

Biodiversity dynamics course

Data overview and First steps with MaxEnt

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Exercise

Using species presence data (e.g. sightings), we want to predict species' potential spatial range

And also predict the range under global change (i.e. under changed land use and climate)

— Borneo data - overview see description in folder

At ****Groupdrive****_DataBorneo\BaseMaps

- bio_asc_42.asc (land use raster data with 17 **categories**)
- Bor_PA.shp (protected areas shapefile)
- Bor_admin.shp (county borders)
- Sn_10000.shp (main rivers)

Have a look at the land use data

****Groupdrive**** _DataBorneo\BaseMaps

Hollow with
white outline

bio_asc_42.asc

Category!!!!

Legend

sn_100000

sn_100000

borneo_admin

Bor_PA

1 Lowland forest

2 Upland forest

3 Lower montane forest

4 Upper montane forest

5 Lowland for degraded

6 Upland for degraded

9 Swamp for

10 Mangrove

11 Young plantations

12 Old plantations

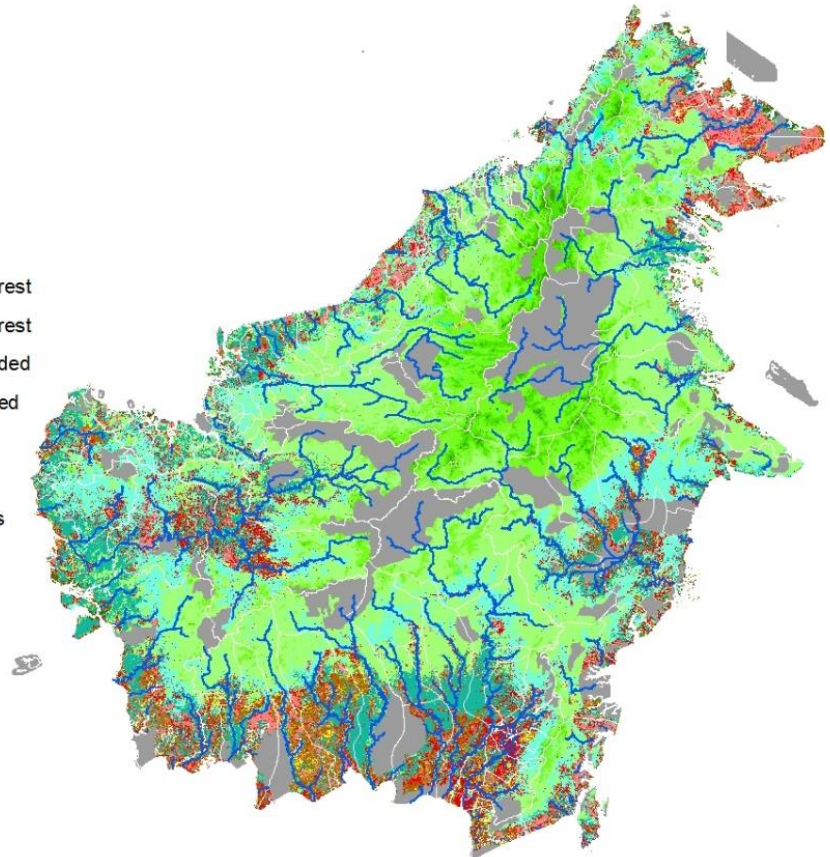
13 Burnt forest

14 Crops

15 Fishponds

16 Water bodies

17 NoData



0 1 2 4



Decimal Degrees

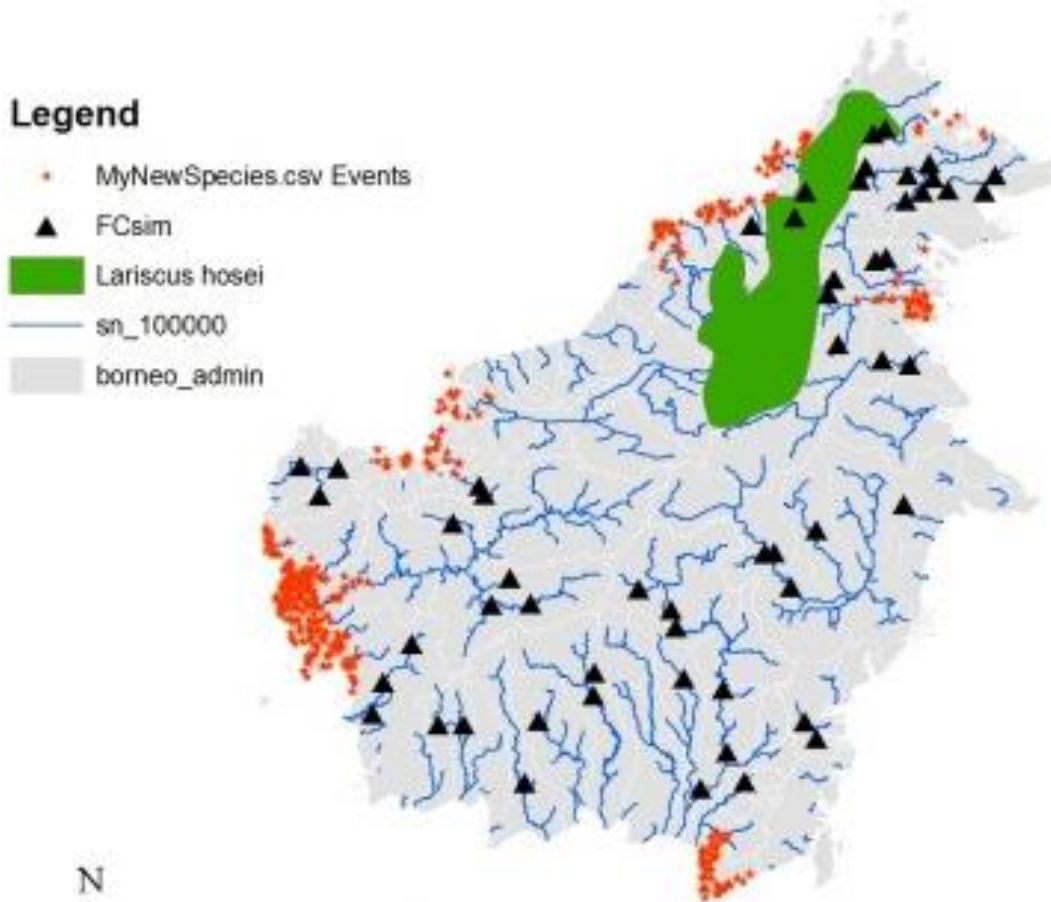
What is that in
map units????

Have a look at some species data

At ****Groupdrive**** _DataBorneo\BaseRecords

Legend

- MyNewSpecies.csv Events
- FCsim
- Lariscus hosei
- sn_100000
- borneo_admin



0 1 2 4
Decimal Degrees



— Or in R....

- Script from day ,Spatial R‘...

MaxEnt input data needed

- Create a folder **,MaxEntRes‘** in the output folder(!!!!)
with subfolders **,nobias‘** & **,withbias‘**
- You can also use the `dir.create` commands from the R-Script

```
--output  
-----MaxEntRes  
-----nobias  
-----withbias
```

MaxEnt input data needed

- Doubleclick on the MaxEnt.jar to open program

Input:

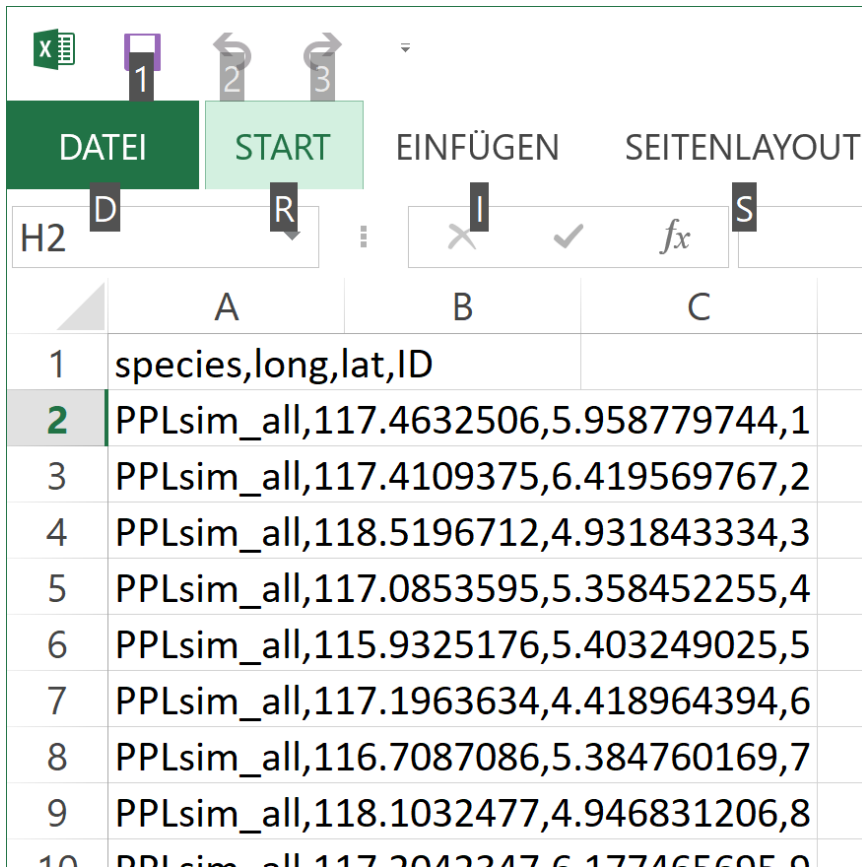
- I. Location data of a species (point data) → csv file in folder *BaseRecords*
- II. Environmental Layers representing the background → ascii-files in folder *BaseMaps*

Optional:

- III. A Bias file representing the sampling effort in each grid cell (also in *BaseMaps*)
- IV. Projection Layers, e.g. future climate or land use (names need to be the same as basic input environmental layers) as in *FutureMaps* folder. Do not try to select an ascii, give the folder name!

MaxEnt input structure

- Spatial maps as ascii files! (no geotiffs or geopackages)
- Comma-delimited csv with columns species name, long (x-var), lat (y-var), ID



	A	B	C
1	species,long,lat,ID		
2	PPLsim_all,117.4632506,5.958779744,1		
3	PPLsim_all,117.4109375,6.419569767,2		
4	PPLsim_all,118.5196712,4.931843334,3		
5	PPLsim_all,117.0853595,5.358452255,4		
6	PPLsim_all,115.9325176,5.403249025,5		
7	PPLsim_all,117.1963634,4.418964394,6		
8	PPLsim_all,116.7087086,5.384760169,7		
9	PPLsim_all,118.1032477,4.946831206,8		
10	PPLsim_all,117.2042247,6.177465605,9		

MaxEnt GUI - Main (TU: open R:/ Maxent.exe)

I. Location data
of species
(use RIVERsim.csv)

II. Environmental
layers
(bio_asc_42.asc
is category!)

Output folder:
where we want to
save the result,
e.g.
MaxEntRes/nobias

Tick response
curves

Choose
logistic

IV. Projection
layers =
FutureMaps

MaxEnt GUI - Basic Settings

Maximum Entropy Parameters

Basic Advanced Experimental

☐ Random seed **Tick random seed**

☒ Give visual warnings

☒ Show tooltips

☒ Ask before overwriting

☐ Skip if output exists

☒ Remove duplicate presence records

☒ Write clamp grid when projecting

☒ Do MESS analysis when projecting

Random test percentage

Regularization multiplier

Max number of background points

Replicates **Choose 3 replicates**

Replicated run type **Crossvalidate**

Test sample file **Browse**

Maximum Entropy Modeling, Version 3.3.3k

Environmental layers

Browse Directory/File **Browse**

Create response curves ☐

Make pictures of predictions ☒

Do jackknife to measure variable importance ☐

Output format **Logistic**

Output file type **asc**

Output directory **Browse**

Projection layer directory/file **Browse**

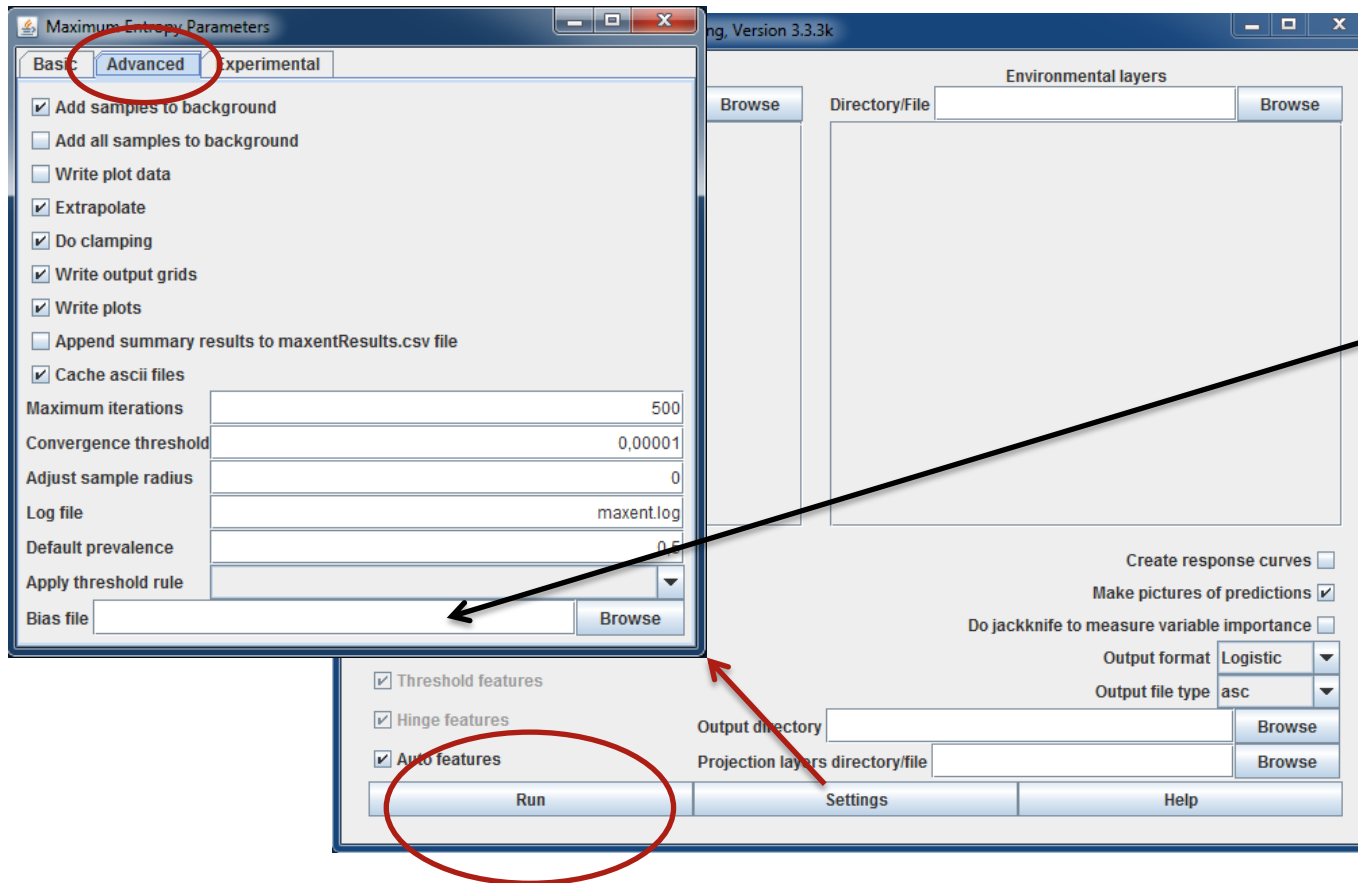
☒ Threshold features

☒ Hinge features

☒ Auto features

Run **Settings** **Help**

MaxEnt GUI - Advanced settings



III. Bias file
(do runs with
and without,
save the
different
outputs in
different
folders)

Finally, RUN

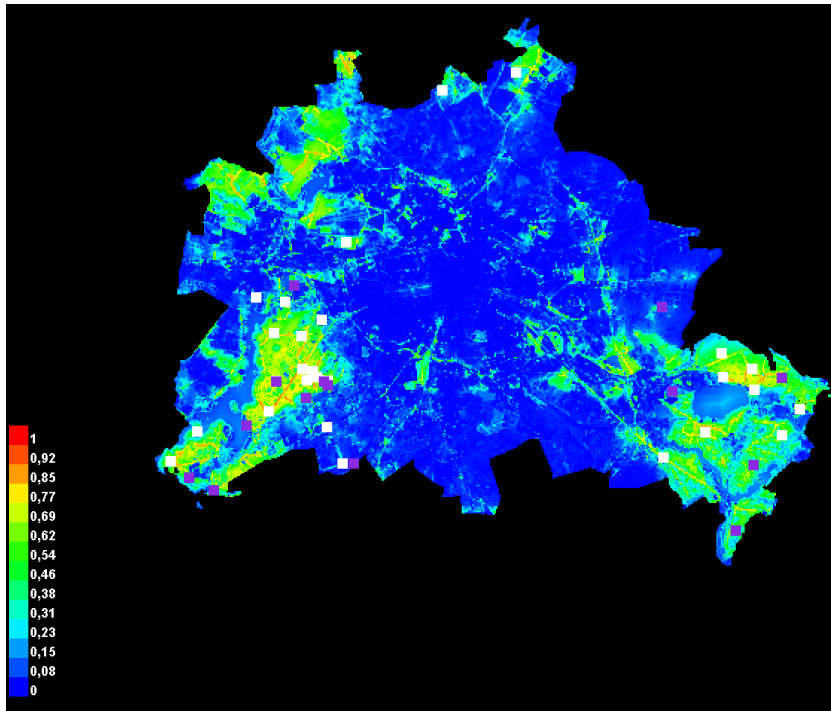
— Do you get an error message?

- Why?

MaxEnt output

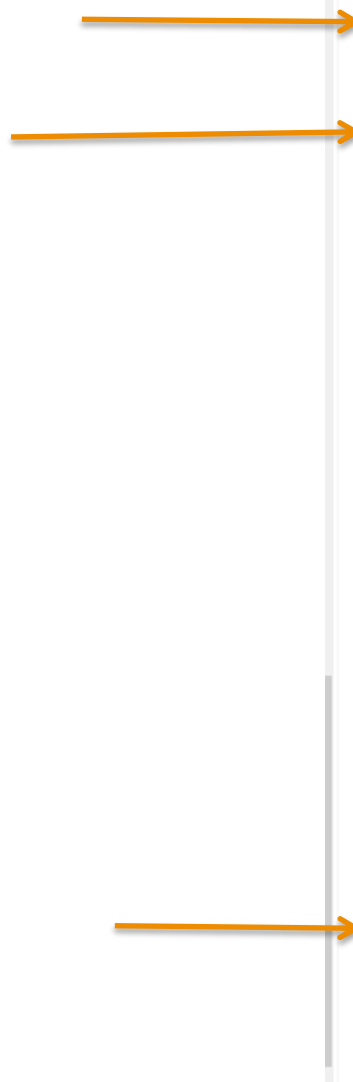
- Your output folder:
.....\output\MaxEntRes\

contains an html-file
- and the ...avg_asc (average prediction from repetitions)



- And a folder with the plots

MaxEnt output: go to folder, e.g. nobias

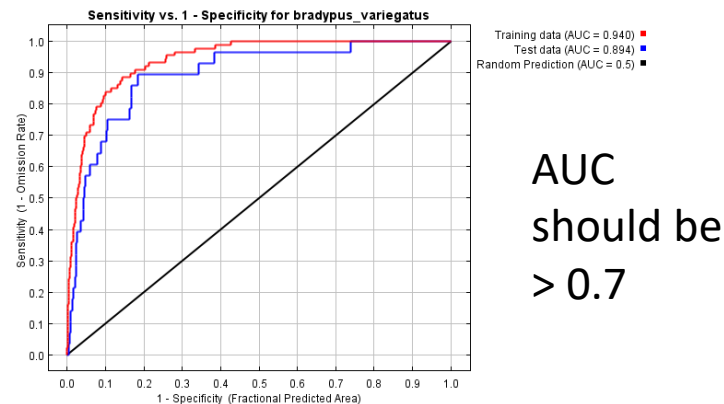


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MaxEnt output - the important results

Open the MySpecies_avg.html file

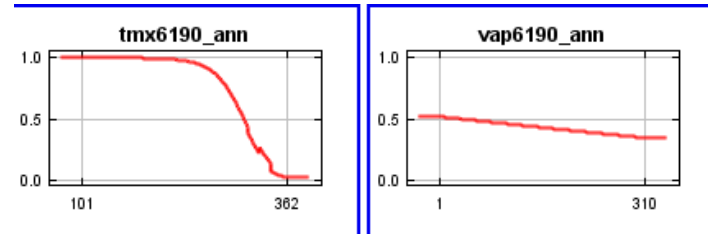
(examples taken from Phillips 2011 MaxEnt Tutorial; see your folder _HelpfulManuals)



Variable contribution

Variable	Percent contribution	Permutation importance
bio_asc_1	51.2	52.8
bio_asc_21	29.1	0.6
bio_asc_12	19.7	46.6

Response curve



Results summary

- ▶ **maxentResults.csv** - listing the number of training samples used for learning, values of training gain and test gain and AUC. Test gain and AUC are given only when a test sample file is provided or when a specified percentage of the samples is set aside for testing. If a jackknife is performed, the regularized training gain and (optionally) test gain and AUC for each part of the jackknife are included here.
- ▶ **maxent.log** - records the parameters and options chosen for the run, and some details of the run that are useful for troubleshooting.
- ▶ **mySpecies.html** - the main output file, containing statistical analyses, plots, pictures of the model, and links to other files. It also documents parameter and control settings that were used to do the run.
- ▶ **mySpecies.asc (or mySpecies.grd)** - containing the probabilities in ESRI ASCII grid format (or in DIVA-Gis format if -H switch is used)
- ▶ **mySpecies.lambdas** - containing the computed values of the constants c_1, c_2, \dots (described below)
- ▶ **mySpecies.png** - is a picture of the prediction
- ▶ **mySpecies_omission.csv** - describing the predicted area and training and (optionally) test omission for various raw and cumulative thresholds
- ▶ various plots for jackknifing and response curves, in the *plots* subdirectory.

READ THE MAXENT TUTORIAL: Phillips 2011 A brief tutorial on MaxEnt
http://biodiversityinformatics.amnh.org/open_source/maxent/

— Threshold (for later)

For one run (saved in an output folder), please open file:

- maxentResults.csv
- Go to column '10 percentile training presence logistic threshold'
- This value is separating the probability values into ,likely' and ,unlikely', meaning: it is the threshold of the probability values that contain 90% of the presence data.