



Spatial analysis to identify important areas to achieve biodiversity benefits through REDD+

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AGENDA

1. IUCN Red List and mapping species ranges
2. Exercise: species mapping

- Downloading data
- Formatting data
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- Summing species rasters

The IUCN Red List – what is it?




The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™ 2017-1

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Paradisaea raggiana

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Scope: Global
Language: English
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Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Animalia	Chordata	Aves	Passeriformes	Paradisaeidae

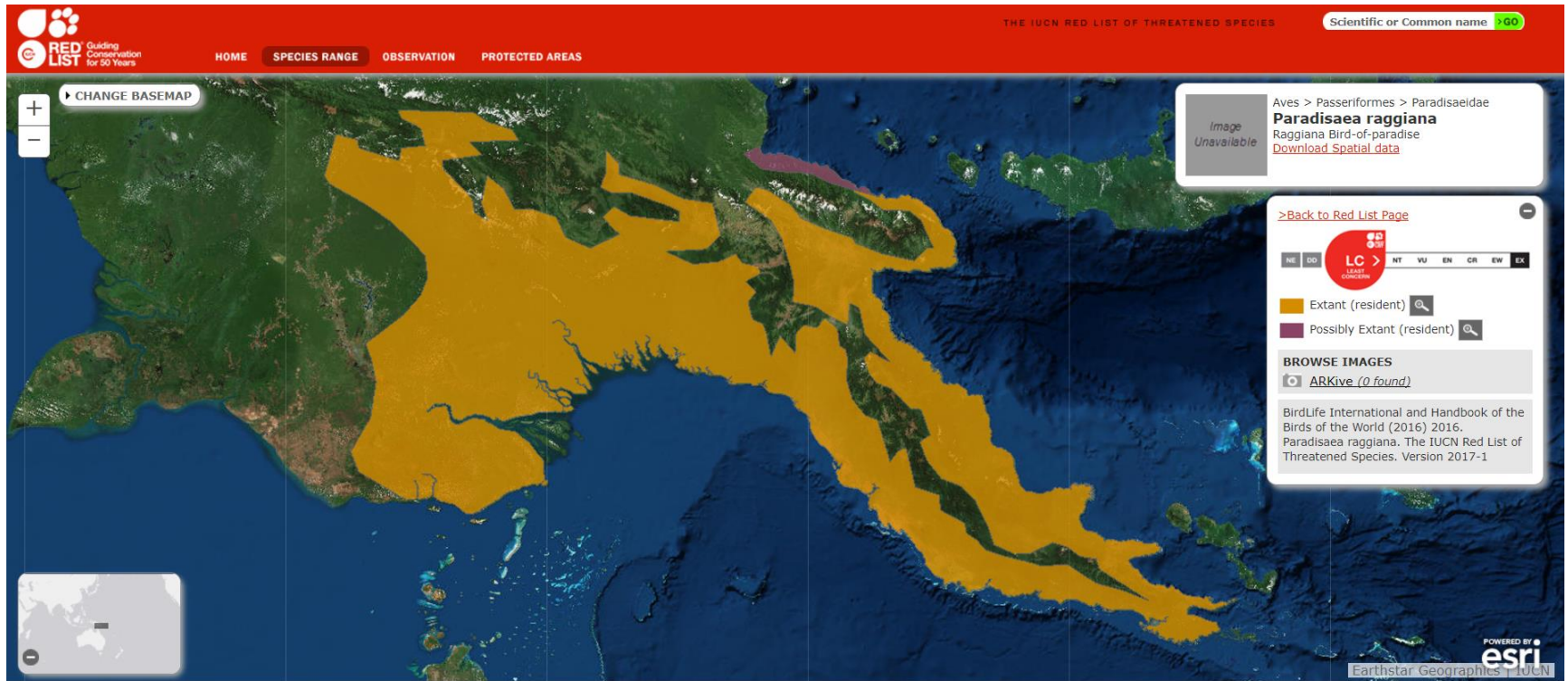
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Species Authority:	Sclater, 1873
Common Name(s):	English – Raggiana Bird-of-paradise, Raggiana Bird-of-Paradise
Taxonomic Source(s):	del Hoyo, J., Collar, N.J., Christie, D.A., Elliott, A., Fishpool, L.D.C., Boesman, P. and Kirwan, G.M. 2016. <i>HBW and BirdLife International Illustrated Checklist of the Birds of the World. Volume 2: Passerines</i> . Lynx Edicions and BirdLife International, Barcelona, Spain

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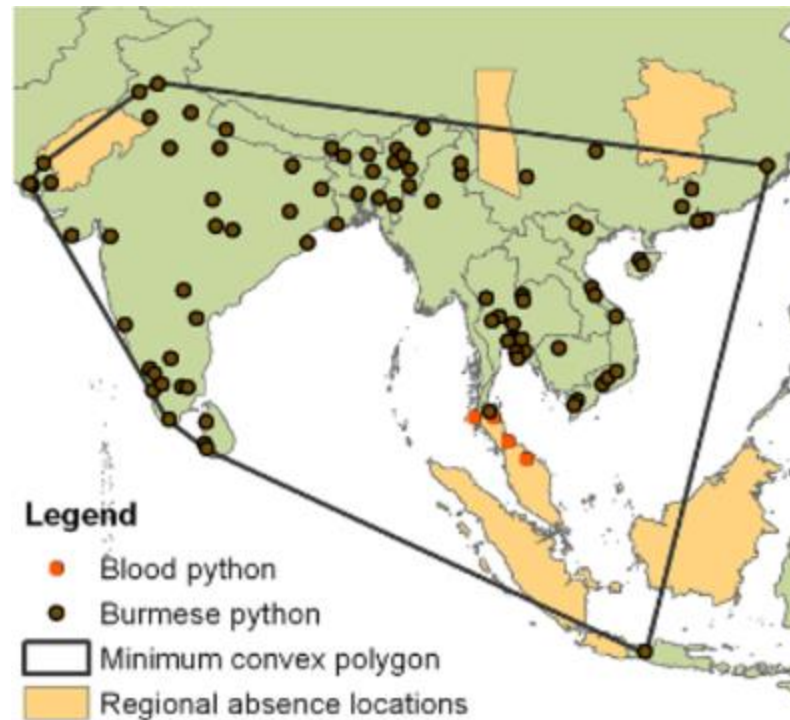
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IUCN Red List data – why is it useful?



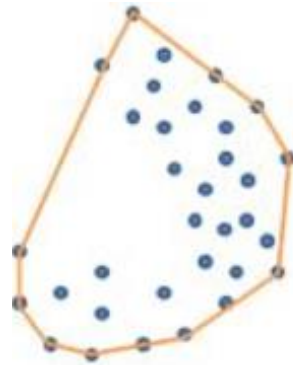
Mapping species data

Minimum convex polygon (MCP)



Mapping species data

Variations on MCP



Convex hull



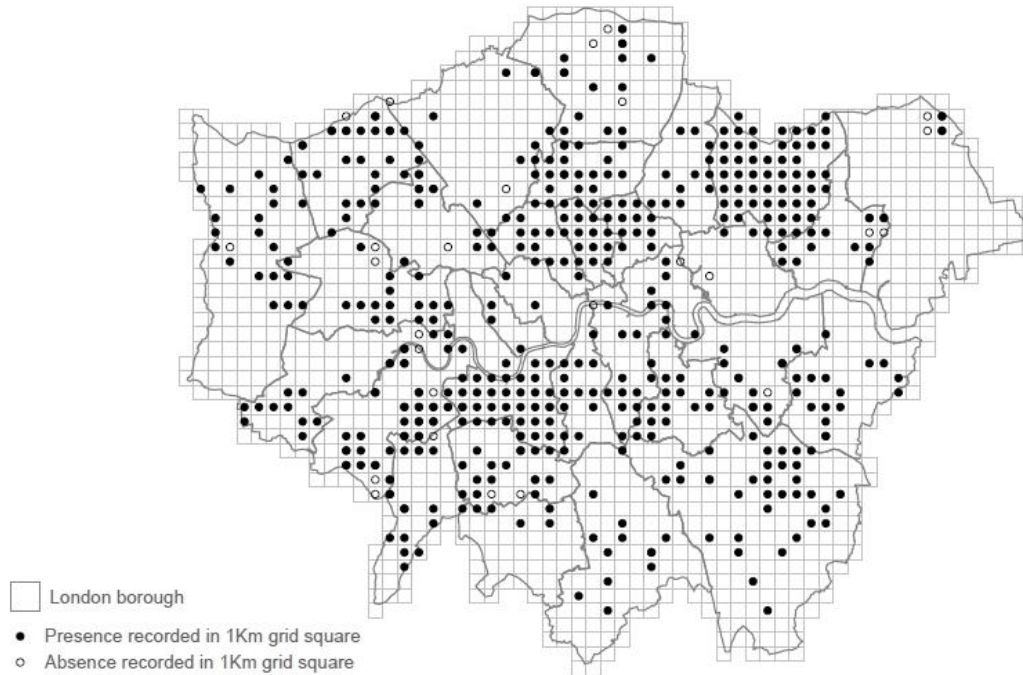
Concave hull

Approaches to mapping species data

Species atlas

London Common Frog Atlas
Connecting London's Amphibian & Reptile Environments (CLARE) Project

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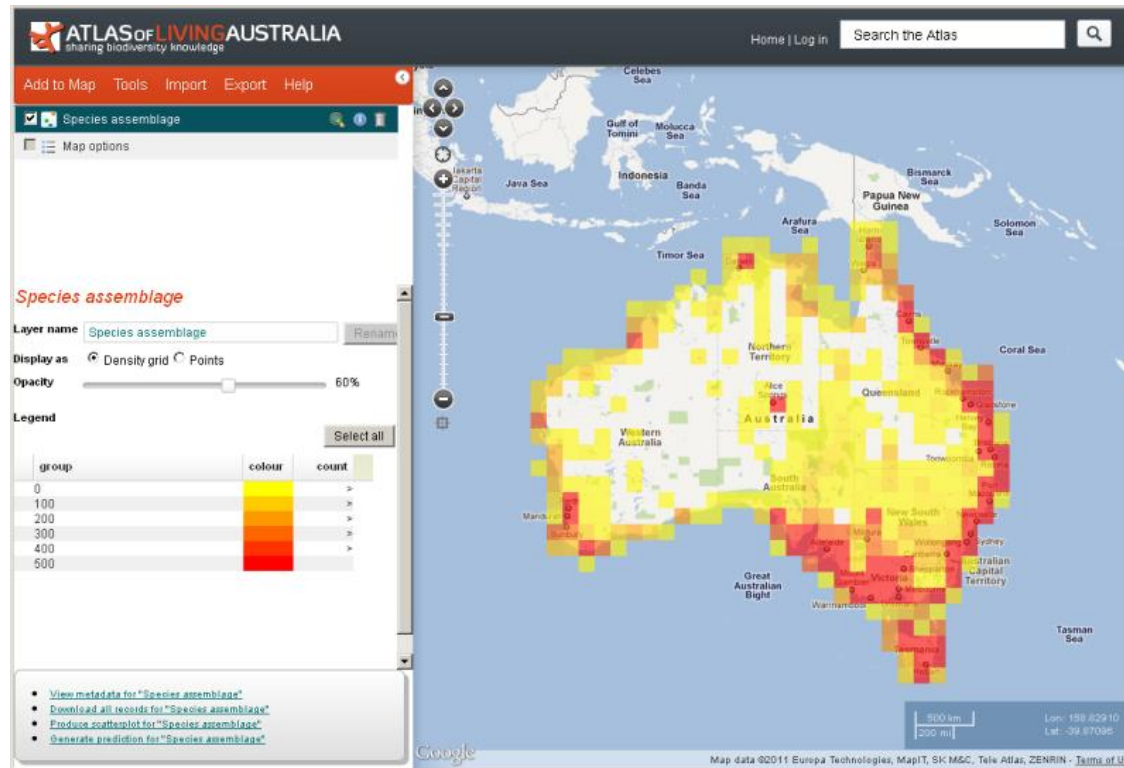


- London borough
- Presence recorded in 1Km grid square
- Absence recorded in 1Km grid square

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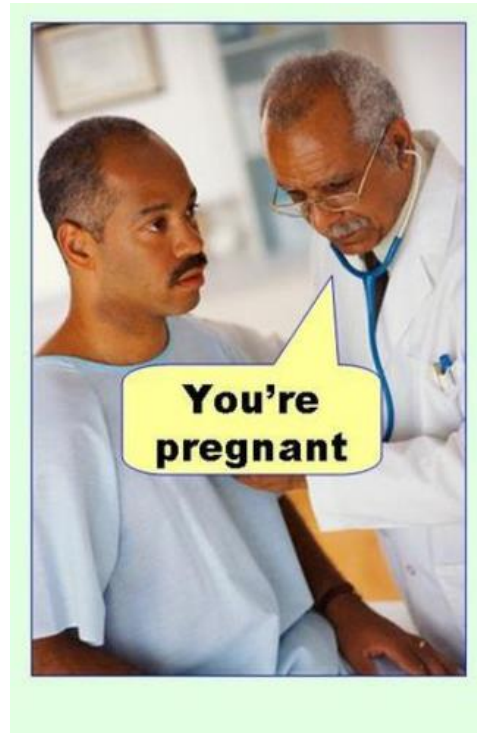
Approaches to mapping species data

Species richness from atlas data



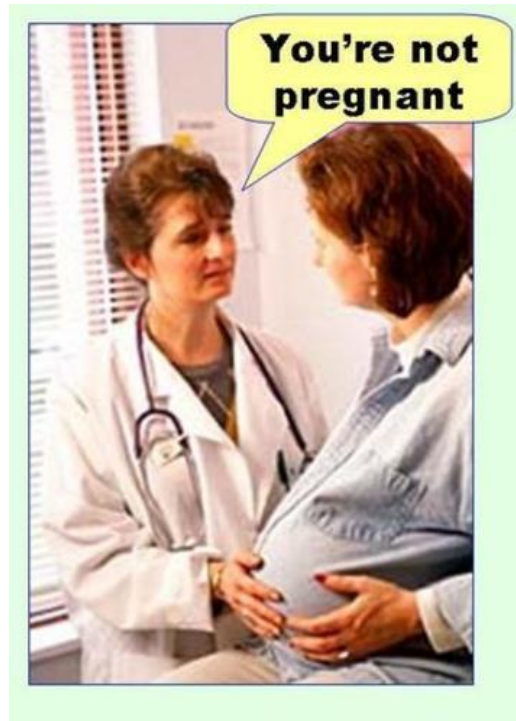
Types of error

Commission errors (overpredicting)



Types of error

Ommission errors (underpredicting)



Atlas vs range maps

Example differences for specific species

Edible dormouse (*Glis glis*)



Iberian lynx (*Lynx pardinus*)



Barbosa *et al.*, 2012

Atlas vs range maps

Example differences for specific species

Eurasian otter (*Lutra lutra*)



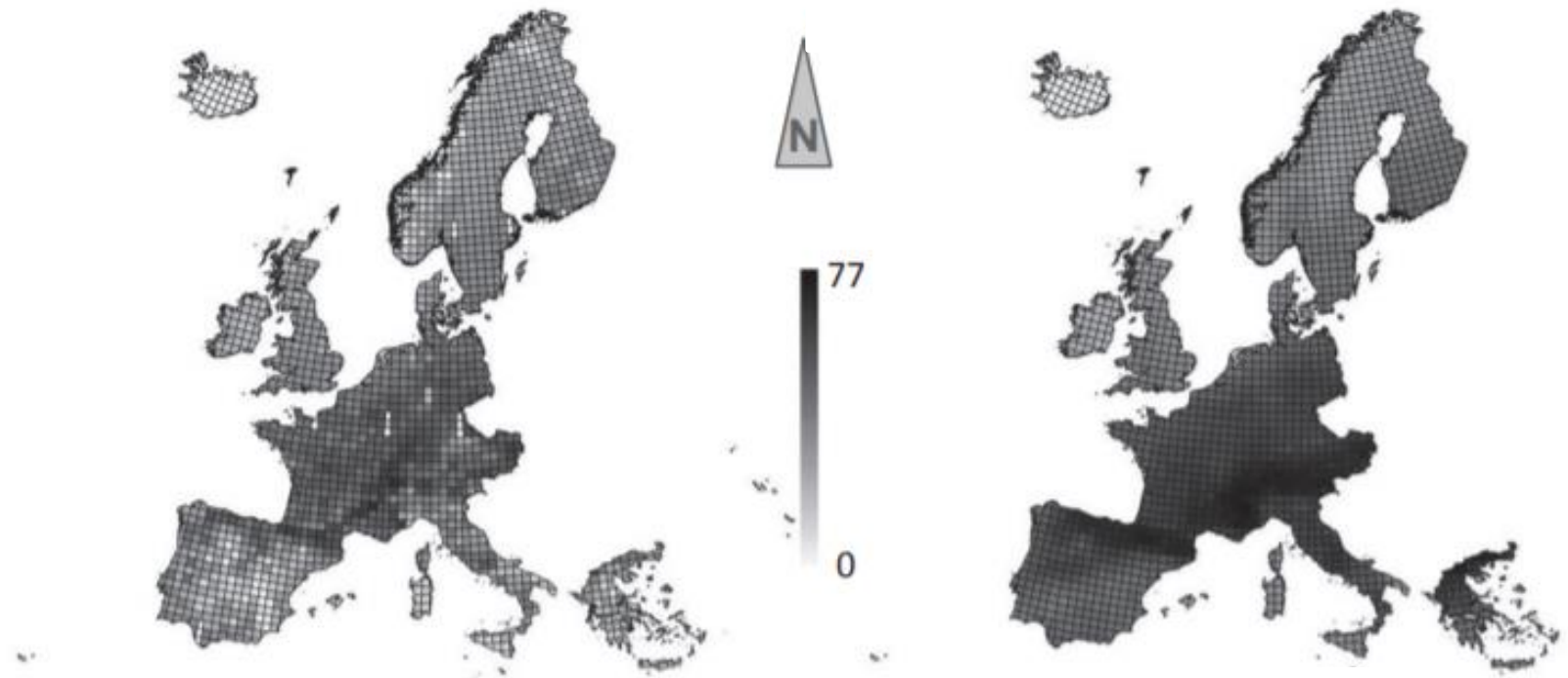
Reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*)



Barbosa *et al.*, 2012

Species richness comparison

Typically higher richness using range maps



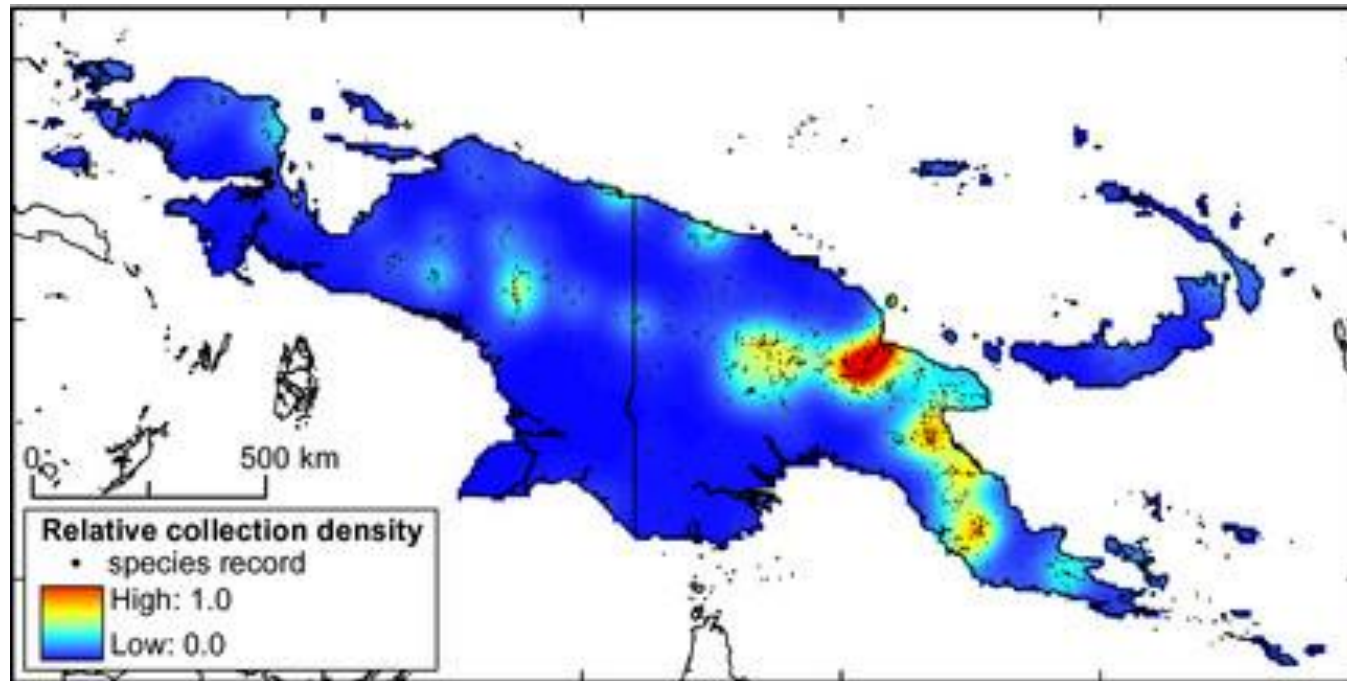
Atlas richness

Range map richness

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Other approaches

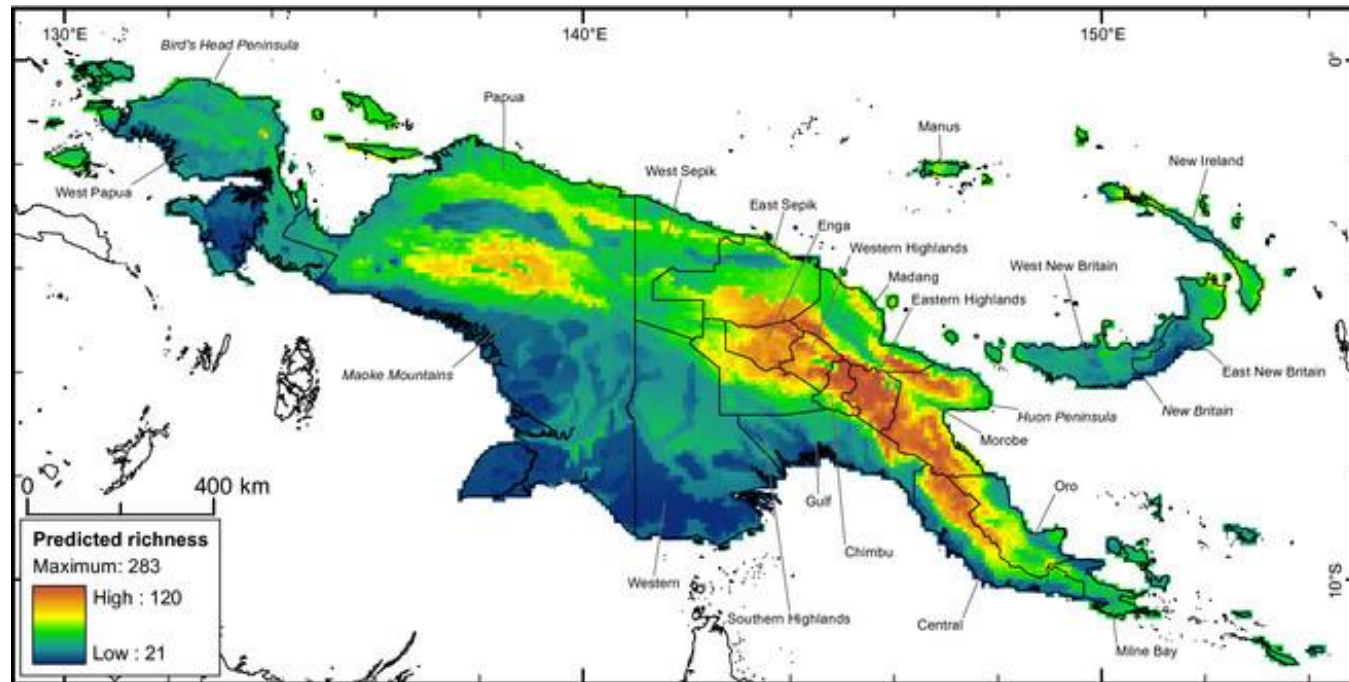
Kernel-smoothing



Vollering *et al.*, 2015.

Other approaches

Species distribution modelling



Vollering *et al.*, 2015.

Other approaches

Species distribution modelling

Example variables included in modelling

Predictor	Description
BIO03	Isothermality (ratio of mean diurnal temperature range to annual temperature range)
BIO07	Annual temperature range
BIO09	Mean temperature of driest quarter
BIO16	Precipitation of wettest quarter
BIO17	Precipitation of driest quarter
BIO18	Precipitation of warmest quarter
PET	Potential evapotranspiration (ratio of mean annual temperature to mean annual precipitation)
AWC	Available water storage capacity
BULK DENSITY	Topsoil bulk density (ratio of soil mass to soil volume)
CEC	Topsoil cation exchange capacity
DRAINAGE	Soil drainage capacity assuming flat terrain
ESP	Topsoil exchangeable sodium percentage
GRAVEL	Topsoil gravel content by volume
PH	Topsoil pH
SILT	Topsoil silt fraction by weight
TEXTURE	Topsoil textural class

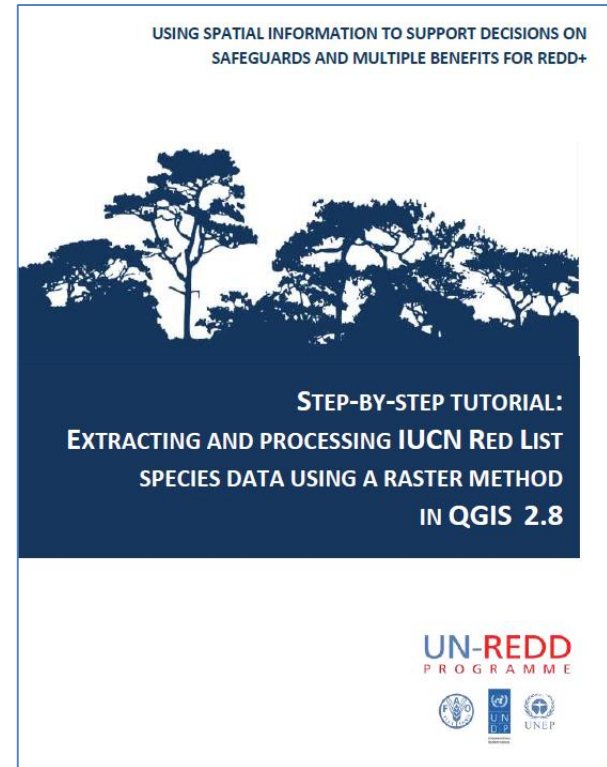
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Exercise

Species richness map from IUCN Red List data

Main steps:

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Conclusions

- **REDD+ can be powerful tool for climate change mitigation and conservation**
- **There are various approaches to mapping species data - the choice of which depends how the results will be used**

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