

A series of short courses in data analysis for conservation biologists

This series of courses is designed to build an understanding of analytical techniques. Each course can stand alone – yet builds on the knowledge of the previous course(s). Most courses start with lunch – so please aim to arrive for about 12:30am (except D202) and all finish the following afternoon.

	D101 Data analysis for Conservation Biologists I	D201 Data analysis for Conservation Biologists II	D202 Diversity and Community Analysis in Conservation	R101 Advanced data analysis I	R201 Advanced data analysis II	R202 Advanced Community Analysis
Course Length	1 ½ days	1 ½ days	1 ¾ days	1 ½ days	1 ½ days	1 ½ days
Cost	£185	£205	£225	£185	£205	£205
Date	2 nd - 3 rd August 2010	4 th - 5 th August 2010	1 st - 2 nd September 2010	25 th - 26 th October 2010	27 th - 28 th October 2010	1 st - 2 nd December 2010
Software	Don't Panic – a spreadsheet programme to analyse your data will be provided with the course	Don't Panic – a spreadsheet programme to analyse your data will be provided with the course	Bespoke spreadsheet packages will be provided with the course as will instruction on the use of the free TWINSpan software.	R is free and Open Source software. Copies of the program, from the R Foundation for Statistical Computing, will be provided along with additional analysis packages as required. <i>R Development Core Team (2007). R: A language and environment for statistical computing. R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. ISBN 3-900051-07-0, URL http://www.R-project.org.</i>		
DAY ONE			Arrive in time for Coffee at 10:30			
11:00 – 13:00			Introduction. Species Richness: simple tests to compare e.g. t/U, Chi Squared tests			
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:00-15:00	Data handling: layout of data in spreadsheet, pivot tables	A review of basic statistical techniques and data types	Site lists: similarity; Jaccard and Sorensen indices	Install R, basic syntax	Install R, Basic R review	Install R, Basic R review
15:00 – 16:00	Summary statistics: centrality, variability, distribution	Analysis of variance (ANOVA); an introduction	Diversity: Simpson's and Shannon indices	Data input, summary statistics	ANOVA: 1-way, 2-way	Chi Squared tests as a foundation for community analyses
16:00	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK	TEA BREAK
16:30-18.30	Hypothesis testing, differences tests: t-test and U-test	More ANOVA, Post-Hoc testing	Comparing diversity (using Hucheson t-test), Distance measures	t/U/paired tests, Correlation, Chi Squared	Kruskal Wallis, Post-Hoc testing	Diversity, distance measures, cluster analysis
19:00	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
20:00 – 21:00	Practice data	Practice data	Practice data	Graphs, Practice data	Graphs, Practice data	Species tables, indicator species
DAY TWO						
09:30 – 10:00	Differences: Paired Tests	Kruskal Wallis (non-parametric ANOVA)	Cluster dendrograms	ANOVA	Linear regression: introduction	Multivariate introduction
10.00-11.00	Correlation: Spearman Rank	2-way ANOVA	Introduction to multivariate analyses	Multiple Regression	Multiple regression	Principal component analysis (PCA)
11.00	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE	COFFEE
11:30-13:30	Pearson Correlation	Linear regression: introduction	Polar Ordination	Distance measures and cluster analysis	Stepwise analyses in multiple regression	Correspondence analysis (CA), creating graphical output
13:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:30-15:00	Chi Squared test for association	Multiple Regression	Indicator species analysis using TWINSpan	Multivariate analyses	Generalized linear modelling (GLM)	Canonical and detrended correspondence analyses (CCA, DCA)
15:00 – 16:00	Review and depart	Review and depart	Review and depart	Review and depart	Review and depart	Review and depart

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Further information on each course and booking forms can be obtained by from Karen Harvey at this address.

The Course Tutor will be Dr Mark Gardener - ideas on what Mark does can be found at his website:

<http://www.gardenersown.co.uk/Education/index.htm>

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