz’-filen based on its name
------------	---

---

### Description

Returns a summary table of an .gz-filen based on its name

### Usage

```
name_split(filename)
```

### Arguments

filename                      Character string indicating search criteria for sat files.



**Value**

Returns a summary table of a .gz-file (by splitting its name) with the header:

```
area source parameter resolution timestep date1 date2 option
```

area	region keyword
source	data source
param	the parameter saved in the .gz-file. Can only be one value!
resolution	the spatial resolution
timestep	the temporal resolution
date1 & date2	the temporal resolution the time interval covered
option	a character string holding supplementary information of .gz-file treatment

**Author(s)**

Herve Demarq, translated from IDL by Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

See [check\\_gzfiles](#) to return summary of available .gz-files and [name\\_join](#) to create .gz-filenames from splitted names ([name\\_split](#))-calls

**Examples**

```
## Example: read and plot .gz-file
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table per filetype
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files

# return summary of availble .gz-files
# suffix-column corresponds to option column of the name_split-call
# addition n-column returns the number of available files per filetype
check_gzfiles(gz.files)

## Example: split and rejoin .gz-filenames
gz.files
name_split(gz.files)# return summary-table per file
name_join(name_split(gz.files))
```

---

nc2raster	<i>Convert Raster layer to a matrix or array</i>
-----------	--

---

### Description

nc2raster converts a netcdf-file ('.nc'-file) or ncdf4-object to a Raster\* object, setting the time variable as layer name.

### Usage

```
nc2raster(nc, varname, t=layer, lonname="lon", latname="lat",
          layer, date=T)
```

### Arguments

nc	character string indicating the filepath to a netcdf-file ('.nc'-file), or a ncdf4-object.
varname	character string indicating the name of the netcdf-variable to be selected.
lonname	character string indicating the name of the longitude-variable of ncdf4-objects and .nc-files to plot (default is lon)
latname	character string indicating the name of the latitude-variable of ncdf4-objects and .nc-files to plot (default is lat)
layer, t	layer/time stemp to select in multi-layer files.
date	whether the layer names should be set to the date of the ncdf-file layer (default is TRUE, format is 'X%Y%m%d').

### Value

RasterLayer or RasterStack

### Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

### Examples

```
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
nfiles <- Sys.glob(*.nc) # load sample-.nc-files

nc2raster(nfiles[1], "Conc", layer=1) # RasterLayer
nc2raster(nfiles[1], "Conc", layer=1:4) # RasterStack

library(ncdf4)
nc <- nc_open(nfiles[1])
nc2raster(nc, "Conc", layer=1:4) # RasterStack
```

```
## ordinary raster call
raster(nfiles[1])
brick(nfiles[1],band=c(1,4))

setwd(owd)
```

---

nc2time	<i>reads and converts the time variable of a netcdf-file ('.nc'-file) or ncdf4-object as as.Date-object</i>
---------	---

---

## Description

reads and converts the time variable of a netcdf-file ('.nc'-file) or ncdf4-object as as.Date-object.

## Usage

```
nc2time(nc,varname)
```

## Arguments

nc	character string indicating the filepath to a netcdf-file ('.nc'-file), or a ncdf4-object.
varname	character string indicating the name of the time variable of the netcdf-file.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
nfile <- Sys.glob(herring*.nc) # load sample-.nc-files
head(nc2time(nfile))

library(ncdf4)
nc <- nc_open(nfile)
head(nc2time(nc))

setwd(owd)
```

---

parameter_definitions	<i>parameter definitions dataframe</i>
-----------------------	--

---

**Description**

a dataframe containing definitions of parameters to plot or to save by [v](#), [readbin](#) and [writebin](#).

**Usage**

data(parameter\_definitions)

**Format**

data.frame

**Value**

a dataframe with the following header, containing definitions of parameters to plot or to save by [v](#), [readbin](#) and [writebin](#):

param a b c log name1 unit pal1 minv maxv min max invalid\_data\_dc coast\_dc land\_dc no\_data\_dc

param	character string indicating the keyword of a parameter.
a,b,c	value for parameter parameter data conversion from/to byte data. (See <a href="#">param_convert</a> and <a href="#">param_unconvert</a> )
log	whether a logarithmic formula should be applied for data conversion (0 for FALSE and 1 for TRUE; See <a href="#">param_convert</a> and <a href="#">param_unconvert</a> ).
name	character string indicating the long name of a parameter.
unit	character string or bgroup statement indicating the parameter unit.
pal1	default color map used by <a href="#">v</a> calls on parameter related data.
minv, maxv	default minimum and maximum z-value used by <a href="#">v</a> calls on parameter related data.
min, max	minimum and maximum byte-values to be considered when calculating absolute values.
invalid_data_dc, coast_dc, land_dc & no_data_dc	byte values used to mask invalid data, coast lines, land masses and missing data.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[v](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example
data(parameter_definitions)
head(parameter_definitions)

# selecting sea surface temperature parameter definition
parameter_definitions[parameter_definitions$param == "sst2",]
```

---

param_convert	<i>converts byte data to absolute values or vice versa (param_unconvert)</i>
---------------	--

---

**Description**

converts byte data as stored in .gz-files to absolute values (param\_convert) or vice versa (param\_unconvert) using the parameter\_definitions-dataset. param\_convert is used by [readbin](#), param\_unconvert is used by [writebin](#).

**Usage**

```
param_convert(x,param)

param_unconvert(x,param)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector, matrix or raster-object holding byte-data that that should be converted to absolute values (param_convert) or vice versa (param_unconvert).
param	Character string indicating parameter of the dataset to be treated. See parameter_definitions for available parameters.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[param\\_unconvert](#), [readbin](#)

**Examples**

```
library(fields)
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
gz.file <- Sys.glob(*.gz)[1] # load sample-.gz-files
param <- name_split(gz.file)$parameter
print(param)

## converted data, according to param information
m <- readbin(gz.file, Raster=FALSE)
```

```

image.plot(m)

## byte data ("unconverted") according to param information, as stored in ".gz"files
bin <- param_unconvert(m,param)
image.plot(bin)

## reconvert byte data, according to param information
conv <- param_convert(bin,param)
image.plot(conv)

```

---

plotmap

*plots landmask of a defined region*


---

## Description

plots the landmask of a region defined by a region-key word, geographical coordinates (longitude and latitude), a raster- or [extent](#)-object. See [add.region](#) to add and save new region definitions. Attention! Unlike [add.region](#), plotmap does not include colorbar placement (see: [set.colorbar](#))

## Usage

```

plotmap(region = v_area, lon, lat, add = F, axeslabels = T,
        ticklabels = T, grid = T, cex.lab = 0.8, cex.ticks = 0.8,
        grid.res, main, col = "grey", border = "black",
        fill = T, bwd = 1, v_area)

```

## Arguments

region, v_area	Character string identifying regions predefined by the <a href="#">region_definitions</a> -dataset, Raster* or Extent object (corresponds to v_area of the <a href="#">v</a> -function). If missing, region is derived from geographical coordinates, denoted by lat and lon. See <a href="#">add.region</a> to define new region definitions and <a href="#">delete.region</a> to delete improper region definitions.
lon	Vector returning longitude coordinates of the area to be plotted.
lat	Vector returning latitude coordinates of the area to be plotted.
add	whether the a the landmask should be added to an existent figure (default is FALSE)
main	title to be plotted
axeslabels	whether axis-labels (longitude and latitude) should be added to the axes (default is TRUE). Can be a single value or a vector of size two.
ticklabels	whether tick-labels should be added to the axes (default is TRUE). Can be a single value or a vector.
cex.lab	font size of axis labels
cex.ticks	font size of tick labels

grid	whether a grid should be plotted (default is TRUE)
grid.res	resolution of the grid, in degrees (default is derived from the region extent)
bwd	width of the axes bars (default is 1)
fill	whether the landmask should be filled by a color (default is TRUE)
col	fill color of the landmask to be plotted (default is grey)
border	country border color of the landmask to be plotted (default is black)

### Details

plotmap uses the maps and maptools functions to plot the landmask.

### Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

### See Also

[v](#), [regions](#)

### Examples

```
## Example 1: plot landmask of the Mediterranean Sea
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
plotmap(med4,main="Mediterranean Sea")
plotmap(med4,main="Mediterranean Sea",bwd=2,border=grey,grid=FALSE)

## Example 2: plot landmask of the Baltic Sea defined by longitude and latitude coordinates
lon <- c(9, 31)
lat <- c(53.5, 66)
plotmap(lon=lon,lat=lat,main="Baltic Sea",grid.res=5,bwd=2)

## Example 3: plot landmask of the Baltic Sea defined by an extent- or raster-object
library(raster)
ext <- extent(lon,lat)
plotmap(ext,main="Baltic Sea") # extent-object

r <- raster(ext)
plotmap(r,main="Baltic Sea") # raster-object
```

---

raster2matrix	<i>Convert Raster layer to a matrix or array</i>
---------------	--

---

## Description

raster2matrix converts a raster layer to a matrix or array. Used by [readbin](#) and [writebin](#).

## Usage

```
raster2matrix(RasterLayer)
```

```
raster2array(RasterLayer)
```

## Arguments

RasterLayer      raster layer to be converted.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
library(raster)
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files

raster.file <- readbin(gz.files[1]) # loading gz-file as raster-layer
image(raster.file)

## Example 1: converting single raster layer to matrix
image(as.matrix(raster.file)) # unflipped conversion
m <- raster2matrix(raster.file) # converting raster-layer to matrix
image(m)

## Example 2: converting double raster layer to an array
stack.file <- stack(raster.file,raster.file)
image(as.array(stack.file)[,,1]) # unflipped conversion
a <- raster2array(stack.file) # converting raster-layer to array (works also with raster2matrix)
image(a[, ,1])
```



---

readbin	Returns '.gz'-file as matrix or raster-object
---------	---

---

## Description

Returns .gz-file as matrix or raster-object.

## Usage

```
readbin(filename, area, Image = F, byte = F, Raster = T)
```

## Arguments

filename	Character string indicating search criteria for the .gz-file of interest. Only .gz-files with valid filenames can be read, consisting of: area, source, parameter, resolution, timestep, date1, date2 and option-criteria, separated by an underscore with only option being aligned by a point and ending with .gz, e.g.: area_source_parameter_resolution_timestep_date1_date2.option.gz. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for valid area- and <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> for valid parameter-values, respectively.
Image	whether the a the .gz-file should be plotted immediately using <a href="#">image.plot</a> -function of the <a href="#">fields</a> -package (default is FALSE)
byte	whether the a the data of the .gz-file should be returned unconverted as a byte-values (default is FALSE)
Raster	whether the a the data of the .gz-file should be returned in a raster-object (default is TRUE)
area	Character string identifying the region that should be extracted. If missing, region is derived from the .gz-filename. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## See Also

[writebin](#), [regions](#), [crop](#), [raster2matrix](#), [param\\_convert](#)

## Examples

```
### Example: read and plot .gz-file
owd <- getwd()
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files
```

```

### all manual:
obj <- readbin(gz.files[2],area=lion)
obj
x11()
ticks <- seq(20,30,5)
data(cmap)
image(obj,zlim=range(ticks),col=cmap$jet)
plotmap(lion,add=TRUE) # add landmask
set.colorbar(ticks=ticks,cb.title=cb.title,cb.xlab=cb.xlab)

### using v:

## ticks set by adaptive.vals
v(obj,varname="sst2",cb.title=cb.title,cb.xlab=cb.xlab)

## ticks set by parameter definition
v(obj,varname="sst2",cb.title=cb.title,cb.xlab=cb.xlab,adaptive.vals=FALSE)

```

---

regions

*Returns two-row summary table of a specified region.*


---

## Description

Reorganizes summary information of a specified region from the [region\\_definitions](#) set into a two-row dataframe.

## Usage

```
regions(label)
```

## Arguments

label	Character string indicating the name of the region of interest. If missing, list of available regions in the <a href="#">region_definitions</a> -dataset will be returned by a error message.
-------	---

## Value

a two-row dataframe with the following header, containing the summary information of the region specified:

```
xlim ylim dim name cbx cby align gradient figdim grid.res
```

xlim & ylim	the spatial extent of the region
dim	the number of grid points for both x & y-dimension
name	the long name of the region
cbx & cby	x & y-coordinates for colorbar

align	a vector defining the color-gradient of the colorbar (x for horizontal, and y for vertical), as well as the margin where the colorbar ticks should be plotted, relative to the colorbar rectangle (l left, r right and b for bottom)
figdim	the region-specific default plot device size
grid.res	the default grid resolution in degrees

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[v](#), [plotmap](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example: return summary table for the Gulf of Lions
data(region_definitions)
region_definitions[region_definitions$label=="lion,] # select raw region data summary
regions(lion) # return formatted summary table
```

---

region_definitions	<i>region definitions dataframe</i>
--------------------	-------------------------------------

---

**Description**

dataset providing spatial extent and color bar placement information by a region-keyword in later related function-calls (see: [v](#), [plotmap](#) and [regions](#)). Information consists of a region-keyword, -longname, its spatial extent (longitudes and latitudes), grid resolution, as well as default colorbar position and figure size. Region definitions can be added to the dataset by [add.region](#) or deleted by calling [delete.region](#).

**Usage**

```
data(region_definitions)
```

**Format**

```
data.frame
```

**Value**

dataframe with the following header, containing the summary information of the region specified:

```
label name latn lats lonw lone ncol nrow px cbx1 cbx2 cby1 cby2 gradient oticks figxdim figydim grid.res
```

label	region-keywords
name	the long name of the region

latn & lats	northern and southern most latitude of the region
lonw & lone	western and eastern most longitude of the region
ncol, nrow & px	default matrix size per region described by the number of columns, rows and pixels. <b>ATTENTION!!</b> Regions of the same spatial extent but different default (matrix-) resolution may cause errors when reading or writing '.gz'-files and must therefore be distinguished by different keywords.
cbx1 & cbx2	x-coordinates for colorbar
cby1 & cby2	y-coordinates for colorbar
gradient	the color-gradient of the colorbar (x for horizontal, and y for vertical)
oticks	the margin where the colorbar ticks should be plotted, relative to the colorbar rectangle (l left, r right and b for bottom)
figxdim & figydim	the region-specific default plot device size (width and height in inches)
grid.res	the default grid resolution in degrees

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

See [add.region](#) to add new, backup or restore region definitions, and [plotmap](#) for basic landmark plots

**Examples**

```
## Example
data(region_definitions)
head(region_definitions)

# Mediterranean Sea with a spatial resolution of 4km (e.g. MODIS-Aqua)
region_definitions[region_definitions$label == med4,]

# Mediterranean Sea with a spatial resolution of 9km (e.g. dekkar)
region_definitions[region_definitions$label == med9,]

# plotting same landmarks by different region-keywords
plotmap(med4)
plotmap(med9)

## Example for selecting wrong area definition when saving files
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
gz.files <- Sys.glob(med4*.gz) # load sample-med4.gz-files
v(gz.files[1])

fname <- name_split(gz.files[1])
param <- fname$parameter
```

```
gz <- readbin(gz.files[1])
dim(gz)
v(gz.files[1])

# reset region name
fname$area <- med9
fname <- name_join(fname)
writebin(gz, fname, param=param)
v(fname)
system(paste(rm, fname))
```

---

set.colorbar	<i>Adds colorbar to an existing plot device</i>
--------------	---

---

## Description

Adds colorbar to an existing plot device. If position vectors are not provided, the user will be asked to define the colorbar placement by the mouse cursor.

## Usage

```
set.colorbar(cbx, cby, pal="jet", ticks=1:10, labels=ticks,
             gradient, oticks, cb.title="", cb.xlab="")
```

## Arguments

cbx	the horizontal limits (x1, x2) of the colorbar. If missing, the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement.
cby	the vertical limits (y1, y2) of the colorbar. If missing, the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement.
pal	color map to be plotted (default is jet for direct calls). See <a href="#">cmap</a> for available color maps and <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> for predefined colormaps of different parameters (for internal function calls, e.g. <a href="#">v</a> )
ticks	the points at which tick-marks are to be drawn (default is 1:10). Non-finite (infinite, NaN or NA) values are omitted.
labels	character or expression vector of labels to be placed at the tickpoints. (default equals ticks-values.)
gradient	whether to have a horizontal (x) or vertical (y) color gradient.
oticks	the margin where to put the colorbar ticks relative to the colorbar rectangle (l left, r right and b for bottom;
cb.title	character string indicating the title of the colorbar (default is set to date information/empty string if date information is missing.)
cb.xlab	character string indicating the x-axis label of the colorbar.

## Details

`set.colorbar` adds a colorbar to the current plot device. If colorbar positions are missing (`cbx`, `cby`), the user will be asked for manual placement. `ticks` and tick-labels should correspond to `zlim`-values of the plot. `pal` defines the colormap and should equal `col` of the selected plot.

## Value

a list of colorbar definition vectors: `oticks`, `gradient`, `cbx` and `cby`. See function arguments for more details.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## Examples

```
## Example 1: matrix
vals <- rnorm(1000,500,100)
vals <- vals[order(vals)]
hist(vals)
z <- matrix(vals,100,100)
zlim <- c(0,1000)
par(mar=rep(5,4)) # add space for colorbar
data(cmap)
image(z,col=cmap$jet,zlim=zlim)
ticks <- seq(zlim[1],zlim[2],100)

set.colorbar(cbx=c(0,1),cby=c(-.16, -.248), ticks=ticks) # bottom
set.colorbar(cby=c(0,1),cbx=c(-.16, -.088), ticks=ticks) # left
set.colorbar(cbx=c(0,1),cby=c(1.088, 1.16), ticks=ticks) # top
set.colorbar(cby=c(0,1),cbx=c(1.088, 1.16), ticks=ticks) # right

# manual placement calling the widget
cb <- set.colorbar(ticks=ticks)

# reuse definition
image(z,col=cmap$jet,zlim=zlim)
set.colorbar(cbx=cb$cbx, cby=cb$cby, ticks=ticks)
```

## Description

Plots geographic data. Valid input data are objects of class 'Raster' ('RasterLayer', 'RasterStack' or 'RasterBrick'), 'ncdf4' or a character strings indicating bathymetric data, 'gz'- or '.nc'-files. See also [name\\_split](#) for further information on .gz-file nomenclature.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature bathy
v(obj, v_area, lon, lat, resolution=4, keep=F,
  savename.bathy, folder.bathy=".", adaptive.vals=T, cb.title, ...)

## S4 method for signature nc
v(obj, varname, t=1, adaptive.vals=T, dates,
  cb.xlab=varname, lonname="lon", latname=lat,...)

## S4 method for signature ncdf4
v(obj, varname, t=1, adaptive.vals=T, dates,
  cb.xlab=varname, lonname="lon", latname=lat,...)

## S4 method for signature RasterLayer
v(obj, varname, t=1, ...)

## S4 method for signature RasterBrick
v(obj, varname, t=1, ...)

## S4 method for signature RasterStack
v(obj, varname, t=1, ...)

## S4 method for signature gz
v(obj, v_area, adaptive.vals=F, ...)
```

## Arguments

obj	object of class 'Raster' ('RasterLayer', 'RasterStack' or 'RasterBrick'), 'ncdf4' or a character string indicating , bathymetric data, .gz- or .nc-files to plot.
v_area	character string identifying the region that should be plotted, or in case of obj == bathy, also a Raster* or Extent object. If missing, region is derived from the .gz-filename. See <a href="#">region_definitions</a> for area definitions and use <a href="#">add.region</a> to add new regions.
adaptive.vals	sets minimum and maximum z-value according to the .gz-files value range. ( <b>ATTENTION!</b> minv and maxv are disregarded if set!). (default is TRUE for non-.gz-files. If FALSE or not set, default value from the <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> -dataset will be applied according to the param-value.
t	layer/time stemp to select in multi-layer files.
dates	vector of type 'character' indicating dates per layer, used to define the title of the colorbar. Argument is omitted for .gz-files but date-information is derived from the filename. For .nc-files or 'ncdf4'-objects, date information is derived from the time-vector. For <a href="#">raster</a> -objects the layer name is applied.
varname	character string indicating the name of the variable to plot. For .nc-files or 'ncdf4'-objects, this name must correspond to a variable name defined in the file/object. Sets also colorbar-title for non-.gz-files if cb.xlab is missing.

<code>cb.title</code>	character string indicating the title of the colorbar (default is set to date information/empty string if date information is missing.)
<code>cb.xlab</code>	character string indicating the x-axis label of the colorbar. If not defined, it will be set to <code>varname</code> for <a href="#">raster</a> , <code>ncdf4</code> -objects and <code>.nc</code> -files or for <code>.gz</code> -files to a predefined title in the <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> -dataset according to the <code>param</code> -value.
<code>lonname</code>	character string indicating the name of the longitude-variable of <code>ncdf4</code> -objects and <code>.nc</code> -files to plot (default is <code>lon</code> )
<code>latname</code>	character string indicating the name of the latitude-variable of <code>ncdf4</code> -objects and <code>.nc</code> -files to plot (default is <code>lat</code> )
<code>lon</code>	Vector returning longitude coordinates of the area to be plotted, only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>lat</code>	Vector returning latitude coordinates of the area to be plotted, only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>resolution</code>	resolution of the bathymetric grid, in minutes (default is 4), only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>keep</code>	whether to write the data downloaded from NOAA into a file (default is <code>FALSE</code> ), only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>savename.bathy</code>	savename for the bathymetric data file, if not specified set to type <code>'bathy_lon-lat_res.resolution.dat'</code> or <code>'bathy_v_area_res.resolution.dat'</code> , only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>folder.bathy</code>	directory where bathymetric data should be saved (default is current working directory), only valable for <code>obj == bathy</code> .
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed: <code>region</code> see <code>v_area</code> . <code>minv, maxv</code> minimum and maximum z-value to be plotted. If not set, default value from the <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> -dataset will be applied. Argument is overwritten by <code>adaptive.vals</code> and <code>zlim</code> . <code>replace.na</code> whether missing values should be replaced by minimum values (default is <code>FALSE</code> ). <code>param</code> character string indicating the parameter name for the dataset treatment. See <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> for available parameters. For <code>.gz</code> -files, <code>param</code> is derived from the filename. For non- <code>.gz</code> -files this value is non-obligatory, but can replace the <code>varname</code> -argument and vise versa. See examples. <code>main</code> an overall title for the plot: see <a href="#">title</a> . <code>cbx</code> the horizontal limits ( <code>x1, x2</code> ) of the colorbar. If missing and the value can not be reconstructed by the region information (e.g. <code>v_area</code> , <code>.gz</code> -file), the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement. <code>cby</code> the vertical limits ( <code>y1, y2</code> ) of the colorbar. If missing and the value can not be reconstructed by the region information (e.g. <code>v_area</code> , <code>.gz</code> -file), the user will be asked for manual colorbar placement. <code>pal</code> color map to be plotted (default is the <code>'jet'</code> -colormap, or in case of <code>.gz</code> -files derived from the <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> -dataset. See <a href="#">cmap</a> for available color maps and <a href="#">parameter_definitions</a> for predefined colormaps for different parameters.)



**steps** number: step size between minimum and maximum colorbar ticks.  
**sidelabels** whether an additional y-axis label and title should be added to the plot device (default is FALSE). If TRUE, y-axis label is defined by Ylab, the additional title is derived from the date-information and gives the month information.  
**Ylab** an additional title for the y axis (default is date information), only used when sidelabels is set TRUE. Default value is year-information.  
**axeslabels** whether axeslabels should be shown (default is TRUE, set as 'longitude' and 'latitude')  
**subplot** whether .gz-file will be plotted as a sub plot to an existing plot device (default is FALSE; see: [par](#))  
**width, height** the width and height of the plotting window, in inches. For .gz-files, default values are derived from the region-name as indicated by the filename. See [region\\_definitions](#) for predescribed definitions and use [add.region](#) to add new region definitions.  
**figdim** numeric vector indicating the width and height of the plot device in inches. For .gz-files, default values are derived from the region-name as indicated by the filename. Value is overwritten if both, width and height are provided. See [region\\_definitions](#) for predescribed definitions and use [add.region](#) to add new region definitions.  
**xpos** integer: initial position of the top left corner of the figure window on the pc-screen, given in pixels. Negative values are from the opposite corner. (default is -1). Omitted if Save is set TRUE.  
**Save** whether the a plot device should be saved automatically as an image file of type fileformat in a folder specified by plotfolder (default is FALSE)  
**plotfolder** directory where images should be saved (default is current working directory).  
**plotname** the name of the output file(s). If not set, value will be derived from the provided file information (For .gz-files, default plotname is equal to the .gz-filename, replacing the .gz-fileformat-suffix with the defined image-fileformat.  
**fileformat** fielformat of image file to be saved (only png and eps are accepted; default is png).  
**suffix** suffix to be added to the image filename, before the filetype specification (e.g. '...suffix.png').  
**v\_image** whether an image-plot should be plotted (default is TRUE)  
**v\_contour** whether contour lines should be plotted (default is FALSE). If levels are specified, v\_contour is set TRUE.  
**levels** numeric vector of levels at which to draw contour lines.  
**contour.labels** a vector giving the labels for the contour lines. By default levels are used as labels.  
**v\_arrows** whether current or wind vectors should be plotted (default is TRUE; Argument is disregarded for non-.gz-files and omitted if non current or wind data-files are provided)  
**scale\_arrow** scale factor needed for current and wind vector plots (default is 1; Argument is disregarded for non-.gz-files and omitted if no current

or wind data-files are provided, indicated by the param-argument (valid param-definitions are: 'uz' and 'vz', for current data, 'wu' and 'wz' for wind data))

... Additional arguments to be passed to [plotmap](#) (bwd, fill, col, border, grid, grid.res, axeslabels, ticklabels, cex.lab, cex.ticks).

## Details

v uses the maps and maptools functions to plot the landmask. See [clim\\_plot](#) for aligned plots of satellite-data climatologies.

## Author(s)

Robert K. Bauer

## References

Bauer, R. K., Stepputtis, D., Grawe, U., Zimmermann, C., and Hammer, C. 2013. Wind-induced variability in coastal larval retention areas: a case study on Western Baltic spring-spawning herring. Fisheries Oceanography, 22: 388-399.

## See Also

[clim\\_plot](#), [readbin](#), [name\\_split](#), [regions](#), [plotmap](#), [v](#)

## Examples

```
## Example 1: plot bathymetry using a v_area-keyword
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
#v("bathy","lion",res=4, keep=TRUE,border=grey,subplot=TRUE,
#  main=Gulf of Lions bathymetry,cb.title="resolution 4 min")

#v("bathy","lion",res=1, keep=TRUE,border=grey,subplot=TRUE,
#  cb.title="resolution 1 min") # can take some time, requires server connection!

## Example 2: plot bathymetry of the Baltic Sea defined by longitude and latitude coordinates
lon <- c(9, 31)
lat <- c(53.5, 66)
#v("bathy",lon=lon,lat=lat,main="Baltic Sea")

## Example 3: plot landmask of the Baltic Sea defined by an extent- or raster-object
library(raster)
ext <- extent(lon,lat)
#v("bathy",ext,main="Baltic Sea",res=4,levels=200, steps=200) # extent-object

## Example 4: plot .gz-files, following default plot-procedure
owd <- getwd()
```

```

setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
check_gzfiles() # return file summary-table
gz.files <- Sys.glob(*.gz) # load sample-.gz-files
v(gz.files[1:3])
v(gz.files[3],bwd=2)

## Example 5: plot climatologies from .gz-files
##           (ATTENTION: not working for non-gz-files, requiring ImageMagick)
clim_plot(*1s*.gz,bwd=0.7,adaptive.vals=TRUE,plotname="seasonal_climatology.png")

## Example 6: plot subregion of gz-files as subplots
graphics.off()
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
v(gz.files[1:2],v_area=lion,subplot=TRUE) # run ?region_definitions to see predefined regions

## Example 7: plot subregion of gz-file with different color maps
data(cmap)
par(mfrow=c(3,4))
for(i in 1:11) v(gz.files[2],v_area=lion,subplot=TRUE,pal=names(cmap)[i],
               adaptive.vals=TRUE,main=names(cmap)[i])

## Example 8: plot subregion of raster file

# all manual:
obj <- readbin(gz.files[2],area=lion)
x11()
ticks <- seq(20,30,5)
image(obj,zlim=range(ticks),col=cmap$jet)
plotmap(lion,add=TRUE) # add landmask
set.colorbar(ticks=ticks,cb.title=cb.title,cb.xlab=cb.xlab)

# using v, reconstructing region information
v(obj,varname="sst2",cb.title=cb.title,cb.xlab=cb.xlab)

# using v for another subregion
ncorse <- crop(obj,extent(6,9,40,42))
v(ncorse,grid.res=1)
v(ncorse,zlim=c(20,30),cbx=c(8.3,8.9),cby=c(40.7,40.8)) # skipping colorbar widget

## Example 9: Add region by supplying raster-object, colorbar positions and running the widget
#add.region(ncorse,cbx=c(8.3,8.9),cby=c(40.7,40.8))

## Example 10: plot netcdf-files (.nc-files)
nfiles <- Sys.glob(*.nc) # load sample-.nc-files
head(nfiles)

# plot herring larval dispersal from Bauer et al. (2013)
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
v(nfiles[1], subplot=TRUE, t=1:4,minv=0, maxv=1000, adaptive.vals=FALSE, replace.na=TRUE)

```

```
par(new=TRUE,mfrow=c(1,1))
empty.plot(main=herring larval dispersal in the Greifswald lagoon, Germany)
mtext(see Bauer et al. (2013) as reference)

# plot bathymetric data (obtained from the Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemuende)
v(nfiles[2],varname=bathymetry) # following default plot-procedure
v(nfiles[2],varname=bathymetry,pal=haxbyrev,Log=TRUE, cb.xlab=depth [log m],levels=50)
```

---

v-class	v-classes
---------	-----------

---

**Description**

internal dummy classes used by [v](#).

---

writebin	Saves geographic data as byte file ( '.gz' )
----------	--

---

**Description**

Saves geographic data as byte file, in gzip compressed format (.gz). **ATTENTION!!** Only 2D (one layer) can be stored!

**Usage**

```
writebin(satdata,filename,param)
```

**Arguments**

- satdata            one layer-[raster](#)-object or [matrix](#) holding spatial data.
- param            character string indicating the parameter name for the dataset treatment. See [parameter\\_definitions](#) for available parameters.
- filename          character string naming the .gz-file to be created.

**Author(s)**

Robert K. Bauer

**See Also**

[readbin](#), [regions](#), [crop](#), [raster2matrix](#), [param\\_unconvert](#)

**Examples**

```
## Example for selecting wrong area definition when saving files
setwd(system.file("test_files", package="satmap"))
gz.files <- Sys.glob(med4*.gz) # load sample-med4.gz-files
v(gz.files[1])

fname <- name_split(gz.files[1])
param <- fname$parameter
gz <- readbin(gz.files[1])
dim(gz)
v(gz.files[1])

# reset region name
fname$area <- med9
fname <- name_join(fname)
writebin(gz,fname,param=param)
v(fname)
system(paste(rm, fname))

# multi layer raster file
gz2 <- stack(gz,gz)
#writebin(gz2,rep(gz.files[1],2),param) # error message since multi layer
writebin(gz,gz.files[1],param) # single layer raster file
v(gz.files[1])
```

# Index

- \*Topic **bathymetry**
  - get.bathy, [12](#)
  - v, [30](#)
- \*Topic **colorbar**
  - cmap, [9](#)
  - set.colorbar, [29](#)
- \*Topic **image plot**
  - get.bathy, [12](#)
  - set.colorbar, [29](#)
  - v, [30](#)
- \*Topic **parameter definitions**
  - param\_convert, [21](#)
  - parameter\_definitions, [20](#)
  - readbin, [25](#)
  - writebin, [36](#)
- \*Topic **region definitions**
  - add.region, [2](#)
  - area\_extrac, [4](#)
  - delete.region, [10](#)
  - region\_definitions, [27](#)
- \*Topic **widget**
  - set.colorbar, [29](#)
- add.region, [2](#), [5](#), [8](#), [10](#), [12](#), [22](#), [25](#), [27](#), [28](#), [31](#), [33](#)
- area\_extrac, [4](#)
- bathy-class (v-class), [36](#)
- bindate2main (bindate2Title), [5](#)
- bindate2Title, [5](#)
- bindate2ylab (bindate2Title), [5](#)
- check\_gzfiles, [7](#), [16](#), [17](#)
- clim\_plot, [8](#), [9](#), [34](#)
- cmap, [8](#), [9](#), [29](#), [32](#)
- crop, [5](#), [25](#), [36](#)
- delete.region, [3](#), [10](#), [22](#), [27](#)
- empty.plot, [11](#)
- extent, [2](#), [3](#), [22](#)
- fields, [25](#)
- get.bathy, [12](#), [12](#)
- gz-class (v-class), [36](#)
- image, [9](#)
- image.plot, [9](#), [25](#)
- inst.pkg, [13](#)
- install.packages, [13](#)
- internal.datasets, [14](#)
- library, [13](#)
- matrix, [36](#)
- matrix2raster, [14](#)
- medm9\_proj (internal.datasets), [14](#)
- name\_join, [15](#), [17](#)
- name\_split, [6](#), [7](#), [9](#), [16](#), [16](#), [17](#), [30](#), [34](#)
- nc-class (v-class), [36](#)
- nc2raster, [18](#)
- nc2time, [19](#)
- ncdf4-class (v-class), [36](#)
- par, [33](#)
- param\_convert, [20](#), [21](#), [25](#)
- param\_unconvert, [5](#), [20](#), [21](#), [36](#)
- param\_unconvert (param\_convert), [21](#)
- parameter\_definitions, [20](#), [25](#), [29](#), [31](#), [32](#)
- plotmap, [2](#), [3](#), [9](#), [22](#), [27](#), [28](#), [34](#)
- range, [14](#)
- raster, [31](#), [32](#), [36](#)
- raster2array (raster2matrix), [24](#)
- raster2matrix, [5](#), [24](#), [25](#), [36](#)
- readbin, [5](#), [9](#), [14](#), [20](#), [21](#), [24](#), [25](#), [34](#), [36](#)
- region\_definitions, [2](#), [3](#), [5](#), [7](#), [8](#), [10](#), [12](#), [22](#), [25](#), [26](#), [27](#), [31](#), [33](#)
- regions, [2](#), [3](#), [5](#), [9](#), [10](#), [12](#), [23](#), [25](#), [26](#), [27](#), [34](#), [36](#)

regions.dim.bathy (internal.datasets),  
14

set.colorbar, 22, 29

title, 32

v, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 12, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 34, 36

v.bathy-method (v), 30

v.character-method (v), 30

v.gz-method (v), 30

v.nc-method (v), 30

v.ncdf4-method (v), 30

v.RasterBrick-method (v), 30

v.RasterLayer-method (v), 30

v.RasterStack-method (v), 30

v-class, 36

v.bathy (v), 30

v.gz (v), 30

v.plot (v), 30

v.raster (v), 30

writebin, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20, 21, 24, 25, 36