Introduction to Data Analysis with R

Day 1: Welcome to the workshop

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Who am I?

💻 **Scientific programmer** @theoretical ecology group

🎓 PhD in **dryland ecology**

👩‍🏫 **Teaching** R, Git, good scientific practice, …

I'm using R a lot for ...

... **data analysis**

... ecological modelling

... writing documents/websites/presentations

.... workflow automation

...

Who are you?

How Osr1 controls the mechanical response of Fibro-adipogenic Progenitors?

How do diverse institutions shape land-use dynamics in agricultural frontiers in the Peruvian Amazon?

Chemistry: Materials for water purification and some coatings

How can the recombinant toxin cCPE help to modulate and investigate the properties of the tight junction?

How do healthy adults recognize visual objects?

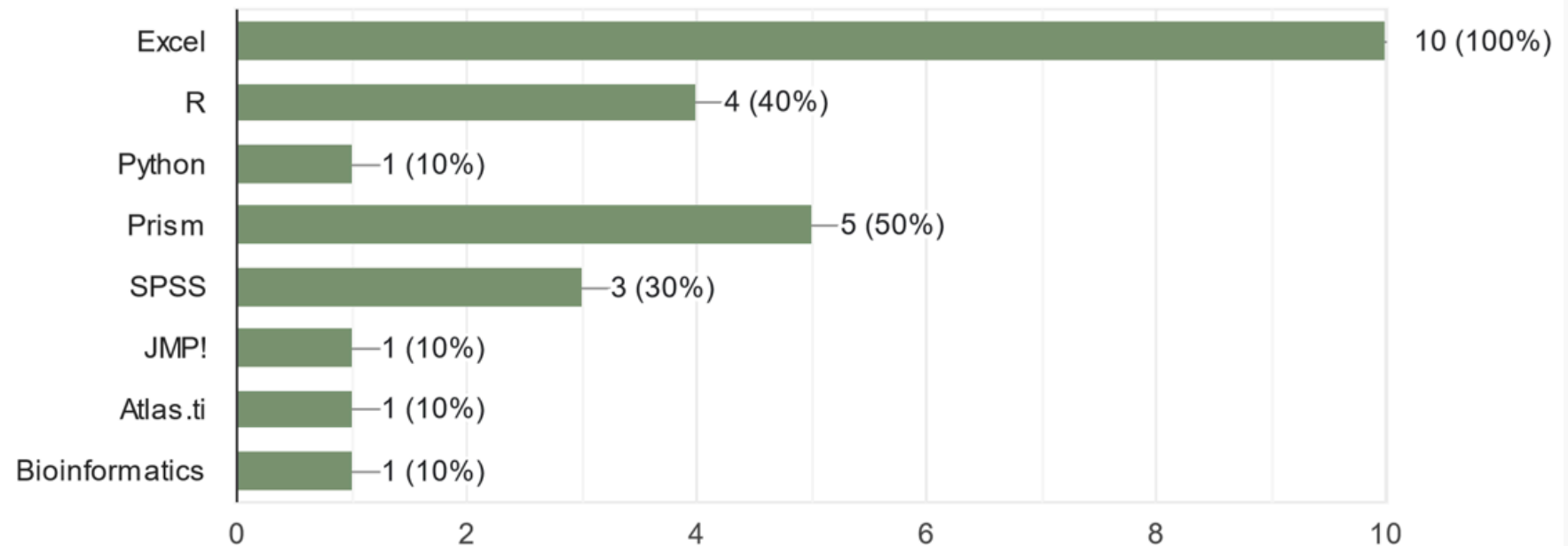What is the influence of the gut microbiota on either IBD or MS?

How can climate adaptation efforts become more conflict-sensitive, that is, avoid exacerbating the underlying drivers of conflict and contribute to a sustainable peace?

Disentangling the land-use effects on different dimensions of multitrophic ecosystem structure and functioning

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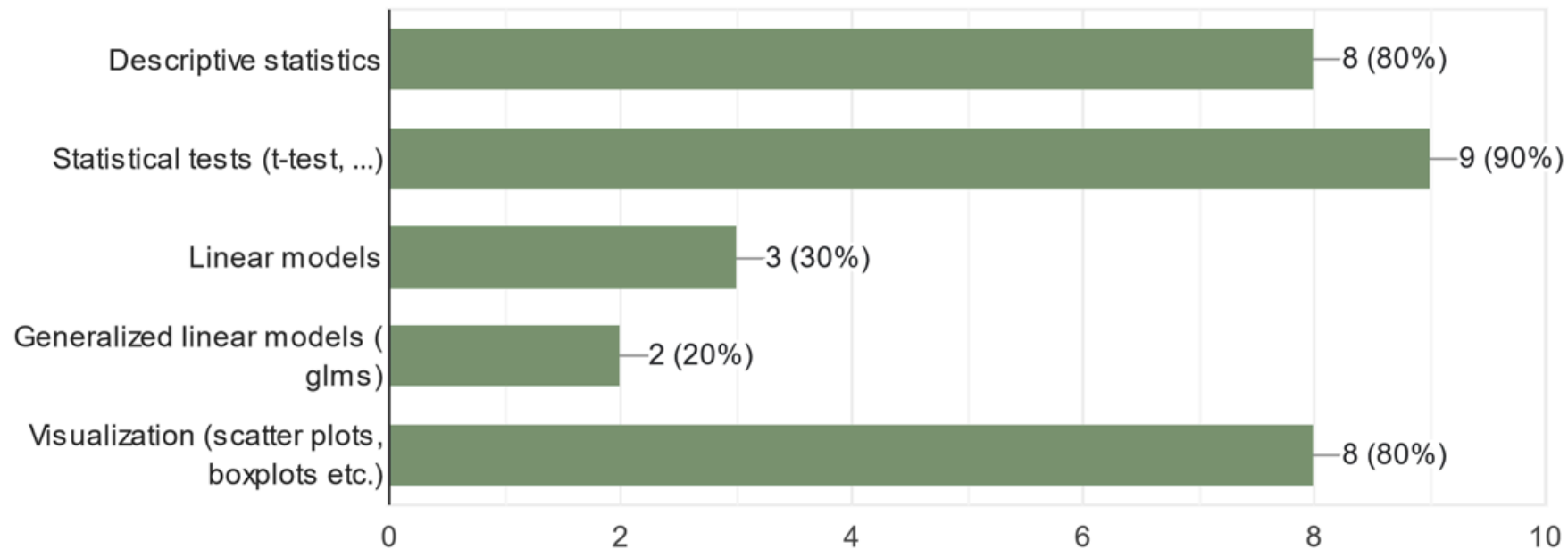

Which tools did you use for data analysis so far?

10 responses

Tool	Count
Excel	10 (100%)
R	4 (40%)
Python	1 (10%)
Prism	5 (50%)
SPSS	3 (30%)
JMP!	1 (10%)
Atlas.ti	1 (10%)
Bioinformatics	1 (10%)

Who are you?

Which of the following data analysis methods do you use regularly?

10 responses

Workshop topics
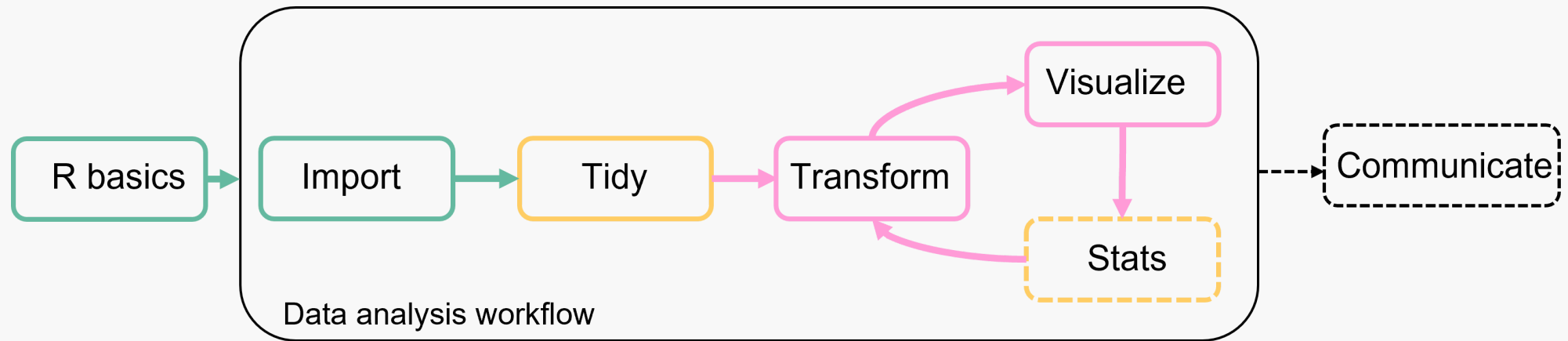

Image adapted from Wickham & Grolemund: R for Data Science

Day1 Introduction to R and RStudio and data import

Day2 Data transformation and visualization with the tidyverse

Day3 Cleaning data, statistical tests, good practice and AI tools

Day 4 Bring your own data

Day 5 Bring your own data + Q&A (optional)

Schedule and Organization

📅 03.03.2025 - 04.03.2025 from 🕐 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
📅 10.03.2025 - 11.03.2025 from 🕐 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
📅 17.03.2025 🕐 9 a.m. - 12 a.m.
🍜 ~ 12 a.m. - 1 p.m., ☕ in between
📌 We will meet in the `General` meeting on Webex

1. Input sessions

- Presentation and demonstration of a topic + examples

2. Tasks

- Solve them in small groups

3. Joint discussion of tasks & questions

Material

- All material can be found on the workshop's website
  - Presentations, Tasks, Solutions, Additional resources
- You can download slides and R Scripts from there
- Website will stay online after the workshop

Bring your own data

On the last workshop day, you can **work with your own research data**. I will also provide some **real life data sets** from different topics.

Learning by doing

- Get started using R for your own analyses

- Use any of the methods from the course or try new things, …

- Present/discuss your results, questions and problems at the end of the day

- Add your name and some details on what you plan to do in this joint table

Before we get started I

- **Help each other** if possible

- Have an eye on the chat and on the time

- All questions and comments are welcome

- If possible, please turn on your camera

- Feedback is welcome (Evaluation at the end of the workshop)

Before we get started II

Did anyone have problems installing R and RStudio?

Download and install R from https://cran.r-project.org

Download and install RStudio from https://www.posit.co

Before we get started III

How to use Webex teams

- `General` channel for our joint meetings and chat

- `Groups 1-4` for solving tasks jointly

    - Group spaces have their own chat and meetings

    - Ask questions in the chat, share screenshots, share your screen and talk

Now you (15 min)

Get to know your team

- **Go into your groups** and **start a meeting** there
- **Introduce yourself** to your team (3 minutes for everyone)
  - What is your PhD about?
  - Which tools did you use so far for data analysis?
  - Which types of data analysis do you need?
- **Come back to the general meeting** after 15 mins