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| calculate_HFTI | <i>Calculate Human Footprint Tolerance Index (HFTI)</i> |
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Description

This function calculates the HFTI for each species occurrence based on the average human footprint within a 1 km buffer around each occurrence.

Usage

```
calculate_HFTI(occurrences, footprint, divisor = 50, buffer_m = 1000)
```

Arguments

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| occurrences | An sf object containing processed occurrences. |
| footprint | A RasterLayer containing human footprint values. |
| divisor | A numeric value to divide the footprint by (default = 50). |
| buffer_m | Numeric. Buffer size in meters for footprint extraction (default = 1000). |

Value

A list with:

data The sf object of occurrences with a new column HFTI_value.

HFTI A data frame with the median HFTI per species.

Examples

```
# Note: simple example using the internal "toy" data
footprint <- load_human_footprint()
# We need dummy occurrence data for the example to run
occ_data <- data.frame(species = "SpA", longitude = -38.4, latitude = -12.6)
processed <- process_occurrences(occ_data)
hfti_result <- calculate_HFTI(processed, footprint, divisor = 50, buffer_m = 1000)
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| calculate_RTI | <i>Calculate Road Tolerance Index (RTI)</i> |
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Description

Esta função calcula o RTI para cada ocorrência de espécie com base na distância mínima até a estrada mais próxima. A fórmula usada é:

$$RTI = \frac{ref_dist}{dist + ref_dist}$$

Usage

```
calculate_RTI(occurrences, roads, ref_dist = 3.5)
```

Arguments

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| occurrences | Um objeto sf contendo as ocorrências já processadas (output de <code>process_occurrences()</code>). |
| roads | Um objeto sf contendo a rede de estradas. |
| ref_dist | Distância de referência em quilômetros (padrão = 3.5). |

Details

Se `dist = 0`, então `RTI = 1`. Conforme `dist` aumenta, `RTI` aproxima-se de 0.

Value

Uma lista com:

data O objeto sf de ocorrências, porém com uma nova coluna `RTI_value` com o índice calculado.

RTI Um data frame com a mediana de RTI por espécie.

Examples

```
# Carregar rodovias de exemplo (Toy data)
roads <- load_roads()

# Criar dados de ocorrencia ficticios na area do Toy Data
occ_data <- data.frame(
  species = "SpA",
  longitude = -38.4,
  latitude = -12.6
)

# Processar ocorrencias
processed <- process_occurrences(occ_data)

# Calcular RTI
rti_res <- calculate_RTI(processed, roads, ref_dist = 3.5)
```

compute_indices *Compute both RTI and HFTI*

Description

This main function processes occurrence data (removing duplicates, filtering close points), then calculates the Highway Tolerance Index (RTI) and the Human Footprint Tolerance Index (HFTI).

Usage

```
compute_indices(
  data,
  remove_duplicates = TRUE,
  buffer_km = 1,
  ref_dist = 3.5,
  divisor = 50,
  data_type = "toy"
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| data | A data frame with columns "species", "longitude", and "latitude". |
| remove_duplicates | Logical. If TRUE, remove exact duplicates of species + coordinates. |
| buffer_km | Numeric. Buffer size in kilometers for removing nearby points. |
| ref_dist | Numeric. Reference distance in kilometers for RTI. |
| divisor | Numeric. Divisor for the human footprint values in HFTI. |
| data_type | Character. Options are "toy" (default) or "full". |

Value

A list containing:

RTI A data frame with median RTI values per species.

HFTI A data frame with median HFTI values per species.

indices A data frame combining both RTI and HFTI by species.

processed_data The sf object of occurrences with RTI and HFTI values.

Examples

```
# Example usage with internal toy data
# Using coordinates that fall within the provided toy dataset (Bahia, Brazil)
sample_data <- data.frame(
  species = c("SpA", "SpA", "SpB", "SpB"),
  longitude = c(-38.40, -38.41, -38.42, -38.43),
  latitude = c(-12.60, -12.61, -12.62, -12.63)
```

```
)  
  
result <- compute_indices(  
  data = sample_data,  
  remove_duplicates = TRUE,  
  buffer_km = 1,  
  ref_dist = 3.5,  
  divisor = 50  
)  
  
print(result$RTI)  
print(result$HFTI)  
print(result$indices)
```

generate_all_reports *Generate and save maps & density plots for RTI and HFTI of all species*

Description

Esta funcao recebe o resultado de `compute_indices()`, um shapefile de area de estudo e o diretorio de saida. Para cada especie presente em `result$processed_data`, ela gera:

1. Mapa de RTI (points coloridos por RTI_value)
2. Mapa de HFTI (points coloridos por HFTI_value)
3. Grafico de densidade de RTI (com linha vertical na mediana)
4. Grafico de densidade de HFTI (com linha vertical na mediana) Alem disso, salva um arquivo CSV com RTI e HFTI medios por especie.

Usage

```
generate_all_reports(  
  result,  
  area_shapefile,  
  out_dir,  
  map_crs = 4326,  
  point_size = 1.5,  
  density_fill = "steelblue",  
  density_alpha = 0.35  
)
```

Arguments

result Lista retornada por `compute_indices()`, contendo:
processed_data Um objeto `sf` com as ocorrencias.
indices Data frame com RTI e HFTI medios por especie.

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| <code>area_shapefile</code> | Caminho (string) para o shapefile da area de estudo (por exemplo, limite do Brasil). Deve ser um arquivo .shp. |
| <code>out_dir</code> | Caminho (string) para o diretorio onde as imagens e o CSV serao salvos. Caso nao exista, sera criado automaticamente. |
| <code>map_crs</code> | CRS desejado para os mapas (padrao = 4326, WGS84). |
| <code>point_size</code> | Tamanho dos pontos nos mapas (padrao = 1.5). |
| <code>density_fill</code> | Cor de preenchimento dos graficos de densidade (padrao = "steelblue"). |
| <code>density_alpha</code> | Transparencia do preenchimento dos graficos de densidade (padrao = 0.35). |

Value

Invisivel. A funcao retorna NULL apos salvar todos os arquivos em `out_dir`.

`load_human_footprint` *Load Human Footprint GeoTIFF*

Description

This function loads the human footprint data. By default, it loads a small "toy" raster included in the package. To use the full Brazil raster, set `type = "full"`.

Usage

```
load_human_footprint(type = "toy")
```

Arguments

`type` Character. Options are "toy" (default) or "full".

Value

A RasterLayer object containing human footprint data.

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| load_roads | <i>Load Brazilian Roads Data</i> |
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Description

This function loads the roads data. By default, it loads a small "toy" dataset included in the package for testing and examples. To use the full dataset (all Brazilian roads), set `type = "full"`. The full dataset will be downloaded from Zenodo upon the first request and cached locally.

Usage

```
load_roads(type = "toy")
```

Arguments

`type` Character. Options are "toy" (default) or "full".

Value

An sf object containing roads data.

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| process_occurrences | <i>Process occurrence data</i> |
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Description

This function processes species occurrence data by optionally removing duplicates and filtering out points that are closer than a specified distance (buffer).

Usage

```
process_occurrences(data, remove_duplicates = TRUE, buffer_km = 1)
```

Arguments

`data` A data frame containing at least the columns "species", "longitude", and "latitude".

`remove_duplicates` Logical. If TRUE, remove exact duplicates of species + coordinates.

`buffer_km` The buffer size in kilometers used to filter out close points.

Value

An sf object with the processed occurrences.

Examples

```
# Example data
occ_data <- data.frame(
  species = c("SpA", "SpA", "SpB", "SpB"),
  longitude = c(-50, -50.0005, -51, -51.001),
  latitude = c(-10, -10.0005, -11, -11.001)
)

processed <- process_occurrences(
  data = occ_data,
  remove_duplicates = TRUE,
  buffer_km = 1
)
processed
```

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