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Description Calculate multiple biotic indices using diatoms from environmental samples. Diatom species are recognized by their species' name using a heuristic search, and their ecological data is retrieved from multiple sources.

It includes number/shape of chloroplasts diversity indices, size classes, ecological guilds, and multiple biotic indices.

It outputs both a dataframe with all the results and plots of all the obtained data in a defined output folder.

- Sample data was taken from Nicolosi Gelis, Cochero & Gómez (2020, <doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>).
- The package uses the 'Diat.Barcode' database to calculate morphological and ecological information by Rimet & Couchez (2012, <doi:10.1051/kmae/2012018>), and the combined classification of guilds and size classes established by B-Béres et al. (2017, <doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2017.07.007>).
- Current diatom-based biotic indices include the DES index by Descy (1979)
- EPID index by Dell'Uomo (1996, ISBN: 3950009002)
- IDAP index by Prygiel & Coste (1993, <doi:10.1007/BF00028033>)
- ID-CH index by Hürlimann & Niederhauser (2007)
- IDP index by Gómez & Licursi (2001, <doi:10.1023/A:1011415209445>)
- ILM index by Leclercq & Maquet (1987)
- IPS index by Coste (1982)
- LOBO index by Lobo, Callegaro, & Bender (2002, ISBN:9788585869908)
- SLA by Sládeček (1986, <doi:10.1002/aheh.19860140519>)
- TDI index by Kelly, & Whitton (1995, <doi:10.1007/BF00003802>)
- SPEAR(herbicide) index by Wood, Mitrovic, Lim, Warne, Dunlop, & Kefford (2019, <doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.12.035>)
- PBIDW index by Castro-Roa & Pinilla-Agudelo (2014)
- DISP index by Stenger-Kovács et al. (2018, <doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.07.026>)
- EDI index by Chamorro et al. (2024, <doi:10.1021/acsestwater.4c00126>)
- DDI index by Álvarez-Blanco et al. (2013, <doi:10.1007/s10661-012-2607-z>)
- PDISE index by Kahlert et al. (2023, <doi:10.1007/s10661-023-11378-4>).

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cemfgs_rb

*CEMFGS_RB***Description**

Index values for diatom species combining their ecological guilds with their size classes

Usage

```
data(cemfgs_rb)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 495 species

Source

[doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2017.07.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2017.07.007)

References

B-Béres, V., Török, P., Kókai, Z., Lukács, Á., Enikő, T., Tóthmérész, B., & Bácsi, I. (2017). Ecological background of diatom functional groups: Comparability of classification systems. *Ecological Indicators*, 82, 183-188.

dbc_offline	<i>DBC (offline)</i>
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Description

Diatom database from the 'Diat.Barcode' project V9.0

Usage

```
data(dbc_offline)
```

Format

A data frame with ecological and morphological information for 8066 diatoms

Source

<https://www.kmae-journal.org/articles/kmae/abs/2012/03/kmae120025/kmae120025.html>

References

Rimet F. & Bouchez A., 2012. Life-forms, cell-sizes and ecological guilds of diatoms in European rivers. Knowledge and management of aquatic ecosystems, 406: 1-14. DOI:10.1051/kmae/2012018

ddi	<i>DDI</i>
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Description

Index values for diatom species included in the DDI index

Usage

```
data(ddi)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 137 species

Source

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10661-012-2607-z>

References

Álvarez-Blanco, I., Blanco, S., Cejudo-Figueiras, C., & Bécares, E. (2013). The Duero Diatom Index (DDI) for river water quality assessment in NW Spain: design and validation. Environmental monitoring and assessment, 185, 969-981.

des

DES

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the DES index

Usage

```
data(des)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 622 species

Source

<https://pascal-francis.inist.fr/vibad/index.php?action=getRecordDetail&idt=PASCAL8060205402>

References

Descy, J. P. 1979. A new approach to water quality estimation using diatom. *Beih. Nov Hedw.* 64:305-323

diaThor

DiaThor: A package to calculate multiple diatom-based biotic indices

Description

The package calculates multiple biotic indices using diatoms from environmental samples. Diatom species are recognized by their species' name using a heuristic search, and their ecological data is retrieved from multiple sources. Morphological information about the species is retrieved from the 'Diat.Barcode' project:

- Rimet F., Gusev E., Kahlert M., Kelly M., Kulikovskiy M., Maltsev Y., Mann D., Pfannkuchen M., Trobajo R., Vasselon V., Zimmermann J., Bouchez A., 2019. Diat.barcode, an open-access curated barcode library for diatoms. *Scientific Reports*. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-51500-6>

Size class classification is obtained from:

- Rimet F. & Bouchez A., 2012. Life-forms, cell-sizes and ecological guilds of diatoms in European rivers. *Knowledge and management of aquatic ecosystems*, 406: 1-14. DOI:10.1051/kmae/2012018

Guild classification is obtained from:

- Rimet F. & Bouchez A., 2012. Life-forms, cell-sizes and ecological guilds of diatoms in European rivers. *Knowledge and management of aquatic ecosystems*, 406: 1-14. DOI:10.1051/kmae/2012018

The combined classification of size classes and guilds is obtained from:

- B-Béres, V., Török, P., Kókai, Z., Lukács, Á., Enikő, T., Tóthmérész, B., & Bácsi, I. (2017). Ecological background of diatom functional groups: Comparability of classification systems. *Ecological Indicators*, 82, 183-188.

Van Dam classification is obtained from:

- Van Dam, H., Mertens, A., & Sinkeldam, J. (1994). A coded checklist and ecological indicator values of freshwater diatoms from the Netherlands. *Netherlands Journal of Aquatic Ecology*, 28(1), 117-133.

Diversity index (Shannon's H') is calculated using the vegan package, following:

- Shannon, C. E., and Weaver, W. (1949). 'The Mathematical Theory of Communication.' (University of Illinois Press: Urbana, IL, USA.)

Species tolerance and their ecological information to calculate each biotic index is retrieved from their original sources:

- IPS: Coste, M. (1982). Étude des méthodes biologiques d'appréciation quantitative de la qualité des eaux. Rapport Cemagref QE Lyon-AF Bassin Rhône Méditerranée Corse.
- TDI: Kelly, M. G., & Whitton, B. A. (1995). The trophic diatom index: a new index for monitoring eutrophication in rivers. *Journal of Applied Phycology*, 7(4), 433-444.
- IDP: Gómez, N., & Licursi, M. (2001). The Pampean Diatom Index (IDP) for assessment of rivers and streams in Argentina. *Aquatic Ecology*, 35(2), 173-181.
- DES: Descy, J. P. 1979. A new approach to water quality estimation using diatom. *Beih. Nov Hedw.* 64:305-323
- EPID: Dell'Uomo, A. (1996). Assessment of water quality of an Apennine river as a pilot study for diatom-based monitoring of Italian watercourses. Use of algae for monitoring rivers, 65-72.
- IDAP: Prygiel, J., & Coste, M. (1993). The assessment of water quality in the Artois-Picardie water basin (France) by the use of diatom indices. *Hydrobiologia*, 269(1), 343-349.
- ID-CH: Hürlimann J., Niederhauser P. 2007: Méthodes d'analyse et d'appréciation des cours d'eau. Diatomées Niveau R (région). État de l'environnement n° 0740. Office fédéral de l'environnement, Berne. 132 p
- ILM: Leclercq, L., & Maquet, B. (1987). Deux nouveaux indices diatomique et de qualité chimique des eaux courantes. Comparaison avec différents indices existants. *Cahier de Biologie Marine*, 28, 303-310.
- LOBO: Lobo, E. A., Callegaro, V. L. M., & Bender, E. P. (2002). Utilização de algas diatomáceas epilíticas como indicadoras da qualidade da água em rios e arroios da Região Hidrográfica do Guaíba, RS, Brasil. *Edunisc*.
- LOBO: Lobo, E. A., Bes, D., Tudesque, L., & Ector, L. (2004). Water quality assessment of the Pardino River, RS, Brazil, using epilithic diatom assemblages and faecal coliforms as biological indicators. *Vie et Milieu*, 54(2-3), 115-126.

- SLA: Sládeček, V. (1986). Diatoms as indicators of organic pollution. *Acta hydrochimica et hydrobiologica*, 14(5), 555-566.
- SPEAR(herbicides): Wood, R. J., Mitrovic, S. M., Lim, R. P., Warne, M. S. J., Dunlop, J., & Kefford, B. J. (2019). Benthic diatoms as indicators of herbicide toxicity in rivers—A new SPEcies At Risk (SPEARherbicides) index. *Ecological Indicators*, 99, 203-213.
- PBIDW: Castro-Roa, D., & Pinilla-Agudelo, G. (2014). Periphytic diatom index for assessing the ecological quality of the Colombian Andean urban wetlands of Bogotá. *Limnetica*, 33(2), 297-312.
- DISP: Stenger-Kovács, C., Körmendi, K., Lengyel, E., Abonyi, A., Hajnal, É., Szabó, B., Buczkó, K. & Padisák, J. (2018). Expanding the trait-based concept of benthic diatoms: Development of trait-and species-based indices for conductivity as the master variable of ecological status in continental saline lakes. *Ecological Indicators*, 95, 63-74.
- EDI: Chamorro, S., Moyón, J., Salazar, J., Chamorro, K., Vicuña, Z., Cordero, P., Bécares, E. & Blanco, S. (2024). Water Quality Monitoring in Ecuadorian Streams Using a New Diatom-Based Index. *ACS ES&T Water*, 4(9), 3816-3823.
- DDI: Álvarez-Blanco, I., Blanco, S., Cejudo-Figueiras, C., & Bécares, E. (2013). The Duero Diatom Index (DDI) for river water quality assessment in NW Spain: design and validation. *Environmental monitoring and assessment*, 185, 969-981.
- PDISE: Kahlert, M., Fölster, J., & Tapolczai, K. (2023). No lukewarm diatom communities—the response of freshwater benthic diatoms to phosphorus in streams as basis for a new phosphorus diatom index (PDISE). *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 195(7), 807.

Sample data included in the package is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951.

Functions

```
diat_loadData() diat_morpho() diat_size() diat_diversity() diat_guilds() diat_vandam() diat_loadData()
diat_ips() diat_tdi() diat_idp() diat_des() diat_epid() diat_idch() diat_ilm() diat_lobo() diat_sla()
diat_spear() diat_pbidw() diat_disp() diat_idap() diat_edi() diat_ddi() diat_pdise() diat_cemfgrb()
diat_checkName() diat_getDiatBarcode() diat_taxaList()
```

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`diaThorAll`*Runs all the DiaThor functions in a pipeline*

Description

The `diaThorAll` function is the master function of the package. It calculates all outputs from the data, and places them in the Output folder. The input file for the package is a dataframe or an external CSV file. Species should be listed as rows, with species' names in column 1 (column name should be "species"). The other columns (samples) have to contain the abundance of each species (relative or absolute) in each sample. The first row of the file has to contain the headers with the sample names. Remember that a column named "species" is mandatory, containing the species' names. If a dataframe is not specified as a parameter (`species_df`), the package will show a dialog box to search for the CSV file. A second dialog box will help set up an Output folder, where all outputs from the package will be exported to (dataframes, CSV files, plots in PDF). The package also downloads and installs a wrapper for the 'Diat.Barcode' project. Besides citing the DiaThor package, the Diat.Barcode project should also be cited, as follows:

- Rimet, Frederic; Gusev, Evgenuy; Kahlert, Maria; Kelly, Martyn; Kulikovskiy, Maxim; Maltsev, Yevhen; Mann, David; Pfannkuchen, Martin; Trobajo, Rosa; Vasselon, Valentin; Zimmermann, Jonas; Bouchez, Agnès. 2018. "Diat.barcode, an open-access barcode library for diatoms". *Scientific Reports*, 9, 15116. <https://doi:10.15454/TOMBYZ>

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diaThorAll(  
  species_df,  
  isRelAb = FALSE,  
  maxDistTaxa = 2,  
  resultsPath,  
  calculateguilds = TRUE,  
  vandam = TRUE,  
  vandamReports = TRUE,  
  singleResult = TRUE,  
  exportFormat = 3,  
  exportName = "DiaThor_results",  
  plotAll = TRUE,  
  color = "#0073C2",  
  updateDBC = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

species_df	The data frame with your species data. Species as rows, Sites as columns. If empty, a dialog will prompt for a CSV file
isRelAb	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' it means that your species' data is the relative abundance of each species per site. If FALSE, it means that it the data corresponds to absolute densities. Default = FALSE
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2
resultsPath	String. Path to the output folder. If none specified (default), a dialog box will prompt to select it
calculateguilds	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' the percentage of abundance of each diatom guild will be calculated. Default = TRUE
vandam	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' the Van Dam classifications will be calculated in the Output. Default = TRUE
vandamReports	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' the detailed reports for the Van Dam classifications will be reported in the Output. Default = TRUE
singleResult	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' all results will go into a single output file. If FALSE, separate output files will be generated. Default = TRUE
exportFormat	Integer. If = 1: only a CSV (external file) will be generated with the output matrices; 2: only an internal R dataframe will be generated; 3: both a CSV and an internal R dataframe are generated. Default = 3
exportName	String. Prefix for the CSV exported file. Default = "DiaThor_results"
plotAll	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE', plots will be generated for each Output in a PDF file. Default = TRUE
color	Color code (hex). Default color for bar charts and lolipop plots. Default = "#0073C2"
updateDBC	Boolean. If TRUE it will attempt to update the database from the DiatBarcode project, otherwise it will use the latest internal database. Default = TRUE

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
allResults <- diaThorAll(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
```

diat_cemfgs_rb	<i>Calculate the combined classification of ecological guilds and size classes for diatoms</i>
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Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function, to calculate the ecological guilds for the diatoms Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. [https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951)

Classification is obtained from:

- B-Béres, V., Török, P., Kókai, Z., Lukács, Á., Enikő, T., Tóthmérész, B., & Bácsi, I. (2017). Ecological background of diatom functional groups: Comparability of classification systems. *Ecological Indicators*, 82, 183-188.

Usage

```
diat_cemfgs_rb(resultLoad)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
guildsResults <- diat_cemfgs_rb(df)
```

diat_checkName	<i>Searches all the taxa database for the input name</i>
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Description

Searches all the taxa database for the input name, returns a list with the results

Usage

```
diat_checkName(taxaname, byword = F)
```

Arguments

taxaname	the name of the taxa (genus, species, variety) to be checked against the internal DB
byword	if byword = F (default), the input string will be searched without splitting words. If True, each word will be searched separately

diat_ddi	<i>Calculates the Duero Diatom Index (DDI)</i>
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Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Álvarez-Blanco, I., Blanco, S., Cejudo-Figueiras, C., & Bécares, E. (2013). The Duero Diatom Index (DDI) for river water quality assessment in NW Spain: design and validation. *Environmental monitoring and assessment*, 185, 969-981.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_ddi(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
ddiResults <- diat_ddi(df)
```

diat_des

Calculates the Descy Index (DES)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Descy, J. P. 1979. A new approach to water quality estimation using diatom. *Beih. Nov Hedw.* 64:305-323

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_des(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
```

```
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
desResults <- diat_des(df)
```

diat_disp

Calculates the Diatom Index for Soda Pans (DISP)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Stenger-Kovács, C., Körmendi, K., Lengyel, E., Abonyi, A., Hajnal, É., Szabó, B., Buczkó, K. & Padišák, J. (2018). Expanding the trait-based concept of benthic diatoms: Development of trait-and species-based indices for conductivity as the master variable of ecological status in continental saline lakes. *Ecological Indicators*, 95, 63-74.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_disp(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
dispResults <- diat_disp(df)
```

diat_diversity *Calculate diversity parameters for diatoms using the vegan package*

Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function, to calculate diversity data using the `vegan` package. Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Diversity index (Shannon's H') is calculated using the `vegan` package, following:

- Shannon, C. E., and Weaver, W. (1949). 'The Mathematical Theory of Communication.' (University of Illinois Press: Urbana, IL, USA.)

Usage

```
diat_diversity(resultLoad)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

diat_edi *Calculates the Ecuador Diatom Index (EDI)*

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (`resultLoad`) obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the `diat_loadData()` function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Chamorro, S., Moyón, J., Salazar, J., Chamorro, K., Vicuña, Z., Cordero, P., Bécares, E. & Blanco, S. (2024). Water Quality Monitoring in Ecuadorian Streams Using a New Diatom-Based Index. *ACS ES&T Water*, 4(9), 3816-3823.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_edi(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

`maxDistTaxa` Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
ediResults <- diat_edi(df)
```

diat_epid

Calculates the EPID index (EPID)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (`resultLoad`) obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the `diat_loadData()` function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Dell'Uomo, A. (1996). Assessment of water quality of an Apennine river as a pilot study for diatom-based monitoring of Italian watercourses. Use of algae for monitoring rivers, 65-72.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>>

Usage

```
diat_epid(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

`maxDistTaxa` Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
epidResults <- diat_epid(df)
```

diat_getDiatBarcode *Loads the 'Diat.Barcode' database into DiaThor in the correct format*

Description

The package downloads and installs a wrapper for the 'Diat.Barcode' project. Besides citing the DiaThor package, the Diat.Barcode project should also be cited, as follows:

- Rimet F., Gusev E., Kahlert M., Kelly M., Kulikovskiy M., Maltsev Y., Mann D., Pfannkuchen M., Trobajo R., Vasselon V., Zimmermann J., Bouchez A., 2019. Diat.barcode, an open-access curated barcode library for diatoms. Scientific Reports. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-51500-6>

Usage

```
diat_getDiatBarcode()
```

diat_guilds *Calculate ecological guilds for diatoms*

Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the diat_loadData() function, to calculate the ecological guilds for the diatoms Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". Ecological Indicators, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Guild classification is obtained from:

- Rimet F. & Bouchez A., 2012. Life-forms, cell-sizes and ecological guilds of diatoms in European rivers. Knowledge and management of aquatic ecosystems, 406: 1-14. DOI:10.1051/kmae/2012018

Usage

```
diat_guilds(resultLoad)
```

Arguments

resultLoad The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
guildsResults <- diat_guilds(df)
```

diat_idap

Calculates the Indice Diatomique Artois-Picardie (IDAP)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Prygiel, J., & Coste, M. (1993). The assessment of water quality in the Artois-Picardie water basin (France) by the use of diatom indices. *Hydrobiologia*, 269(1), 343-349.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_idap(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function

maxDistTaxa Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
idapResults <- diat_idap(df)
```

diat_idch

Calculates the Swiss Diatom Index (IDCH)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Hürlimann J., Niederhauser P. 2007: Méthodes d'analyse et d'appréciation des cours d'eau. Diatomées Niveau R (région). État de l'environnement n° 0740. Office fédéral de l'environnement, Berne. 132 p

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". Ecological Indicators, 110, 105951. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_idch(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
```

```
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
idchResults <- diat_idch(df)
```

diat_idp

Calculates the Pampean Diatom Index (IDP)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Gómez, N., & Licursi, M. (2001). The Pampean Diatom Index (IDP) for assessment of rivers and streams in Argentina. *Aquatic Ecology*, 35(2), 173-181.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_idp(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
idpResults <- diat_idp(df)
```

diat_ilm	<i>Calculates the ILM Index (ILM)</i>
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Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Leclercq, L., & Maquet, B. (1987). Deux nouveaux indices diatomique et de qualité chimique des eaux courantes. Comparaison avec différents indices existants. Cahier de Biologie Marine, 28, 303-310.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". Ecological Indicators, 110, 105951. [https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951)

Usage

```
diat_ilm(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
ilmResults <- diat_ilm(df)
```

`diat_ips`*Calculates the Specific Polluosensitivity Index (IPS) index*

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (`resultLoad`) obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the `diat_loadData()` function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Coste, M. (1982). Étude des méthodes biologiques d'appréciation quantitative de la qualité des eaux. Rapport Cemagref QE Lyon-AF Bassin Rhône Méditerranée Corse.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_ips(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

<code>resultLoad</code>	The resulting list obtained from the <code>diat_loadData()</code> function
<code>maxDistTaxa</code>	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
ipsResults <- diat_ips(df)
```

diat_loadData

*Loads the Data into DiaThor in the correct format***Description**

Loads the CSV or dataframe file, sets the Output folder for the package, and conducts both an exact and an heuristic search of the species' names.

The input file for the package is a dataframe or an external CSV file. Species should be listed as rows, with species' names in column 1 (column name should be "species") The other columns (samples) have to contain the abundance of each species (relative or absolute) in each sample. The first row of the file has to contain the headers with the sample names. Remember that a column named "species" is mandatory, containing the species' names If a dataframe is not specified as a parameter (species_df), the package will show a dialog box to search for the CSV file A second dialog box will help set up an Output folder, where all outputs from the package will be exported to (dataframes, CSV files, plots in PDF) The package also downloads and installs a wrapper for the 'Diat.Barcode' project. Besides citing the DiaThor package, the Diat.Barcode project should also be cited, as follows:

- Rimet F., Gusev E., Kahlert M., Kelly M., Kulikovskiy M., Maltsev Y., Mann D., Pfannkuchen M., Trobajo R., Vasselon V., Zimmermann J., Bouchez A., 2019. Diat.barcode, an open-access curated barcode library for diatoms. Scientific Reports. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-51500-6>

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". Ecological Indicators, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_loadData(
  species_df,
  isRelAb = FALSE,
  maxDistTaxa = 2,
  resultsPath,
  updateDBC = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

species_df	The data frame with your species data. Species as rows, Samples as columns. If empty, a dialog box will prompt to import a CSV file
isRelAb	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' it means that your species' data is the relative abundance of each species per site. If FALSE, it means that it the data corresponds to absolute densities. Default = FALSE

maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2
resultsPath	String. Path for the output data. If empty (default), it will prompt a dialog box to select an output folder
updateDBC	Boolean. If TRUE it will attempt to update the database from the DiatBarcode project, otherwise it will use the latest internal database. Default = TRUE

diat_lobo	<i>Calculates the Lobo Index (LOBO)</i>
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Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Lobo, E. A., Callegaro, V. L. M., & Bender, E. P. (2002). Utilização de algas diatomáceas epilíticas como indicadores da qualidade da água em rios e arroios da Região Hidrográfica do Guaíba, RS, Brasil. Edunisc.
- Lobo, E. A., Bes, D., Tudesque, L., & Ector, L. (2004). Water quality assessment of the Pardinho River, RS, Brazil, using epilithic diatom assemblages and faecal coliforms as biological indicators. *Vie et Milieu*, 54(2-3), 115-126.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epilithic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_lobo(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
loboResults <- diat_lobo(df)
```

diat_morpho

Calculate morphological parameters for diatoms

Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function to calculate morphological parameters. The morphological data (size classes, chloroplasts) is obtained from the 'Diat.Barcode' project. Besides citing DiaThor, the Diat.Barcode project should also be cited if the package is used, as follows:

- Rimet F., Gusev E., Kahlert M., Kelly M., Kulikovskiy M., Maltsev Y., Mann D., Pfannkuchen M., Trobajo R., Vasselon V., Zimmermann J., Bouchez A., 2019. Diat.barcode, an open-access curated barcode library for diatoms. Scientific Reports. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-51500-6>

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". Ecological Indicators, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_morpho(resultLoad, isRelAb = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>resultLoad</code>	The resulting list obtained from the <code>diat_loadData()</code> function
<code>isRelAb</code>	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' it means that your species' data is the relative abundance of each species per site. If FALSE, it means that the data corresponds to absolute densities. Default = FALSE

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
morphoResults <- diat_morpho(df)
```

diat_pbidw

Calculates the PBIDW Index (PBIDW)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Castro-Roa, D., & Pinilla-Agudelo, G. (2014). Periphytic diatom index for assessing the ecological quality of the Colombian Andean urban wetlands of Bogotá. *Limnetica*, 33(2), 297-312.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_pbidw(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
```

```
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
pbidwResults <- diat_pbidw(df)
```

diat_pdise

Calculates the Swedish Phosphorus Diatom Index (PDISE)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Kahlert, M., Fölster, J., & Tapolczai, K. (2023). No lukewarm diatom communities—the response of freshwater benthic diatoms to phosphorus in streams as basis for a new phosphorus diatom index (PDISE). *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 195(7), 807.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_pdise(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
pdiseResults <- diat_pdise(df)
```

diat_sampleData	<i>Sample Data</i>
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Description

This sample data is a dataset used in: Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipellic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951.

Usage

```
data(diat_sampleData)
```

Format

A data frame with the abundance of 164 diatoms in 108 sampled sites

Source

[doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951)

References

Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipellic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951.

diat_size	<i>Calculate size classes for diatoms</i>
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Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function to calculate size classes for diatoms. Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipellic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. [https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951)

Size class classification is obtained from:

- Rimet F. & Bouchez A., 2012. Life-forms, cell-sizes and ecological guilds of diatoms in European rivers. *Knowledge and management of aquatic ecosystems*, 406: 1-14. DOI:10.1051/kmae/2012018

Usage

```
diat_size(resultLoad)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
sizeResults <- diat_size(df)
```

diat_sla

Calculates the Sladeczek Index (SLA)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (`resultLoad`) obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the `diat_loadData()` function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Sládeček, V. (1986). Diatoms as indicators of organic pollution. *Acta hydrochimica et hydrobiologica*, 14(5), 555-566.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cochero, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_sla(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

`resultLoad` The resulting list obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function

`maxDistTaxa` Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
slaResults <- diat_sla(df)
```

diat_spear

Calculates the SPEAR(herbicides) Index (SPEAR)

Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Wood, R. J., Mitrovic, S. M., Lim, R. P., Warne, M. S. J., Dunlop, J., & Kefford, B. J. (2019). Benthic diatoms as indicators of herbicide toxicity in rivers—A new SPEcies At Risk (SPEARherbicides) index. *Ecological Indicators*, 99, 203-213.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_spear(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
```

```
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
spearResults <- diat_spear(df)
```

diat_taxaList	<i>Creates a single list with taxa names from all indices within DiaThor</i>
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Description

Creates a single list with taxa names from all indices within DiaThor

Usage

```
diat_taxaList()
```

diat_tdi	<i>Calculates the Trophic (TDI) index</i>
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Description

The input for all of these functions is the resulting dataframe (resultLoad) obtained from the diat_loadData() function. A CSV or dataframe cannot be used directly with these functions, they have to be loaded first with the diat_loadData() function so the acronyms and species' names are recognized. References for the index:

- Kelly, M. G., & Whitton, B. A. (1995). The trophic diatom index: a new index for monitoring eutrophication in rivers. *Journal of Applied Phycology*, 7(4), 433-444.

Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Usage

```
diat_tdi(resultLoad, maxDistTaxa = 2)
```

Arguments

resultLoad	The resulting list obtained from the diat_loadData() function
maxDistTaxa	Integer. Number of characters that can differ in the species' names when compared to the internal database's name in the heuristic search. Default = 2

Examples

```
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
tdiResults <- diat_tdi(df)
```

diat_vandam	<i>Calculates ecological information for diatoms based on the Van Dam classification</i>
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Description

The input for these functions is the resulting dataframe obtained from the `diat_loadData()` function, to calculate ecological information for diatoms based on the Van Dam classification. Sample data in the examples is taken from:

- Nicolosi Gelis, María Mercedes; Cocheró, Joaquín; Donadelli, Jorge; Gómez, Nora. 2020. "Exploring the use of nuclear alterations, motility and ecological guilds in epipelagic diatoms as biomonitoring tools for water quality improvement in urban impacted lowland streams". *Ecological Indicators*, 110, 105951. <https://doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2019.105951>

Van Dam classification is obtained from:

- Van Dam, H., Mertens, A., & Sinkeldam, J. (1994). A coded checklist and ecological indicator values of freshwater diatoms from the Netherlands. *Netherlands Journal of Aquatic Ecology*, 28(1), 117-133.

Usage

```
diat_vandam(resultLoad, vandamReports = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>resultLoad</code>	The resulting list obtained from the <code>diat_loadData()</code> function
<code>vandamReports</code>	Boolean. If set to 'TRUE' the detailed reports for the Van Dam classifications will be reported in the Output. Default = TRUE

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example using sample data included in the package (sampleData):
data("diat_sampleData")
# First, the diat_loadData() function has to be called to read the data
# The data will be stored into a list (loadedData)
```

```
# And an output folder will be selected through a dialog box if resultsPath is empty
# In the example, a temporary directory will be used in resultsPath
df <- diat_loadData(diat_sampleData, resultsPath = tempdir())
vandamResults <- diat_vandam(df)

## End(Not run)
```

disp	<i>DISP</i>
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Description

Index values for diatom species included in the DISP index

Usage

```
data(disp)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 143 species

Source

[doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.07.026](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.07.026)

References

Stenger-Kovács, C., Körmendi, K., Lengyel, E., Abonyi, A., Hajnal, É., Szabó, B., Buczkó, K. & Padišák, J. (2018). Expanding the trait-based concept of benthic diatoms: Development of trait- and species-based indices for conductivity as the master variable of ecological status in continental saline lakes. *Ecological Indicators*, 95, 63-74.

edi	<i>EDI</i>
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Description

Index values for diatom species included in the EDI index

Usage

```
data(edi)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 147 species

Source

<https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acsestwater.4c00126>

References

Chamorro, S., Moyón, J., Salazar, J., Chamorro, K., Vicuña, Z., Cordero, P., Bécares, E. & Blanco, S. (2024). Water Quality Monitoring in Ecuadorian Streams Using a New Diatom-Based Index. *ACS ES&T Water*, 4(9), 3816-3823.

epid

EPID

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the EPID index

Usage

`data(epid)`

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 1038 species

Source

<https://www.tib.eu/en/search/id/BLCP:CN034949165/Use-of-algae-for-monitoring-rivers-in-the-Czech?cHash=fdd9e0b1bf812a31ec0f692a273cab04>

References

Dell'Uomo, A. (1996). Assessment of water quality of an Apennine river as a pilot study for diatom-based monitoring of Italian watercourses. *Use of algae for monitoring rivers*, 65-72.

idap

IDAP

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the IDAP index

Usage

`data(idap)`

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 194 species

Source

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00028033>

References

Prygiel, J., & Coste, M. (1993). The assessment of water quality in the Artois-Picardie water basin (France) by the use of diatom indices. *Hydrobiologia*, 269(1), 343-349.

idch

ID-CH

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the IC-CH index

Usage

```
data(idch)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 550 species

Source

<https://www.bafu.admin.ch/bafu/fr/home/themes/eaux/publications/publications-eaux/methodes-analyse-appreciation-cours-eau-diatomees.html>

References

Hürlimann J., Niederhauser P. (2007). Méthodes d'analyse et d'appréciation des cours d'eau. Diatomées Niveau R (région). État de l'environnement n° 0740. Office fédéral de l'environnement, Berne. 132 p

idp

IDP

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the IDP index

Usage

```
data(idp)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 475 species

Source

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1023/A:1011415209445>

References

Gómez, N., & Licursi, M. (2001). The Pampean Diatom Index (IDP) for assessment of rivers and streams in Argentina. *Aquatic Ecology*, 35(2), 173-181.

ilm

ILM

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the ILM index

Usage

```
data(ilm)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 667 species

Source

<https://www.vliz.be/imisdocs/publications/286641.pdf>

References

Leclercq, L., & Maquet, B. (1987). Deux nouveaux indices diatomique et de qualité chimique des eaux courantes. Comparaison avec différents indices existants. *Cahier de Biologie Marine*, 28, 303-310

ips

IPS

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the IPS index

Usage

`data(ips)`

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 6881 species

Source

<https://www.documentation.eauetbiodiversite.fr/notice/etude-des-methodes-biologiques-d-appreciation>

References

Coste, M. (1982). Étude des méthodes biologiques d'appréciation quantitative de la qualité des eaux. Rapport Cemagref QE Lyon-AF Bassin Rhône Méditerranée Corse.

lobo

LOBO

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the LOBO index

Usage

`data(lobo)`

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 297 species

References

Lobo, E. A., Callegaro, V. L. M., & Bender, E. P. (2002). Utilização de algas diatomáceas epilíticas como indicadoras da qualidade da água em rios e arroios da Região Hidrográfica do Guaíba, RS, Brasil. Edunisc.

pbidw

PBIDW

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the PBIDW index

Usage

data(pbidw)

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 79 species

Source

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/270591536_Periphytic_diatom_index_for_assessing_the_ecological_quality_of_the_Colombian_Andean_urban_wetlands_of_Bogota

References

Castro-Roa, D., & Pinilla-Agudelo, G. (2014). Periphytic diatom index for assessing the ecological quality of the Colombian Andean urban wetlands of Bogotá. *Limnetica*, 33(2), 297-312.

pdise

PDISE

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the PDise index

Usage

data(pdise)

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 455 species

Source

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10661-023-11378-4>

References

Kahlert, M., Fölster, J., & Tapolczai, K. (2023). No lukewarm diatom communities—the response of freshwater benthic diatoms to phosphorus in streams as basis for a new phosphorus diatom index (PDISE). *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment*, 195(7), 807

sla

SLA

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the SLA index

Usage

data(sla)

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 976 species

Source

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/ahch.19860140519>

References

Sládeček, V. (1986). Diatoms as indicators of organic pollution. *Acta hydrochimica et hydrobiologica*, 14(5), 555-566.

spear

SPEAR(h)

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the SPEAR(h) index

Usage

data(spear)

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 285 species

Source

[doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.12.035](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2018.12.035)

References

Wood, R. J., Mitrovic, S. M., Lim, R. P., Warne, M. S. J., Dunlop, J., & Kefford, B. J. (2019). Benthic diatoms as indicators of herbicide toxicity in rivers—A new SPEcies At Risk (SPEARherbicides) index. *Ecological Indicators*, 99, 203-213.

`taxaList`*taxaList*

Description

List of taxa names used in all indices. Gets updated user-end if a new DBC is found

Usage

```
data(taxaList)
```

Format

A data frame with names of 9806 taxa

`tdi`*TDI*

Description

Index values for diatom species included in the TDI index

Usage

```
data(tdi)
```

Format

A data frame with the ecological values for 3445 species

Source

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/BF00003802>

References

Kelly, M. G., & Whitton, B. A. (1995). The trophic diatom index: a new index for monitoring eutrophication in rivers. *Journal of Applied Phycology*, 7(4), 433-444.

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