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(extent-of-occurrence) maps, mainly tools for easy generation  
of biodiversity (species richness) or life-history traits maps.

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bio.save	<i>Import 'BIO' tables to a rangeMapper project.</i>
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### Description

Import tables (e.g. life history data) to an active rangeMapper project.

### Usage

```
bio.save(con, loc, tableName, ...)
metadata2bio(con, ...)
bio.merge(con, tableName, ...)
```

### Arguments

con	An sqlite connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.
loc	file location or data.frame name
tableName	if missing, the name of the file or data.frame is used
...	Arguments to pass to the corresponding methods: e.g. the ID, the column corresponding to the names of the range files

### Value

A 'BIO' table is created in the corresponding rangeMapper project.

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## References

Valcu, M., Dale, J. and Kempnaers, B. (2012) rangeMapper: A platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits. 21(9). (DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2011.00739.x)

## See Also

[rangeMap.save.wrens](#)

## Examples

```
require(rangeMapper)
wd = setwd(tempdir())
r = readOGR(system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined"), "wrens", verbose = FALSE)
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = r)
gridSize.save(dbcon)
canvas.save(dbcon)
processRanges(spdf = r, con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name" )

# Upload BIO tables
data(wrens)
Troglodytes = wrens[grep("Troglodytes", wrens$sci_name), c(2, 5)]
bio.save(con = dbcon, loc = Troglodytes, ID = "sci_name")
#wrensPath = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "data", "wrens.csv")
#bio.save(con = dbcon, loc = wrensPath, ID = "sci_name")
#bio.merge(dbcon, "wrensNew")
#metadata2bio(dbcon)

summary(rangeMap("wrens.sqlite"))$BIO_tables
setwd(wd)
```

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canvas.save

*Project's canvas*

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## Description

The canvas is a regular grid of a given resolution. Each range map is overlaid onto the canvas and the results saved to project.

## Usage

```
canvas.save(con)
canvas.fetch(con)
```

## Arguments

con                    An sqlite connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.

**Value**

canvas.fetch Returns a [SpatialPixelsDataFrame](#) object.

**Note**

The method canvasSave() fails if grid.size was not set and if the canvas was already constructed for the given project.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[rangeMap.save](#).  
[gridSize.save](#)

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)
wd = tempdir()
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd)
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon)
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 2)
canvas.save(dbcon)
cnv = canvas.fetch(dbcon)
summary(cnv)
plot(cnv, col = 'grey', axes = TRUE)
```

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global.bbox

*Global bounding box*

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**Description**

Computes, sets or retrieves the global spatial bounding box.

**Usage**

```
global.bbox.save(con, ...)  
global.bbox.fetch(con)
```

**Arguments**

con            An SQLiteConnection object pointing to a rangeMapper project  
 ...            Arguments to pass to the corresponding methods:  
               **bbox** can be a character vector; the path to the range files directory  
               **bbox** can also be an object inheriting from [Spatial](#)  
               **p4s** an object of class [CRS](#)

**Details**

global.bbox.save saves the *global bounding box* and the *proj4* string to the sqlite database.  
 global.bbox.fetch retrieves the *global bounding box* as a [SpatialPolygonsDataFrame](#).

**Note**

If *bbox* is a character vector then the corresponding method calls rangeMapBbox with checkProj = TRUE which requires all ranges to have the same *proj4* argument.  
 If *p4s* is set then the *bbox* will be set with that *p4s* string else the *p4s* will be identical with the *proj4* string of the range files.  
 If *bbox* and *p4s* are missing then an unprojected global bounding box is set.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[rangeMapper](#)  
[proj4string](#)  
[bbox](#)

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)
wd = tempdir()

f= system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector")

# Using default values for both bbox and p4s
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd )
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon)
bbox0 = global.bbox.fetch(dbcon)

plot(bbox0, axes = TRUE)
```

# more examples at: <http://rangemapper.r-forge.r-project.org>

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gridSize.save                      *Save or retrieve the grid size from an rangeMapper project.*

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## Description

Save or retrieve the grid size from the active sqlite database.

## Usage

```
gridSize.save(con, ...)  
gridSize.fetch(con)
```

## Arguments

con	A connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.
...	gridSize: A numeric vector of one unit length. See notes.

## Value

gridSize.fetch Returns a numeric vector of one unit length containing the grid size previously saved by gridSize.save

## Note

If gridSize is not given the default grid size is computed based on the bounding box as the range of the smallest axis /100.

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## See Also

[rangeMap.save.global.bbox](#)

**Examples**

```

require(rangeMapper)
wd = tempdir()
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd )
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon)
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 2)

dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd )
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon)
gridSize.save(dbcon)
gridSize.fetch(dbcon) #default grid size value

```

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metadata.update	<i>Updates metadata table</i>
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**Description**

Updates metadata\_table of a rangeMapper project *after* importing ranges with [processRanges](#).

**Usage**

```
metadata.update(rangeMap, FUN, name, map, overwrite = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

rangeMap	A <a href="#">rangeMap</a> object.
FUN	Function used to aggregate the map values corresponding to each range
name	The name of the new metadata_table field containing the variable computed by FUN
map	Single-band <a href="#">SpatialGridDataFrame</a> object
overwrite	If set to TRUE the the values of the field are replaced
...	extra arguments (e.g. na.rm = TRUE) to be passed to FUN.

**Value**

Nothing is returned.

**Note**

In order to compute taxa-level metadata which are not dependent on the project's resolution use [processRanges](#) with a metadata argument. See [rangeTraits](#) for more details. The method can be extended to work with raster or vector objects (e.g. lines, polygons, points) using overlaying functions in the package raster and rgeos respectively.

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**See Also**

[processRanges](#)  
[rangeTraits](#)

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)

# data
spdf = readOGR(system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined"), "wrens", verbose =
rloc = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "etopo1", "etopo1_Americas.tif")
r = readGDAL(rloc, output.dim = c(50, 50))
spdf = spTransform(spdf, CRS(proj4string(r)) )

# the project
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )
rmap = new("rangeMap", CON = dbcon)
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = spdf )
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 300000)
canvas.save(dbcon)
processRanges(spdf = spdf, con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name" )

# metadata.update
metadata.update (rmap,
FUN = function(x, ...) {
res = diff(range(x, ...))
if( !is.finite(res)) res = 0
res
},
name = 'AltitudeRange', map = r, na.rm = TRUE, overwrite = TRUE)

# plot
mr = RMQuery(dbcon, 'select * from metadata_ranges')
maxRangeSp = mr[mr$AltitudeRange== max(mr$AltitudeRange), 'bioid']
image(r)
plot(rangeFetch(rmap, maxRangeSp), add = TRUE, border = 4, lwd = 3)
title(main = maxRangeSp)
```



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 plot-methods                      *Plot a SpatialPixelsRangeMap*


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**Description**

This is a wrapper around [splot](#)

**Arguments**

`palette`                      The name of a color palette. When NULL all the qualitative color palettes are returned.

**Methods**

signature(x = "SpatialPixelsRangeMap", y = "missing") **x=SpatialPixelsRangeMap**

plot(x, colorpalette = brewer.pal.get('Spectral')[11:1], ncols = 20, scales = FALSE, style = "e

`x`                      a SpatialPixelsRangeMap object.  
`colorpalette`          A color palette. See also [tkColorPalette](#) which allows for interactive choice of color palettes.  
`ncols`                  Number of color classes required, default to 20; argument to be passed to [classIntervals](#)  
`scales`                If 'FALSE', default, axes scale are not drawn.  
`style`                 class interval style; see [classIntervals](#) for more details  
`...`                  Any argument that can be passed to [splot](#)

**Note**

`brewer.pal.get` is a simple wrapper around [brewer.pal.info](#)

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**See Also**

[classIntervals](#) [tkColorPalette](#) [brewer.pal](#)

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )
f = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined")
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = f,
p4s = CRS("+proj=cea +lon_0=0 +lat_ts=30 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=WGS84 +units=km +no_defs") )
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 200) # cell size 2 deg
canvas.save(dbcon)
processRanges(spdf = readOGR(f, "wrens", verbose = FALSE), con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name")
rangeMap.save(dbcon) # species richness
```

```

# PLOTS
all = rangeMap.fetch(dbcon)
SR = rangeMap.fetch(dbcon, 'species_richness')

plot(all)
plot(SR, style = "fisher", sub = "Wrens species richness")

pal = brewer.pal.get('RdYlGn')[11:1]

plot(SR, style = "fisher", colorpalette = pal)

# if there is tcltk support choose a color palette interactively.
if(interactive()) {
  tkColorPalette(pal = brewer.pal.get(),name = "pal")
  plot(SR, style = "fisher", colorpalette = pal)
}

```

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processRanges

*Process ranges*


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### Description

Each polygon range is overlaid on the canvas and the results are saved to the active project file.

### Usage

```
processRanges(con, ...)
```

### Arguments

con	An sqlite connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.
...	Arguments to pass to the corresponding methods: <i>spdf</i> <a href="#">SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</a> object containing all the ranges. <i>ID</i> when <i>spdf</i> is set this is a character vector given the name of the range. <i>dir</i> ranges file directory where the individual ranges shp files are located. In this case the range ID is the file name. <i>metadata</i> a named list of functions. See <a href="#">rangeTraits</a> and <a href="#">metadataUpdate</a> <i>parallel</i> for the moment no method defined for this signature.

### Details

The overlay is performed using [overlay](#). If the overlay returns no results (i.e. the polygon is smaller than a grid cell) then the centroid of the range will snap to the nearest point and only one grid cell will be returned for that range.

**Note**

If thousands of individual range map polygons are processed, their geometries are complex and/or the canvas resolution is relatively high this step can be time consuming.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[rangeMapper rangeTraits metadataUpdate.](#)

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)
wd = tempdir()

## Not run:
# Multiple files (one file per range)
rdr= system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector")
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd)
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = rdr)
gridSize.save(dbcon) ; canvas.save(dbcon)
system.time(processRanges(dir = rdr, con = dbcon))

## End(Not run)

# One file containing all the ranges
r = readOGR(system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined"), "wrens", verbose = FALSE)

dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = wd )
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = r)
gridSize.save(dbcon)
canvas.save(dbcon)

system.time(processRanges(spdf = r, con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name" ))
# ~ 12 times faster than processing individual ranges.
```

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 rangeFetch

*Range extractor*


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**Description**

Fetch an arbitrary range from a rangeMapper project.

**Usage**

```
rangeFetch(rangeMap, bioid)
```

**Arguments**

rangeMap	A <a href="#">rangeMap</a> object.
bioid	A character vector, usually a taxon name, which identifies a range within a given rangeMapper project.

**Value**

A [SpatialPolygons](#).

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**References**

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**See Also**

[rangeMapper](#). [rangeMapFetch](#). [rangeMapSave](#).

**Examples**

```
wd = setwd(tempdir())
require(rangeMapper)
spdf = readOGR(system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined"), "wrens", verbose =
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )
rmo = rangeMap("wrens.sqlite")
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = spdf)
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 3)
canvas.save(dbcon)
processRanges(spdf = spdf, con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name" )
rangeMap.save(dbcon)

house_wren = rangeFetch(rmo, "Troglodytes_aedon")
image(rangeMap.fetch(dbcon))
```

```
plot(house_wren, add = TRUE, border = 'blue', lwd = 2)
setwd(wd)
```

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rangeMap-class	<i>Class "rangeMap" to formally describe a rangeMapper sqlite file.</i>
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### Description

This is the basic class of the package.

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("rangeMap", ...)`.

### Slots

**CON:** Object of class "SQLiteConnection" pointing to a rangeMapper project

**VERSION:** Object of class "character" corresponding to the rangeMapper version

**ID:** Object of class "character"; the ID column corresponding to the names of the imported range files.

**BIOID:** Object of class "character" the ID column corresponding to the names of imported 'BIO' tables.

**PROJ4STRING:** Object of class "character" the proj4 string

**GRIDSIZE:** Object of class "character" grid size (in map units)

**BBOX:** Object of class "character" bounding box

**METADATA\_RANGES:** Object of class "character" The name of a predefined table optionally constructed at the range import stage

**CANVAS:** Object of class "character" The name of the table hosting the project's regular grid (the canvas)

**RANGES:** Object of class "character" The name of the table hosting the ranges

**BIO:** Object of class "character" The prefix for 'BIO' tables

**MAP:** Object of class "character" The prefix for 'MAP' tables

### Methods

**canvasFetch** signature(object = "rangeMap"):...

**canvasSave** signature(object = "rangeMap"):...

**gridSizeFetch** signature(object = "rangeMap"):...

**rangeMapBboxFetch** signature(object = "rangeMap"):...

```

rangeMapBboxSave signature(object = "rangeMap", bbox = "character", p4s = "CRS"):
  ...
rangeMapBboxSave signature(object = "rangeMap", bbox = "character", p4s = "missing"):
  ...
rangeMapBboxSave signature(object = "rangeMap", bbox = "missing", p4s = "CRS"):
  ...
rangeMapBboxSave signature(object = "rangeMap", bbox = "missing", p4s = "missing"):
  ...
rangeMapBboxSave signature(object = "rangeMap", bbox = "Spatial", p4s = "missing"):
  ...
rangeMapExport signature(object = "rangeMap", dirName = "character"): ...
rangeMapProcess signature(object = "rangeMap", spdf = "missing", dir = "character", ID = "missing",
  ...
rangeMapProcess signature(object = "rangeMap", spdf = "missing", dir = "character", ID = "missing",
  ...
rangeMapProcess signature(object = "rangeMap", spdf = "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame", dir = "missing",
  ...
rangeMapProcess signature(object = "rangeMap", spdf = "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame", dir = "missing",
  ...
summary signature(object = "rangeMap"): ...

```

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**See Also**

[rangeMapper](#), [processRanges](#)

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rangeMap.export	<i>Export 'MAP' tables</i>
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**Description**

Export 'MAP' tables as single-band geotiff files

**Usage**

```
rangeMap.export(con, dirName, ...)
```

**Arguments**

con	An sqlite connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.
dirName	The directory name where the 'MAP's will be exported. If missing, the 'MAP's will be exported in project's directory
...	Further arguments to pass to <a href="#">writeGDAL</a>

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**References**

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rangeMap.save	<i>Save, retrieve and export maps.</i>
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**Description**

Apply a chosen SQL or R function at each grid cell, allowing for complex subsetting at both ID (e.g. species) and pixel (e.g. assemblage) levels.

**Usage**

```
rangeMap.save(CON, tableName, FUN, biotab, biotrait, subset, path, overwrite, ...)
```

**Arguments**

CON	An sqlite connection pointing to a valid rangeMapper project.
tableName	Name of the table (quoted) to be added to the sqlite database. The prefix 'MAP' will be appended to tableName prior to saving.
FUN	the function to be applied to each pixel. If FUN is missing then species richness (species count) is computed.
biotab	character string identifying the 'BIO' table to use.
biotrait	character string identifying the ID of the 'BIO' table. see <a href="#">bio.save</a>
subset	A named <a href="#">list</a> . See details
path	Path to the raster file(quoted) to be imported to the existing project. raster package is required at this step.
overwrite	If TRUE then the table is removed
...	When FUN is an R function, ... denotes any extra arguments to be passed to it.

**Details**

The subset argument accepts a named list. Names refers to 'BIO', 'MAP' and 'metadata\_rages' table names while the strings in the list are character strings containing the SQL WHERE clause. The subset can point to either one table type (e.g. `list(MAP_species_richness = "species_richness > 500")`) or can point to several table types (e.g. `list(BIO_lifeHistory = "clutch_size > 4", MAP_meanAltitude = "meanA`)

Any valid SQL expression can be used to build up a subset. See [http://www.sqlite.org/lang\\_expr.html](http://www.sqlite.org/lang_expr.html)

**Value**

TRUE when the MAP was created successfully. `rangeMap.fetch` returns a [SpatialPixelsRangeMap-class](#).

**Note**

SQL aggregate functions are more efficient than their R counterparts. For simple aggregate functions like mean, median, sd, count it is advisable to use SQL functions rather than R functions.

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**References**

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**See Also**

`link{[RSQLite.extfuns-package] [RSQLite.extfuns]}` for a list of additional SQL aggregate functions. [metadataUpdate](#).

**Examples**

```
require(rangeMapper)
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )

# Breeding range vector files location
f = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector_combined")

# Save the global bounding box,
global.bbox.save(con = dbcon, bbox = f,
p4s = CRS("+proj=cea +lon_0=0 +lat_ts=30 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs") )

# upload grid size using the proposed default
gridSize.save(dbcon, gridSize = 100000) # cell size ~ 100km

# save canvas
canvas.save(dbcon)
summary(canvas.fetch(dbcon) )

# Upload BIO tables
data(wrens)
bio.save(con = dbcon, loc = wrens, ID = "sci_name")

# Process species ranges
r = readOGR(f, "wrens", verbose = FALSE)

processRanges(spdf = r, con = dbcon, ID = "sci_name" )
```



```
#Using sqlite aggregate functions
rangeMap.save(dbcon, FUN = "median" , biotab = "wrens",
biotrait = "body_size", tableName = "body_size")

# Fetch maps

summary(rangeMap.fetch(dbcon) )

# more examples at: http://rangemapper.r-forge.r-project.org
```

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rangeMap.start	<i>Initiate/open a new rangeMapper project</i>
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### Description

Initiate/open a new rangeMapper project using a [rangeMapStart-class](#) object

### Usage

```
rangeMap.start(...)
rangeMap.open(path, verbose)
rangeMap(path)
```

### Arguments

path	Character vector; a path to a valid rangeMapper project
verbose	Character vector; if TRUE the project's summary is printed
...	Arguments to be passed to <a href="#">rangeMapStart-class</a>

### Value

rangeMap.start() and rangeMap.open() returns an sqlite connection. rangeMap() returns a [rangeMap-class](#) object.

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### See Also

[rangeMap.save.](#)  
[rangeMapStart-class](#)

## Examples

```
td = setwd(tempdir())

dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "test.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )
summary(dbcon)

summary(rangeMap("test.sqlite"))

dbcon = rangeMap.open(path = "test.sqlite")
summary(dbcon)
setwd(td)
```

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rangeMapper	<i>rangeMapper: A platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits.</i>
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## Description

**rangeMapper** is a front end platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits at both inter-specific and assemblage levels.

## Details

The package uses species range (extent-of-occurrence) vector polygons and life history traits datasets to build up maps (e.g. species richness, mean body mass, ...).

**rangeMapper** comes with an user-friendly platform-independent tcltk graphical user interface.

## Getting Started

For a quick start open the graphical user interface (**gui**) by typing `rangeMapper()`. Mouse over the buttons to see further notes (tool-tips) regarding each step.

A tutorial can be accessed from Help/‘Get started’ under the **gui** or by browsing the ‘doc’ package directory.

See also the example below in the *examples* section on how to use **rangeMapper** from the command line.

## The rangeMapper pipeline

- Initiate a new project (an empty sqlite database) using a pre-defined template.
- Extract/define the global bounding box of all selected range maps.
- Generate a regular grid (the canvas) using the previously constructed global bounding box.
- Perform polygon-grid overlay of all selected range maps.
- Optionally compute pre-defined or user-defined range structure indexes.
- Optionally import non-spatial data to be mapped at each grid cell (data are saved as a ‘BIO’ table to database).

- Optionally import georeferenced raster files.
- Compute a chosen statistical model at each grid cell optionally using complex subsets.
- Save, plot, export the MAP-s.

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### References

Valcu, M., Dale, J. and Kempnaers, B. (2012) rangeMapper: A platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits. 21(9). (DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2011.00739.x)

### See Also

[rangeMap.save.](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
rangeMapper()

## End(Not run)
```

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rangeMapStart-class    *Class "rangeMapStart"*

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### Description

Methods of this class allows to initiate a new rangeMapper project.

### Slots

**dir:** Object of class "character"; the directory of the sqlite database.  
**file:** Object of class "character"; sqlite database filename, If missing a default name is assigned.  
**skeleton:** Object of class "list" containing the sql code to initiate the sqlite database.  
**overwrite:** Object of class "logical" when TRUE all the database tables are dropped.

### Methods

**rangeMapStart** signature(object = "rangeMapStart"): ...

### Author(s)

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**See Also**

[rangeMapper](#)  
[rangeMap.start](#)

**Examples**

```
showClass("rangeMapStart")  
str(new("rangeMapStart"))
```

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rangeTraits	<i>A container of functions to apply on a <a href="#">SpatialPolygons</a> object</i>
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**Description**

This is a convenience function returning a named [list](#) of functions.

**Usage**

```
rangeTraits(..., use.default)
```

**Arguments**

...	functions, given as myfun = FUN, to apply on a <a href="#">SpatialPolygons</a> object
use.default	If TRUE, the default, the output list contains functions to extract Area, Median, Min and Max extent of the <a href="#">SpatialPolygons</a> object. This option is ignored if no functions are given.

**Details**

The function returns a named list so any additional functions should be given as rangeTraits(funName1 = FUN1, funName2 = FUN2) where FUN1, FUN2 are [SpatialPolygons](#) extractor functions.

**Value**

Returns a named list containing extractor functions to apply on [SpatialPolygons](#) objects.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[processRanges](#) [rangeMapper](#).

## Examples

```
summary(rangeTraits(use.default = F))

f = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector")
troaed = selectShpFiles(f, ogr = TRUE, polygons.only = TRUE)[71, ] # path to Troglodytes_aedon

r = readOGR(troaed$dsn, troaed$layer)

# Beware of the value returned for Area!
sapply(rangeTraits(), function(x) x(r) )

# Define an extra function to compute correct Area
Area2 = function(x) {
  x = spTransform(x, CRS("+proj=cea +lon_0=0 +lat_ts=30 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +ellps=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs") )
  sum(sapply(slot(x, "polygons"), function(x) slot(x, "area") ))
}

sapply(rangeTraits(Area_sqm = Area2), function(x) x(r) )
```

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rm.rangeMapper

*Remove tables from a give project*

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## Description

Remove tables given prefix attribute or by name

## Usage

```
rm.rangeMapper(con, ...)
```

## Arguments

con	A valid sqlite connection.
...	Arguments passed to the corresponding methods specifically 'tablePrefix' or 'tableName'

## Note

The default 'rm.rangeMapper(con)' will remove all 'MAP' and 'BIO' tables.

## Author(s)

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

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RMQuery	<i>Query a rangeMapper project</i>
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**Description**

For the moment a simple wrapper to sqliteQuickSQL.

**Usage**

```
RMQuery(con, statement)
```

**Arguments**

con	An sqlite connection
statement	An SQL string

**Value**

Returns either a data.frame if the statement is a select-like or NULL otherwise.

**Author(s)**

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

**See Also**

[sqliteQuickSQL](#).

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selectShpFiles	<i>Select (recursively) shape files</i>
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**Description**

Returns the file path to all '.shp' polygons in a directory.

**Usage**

```
selectShpFiles(dir, ...)
```

**Arguments**

dir	character string specifying the directory containing .shp files.
...	currently ignored

**Value**

Either a `data.frame` or a character vector is returned.

**Note**

The function uses `getinfo.shape` to only select polygon files (aka type 5).

**Author(s)**

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

**References**

Valcu, M., Dale, J. and Kempnaers, B. (2012) rangeMapper: A platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits. 21(9). (DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2011.00739.x)

**See Also**

`rangeMap.save.getinfo.shape`

**Examples**

```
f= system.file(package="rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector")
res = selectShpFiles(f, ogr = TRUE, polygons.only = TRUE)
head(res)
```

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SpatialPixelsRangeMap *Class "SpatialPixelsRangeMap"*

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**Description**

A class extending "`SpatialPixelsDataFrame`" used for 'MAP's retrieval from a rangeMapper project

**Slots**

mapvar: Object of class "character"

**Extends**

Class "`SpatialPixelsDataFrame`", directly.

**Methods**

**plot** signature(x = "SpatialPixelsRangeMap", y = "missing"): ...

**Note**

For the moment mapvar is the only slot which makes this class distinct from the "[SpatialPixelsDataFrame](#)" class.

**Author(s)**

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

**See Also**

[rangeMap.fetch](#)

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tkColorPalette

*Interactively choose a color palette.*

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**Description**

Interactively choose a color palette. Palettes are created on the fly using [tkbutton](#).

**Usage**

```
tkColorPalette(pal, name, palette.size = 45, envir = .GlobalEnv)
tkMakeColorPalette(n)
```

**Arguments**

pal	pal a named list as e.g. returned by <a href="#">brewer.pal.get</a> .
name	A quoted name to be assigned to envir.
palette.size	palette.size is the size of the tiles (tkbutton-s) in pixels.
envir	the <a href="#">environment</a> to use.
n	length of the user-defined palette returned by tkMakeColorPalette

**Details**

tkMakeColorPalette is called by tkColorPalette

**Author(s)**

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

**See Also**

[colorRampPalette](#) [brewer.pal.get](#)



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## These cannot be run by examples() but should be OK when pasted
## into an interactive R session
pals = c(brewer.pal.get(), list(heatcol = heat.colors (9),terraincol = terrain.colors(9), topocol = topo.colo

tkColorPalette(pal = pals, name = "pal1")
tkColorPalette(pal = pals, name = "pal2", palette.size = 17)
pal1
pal2

## End(Not run)
```

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tkdbBrowse

*Browse an sqlite database.*


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**Description**

Browse an sqlite database using a tcltk interface.

**Usage**

```
tkdbBrowse(con, prefix = NULL, tables.name.only = FALSE, info)
```

**Arguments**

con	A valid sqlite connection.
prefix	Shows only tables with the given prefix
tables.name.only	If 'FALSE', the default, shows only table names.
info	A character string containing a short text to be shown left to the OK button.

**Author(s)**

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## These cannot be run by examples() but should be OK when pasted
## into an interactive R session

# Create an empty rangeMapper project
dbcon = rangeMap.start(file = "wrens.sqlite", overwrite = TRUE, dir = tempdir() )

# Select one table and then press OK
tkdbBrowse(dbcon, info = " select a field in one table and then push OK!")
```

```
tkdbBrowse(dbcon, tables.name.only = TRUE)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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 vertices-methods

*Vertices of a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame*


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### Description

Extract vertices from a [SpatialPolygonsDataFrame](#) and optionally applies an aggregating function to each Polygon.

### Value

A [SpatialPointsDataFrame](#) containing an id column corresponding to each extracted Polygon.

### Methods

**"SpatialPolygonsDataFrame", FUN = function** Extract Polygon vertices and remove the last (repeated line) of each Polygon.

### Author(s)

Mihai Valcu <valcu@orn.mpg.de>

### References

Valcu, M., Dale, J. and Kempnaers, B. (2012) rangeMapper: A platform for the study of macroecology of life history traits. 21(9). (DOI: 10.1111/j.1466-8238.2011.00739.x)

### See Also

[coordinates](#).

### Examples

```
require(rangeMapper)
f = system.file(package = "rangeMapper", "extdata", "wrens", "vector")
camgul = selectShpFiles(f, ogr = TRUE, polygons.only = TRUE)[6, ] # path to Campylorhynchus_gularis breeding r
r = readOGR(camgul$dsn, camgul$layer)
mp = vertices(r, mean)
v = vertices(r)

plot(r)
points(mp, col = 2, pch = 3, cex = 2)
points(v, pch = 3, cex = .5)
```

wrens

*Life history data of the New World Wrens***Description**

Life history data (body size, body mass and clutch size) of 84 wren (**Troglodytidae**) species

**Usage**

```
data(wrens)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 84 observations on the following 7 variables.

ID\_HBW Handbook of the birds of the world ID

sci\_name scientific name; a factor with 84 levels

com\_name English name; a factor with 84 levels

genus Genus name

body\_size body size (cm)

body\_mass body mass (grams)

clutch\_size mean or modal clutch size

source bibliographic source of each trait (see references)

**Details**

Taxonomic nomenclature follows (Kroodsma & Brewer, 2005) with the exception of *Donacoblis atricapilla* which has been excluded due to its uncertain taxonomic position.

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### See Also

[rangeMap.save.](#)

### Examples

```
data(wrens)
plot(body_size ~ body_mass, wrens)
plot(clutch_size ~ log(body_mass), wrens)
```

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