

# Package ‘invacost’

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computeAvgTotCost	<i>Calculate the cumulative and average annual cost over a single period of time</i>
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### Description

This simple function calculates the cumulative cost average annual cost of invasive alien species over a single period of time. It is used internally by [summarizeCosts](#).

### Usage

```
computeAvgTotCost(
  costdb,
  cost.column = "Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate",
  year.column = "Impact_year",
  min.year = NULL,
  max.year = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

costdb	The <b>expanded 'InvaCost' database</b> output from <a href="#">expandYearlyCosts</a> , where annual costs occurring over several years are repeated for each year.
cost.column	Name of the cost column to use in costdb (usually, choose between the exchange rate (default) or Purchase Power Parity cost per year)
year.column	Name of the year column to use in costdb.
min.year	The minimum year of the period (specify only if different from the range of data)
max.year	The maximum year of the period (specify only if different from the range of data)

### Value

a named list with 5 elements

- `initial_year`: first year in the data
- `final_year`: last year in the data
- `time_span`: the difference between initial and final years.
- `total_cost`: total cost.
- `annual.cost`: cost per year
- `number_estimates`: the number of cost estimates before expansion via [expandYearlyCosts](#)
- `number_year_values`: the number of costs per year included

**Note**

Arguments `min.year` and `max.year` do not filter the data. Only specify them if you wish to change the interval over which averages are calculated. For example, if your data have values from 1960 to 1964 but you want to calculate the average value from 1960 to 1969, set `min.year = 1960` and `max.year = 1969`.

However, if you want to calculate values for an interval narrower than your data, filter the data BEFORE running this function.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[expandYearlyCosts](#) to get the database in appropriate format.

**Examples**

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
# Eliminating data with no information on starting and ending years
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_starting_year_adjusted)), ]
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_ending_year_adjusted)), ]
# Keeping only observed and reliable costs
invacost <- invacost[invacost$Implementation == "Observed", ]
invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- computeAvgTotCost(db.over.time,
                        min.year = 1960,
                        max.year = 2020) # Excluding data after 2020 (e.g. planned budgets)

res
```

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expandYearlyCosts	<i>Expand cost values per year of the database over relevant periods of impact</i>
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### Description

For costs that occur over several years, this function repeats the cost value per year over each year of the relevant period of impact.

### Usage

```
expandYearlyCosts(costdb, startcolumn, endcolumn)
```

### Arguments

costdb	The ' <b>InvaCost</b> ' database, usually obtained with data( <a href="#">invacost</a> )
startcolumn	Name of the column containing starting years
endcolumn	Name of the column containing ending years

### Value

A data.frame containing the 'InvaCost' database where all costs occurring over several years are repeated for each year.

### Note

Information on the beginning and ending years was not directly provided in literature sources of economic costs for a substantial part of entries in the database (Probable\_starting\_year and Probable\_ending\_year columns). Therefore, for papers for which this information was not available, educated guesses were made by the 'InvaCost' team on the probable starting and ending years. These educated guesses were designed to be conservative, and make no assumption as of whether the economic impacts have been continued after the publication year of the material where the cost was collected. Therefore, we used the publication year as the probable ending year. For costs repeated over several years but for which no information with respect to the exact periods of impact was available, we counted only a single year. These educated guesses are included in the columns (columns Probable\_starting\_year\_adjusted and Probable\_ending\_year\_adjusted), and we recommend using them the base scenario, as its conservative assumptions limit over-estimations of the costs.

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invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")
```

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getInvaCostVersion      *Download and read a specific version of 'InvaCost'*

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## Description

This function will download the requested major release of 'InvaCost' to the specified file, then read it into R, such that analyses done on older releases of the database can be reproduced.

## Usage

```
getInvaCostVersion(version = "4.1", destination_file = NULL)
```

## Arguments

**version**                      character indicating the major release to download. Current versions include: "1.0", "2.0", "2.1", "3.0", "4.0" and "4.1",

**destination\_file**              character indicating the name of the saved file

## Details

The public archive for 'InvaCost' releases is available here: [https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/InvaCost\\_References\\_and\\_description\\_of\\_economic\\_cost\\_estimates\\_associated\\_with\\_biological\\_invasions\\_worldwide\\_/12668570](https://figshare.com/articles/dataset/InvaCost_References_and_description_of_economic_cost_estimates_associated_with_biological_invasions_worldwide_/12668570)

The files used in this function correspond to official releases by the 'InvaCost' team and are downloaded in CSV (sep = ";") from a dedicated GitHub repository: [https://github.com/Farewe/invacost\\_versions](https://github.com/Farewe/invacost_versions)

## Value

a `data.frame` with dimensions variable depending on the chosen version.

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## References

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## Examples

```
invacost <- getInvaCostVersion("1.0")  
dim(invacost)
```

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invacost

*'InvaCost' database*

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## Description

The 'InvaCost' database compiling published values of economic costs of Invasive Alien Species. Version 4.1

## Usage

```
data(invacost)
```

## Format

A data frame with 13553 rows and 66 variables

## Details

**InvaCost\_ID** Public unique identifier of the cost entry, which is used since the version 4.1 of the database; this is formulated as follows: 'IC\_x\_y' with 'IC' meaning InvaCost, 'x' being the version number of the database, and 'y' being the sequential number attributed following the order of integration of costs in the database

**Cost\_ID** Original identifier of the cost entry, as proposed by the contributors and then confirmed/modified by the database managers to ensure consistency within the whole database. This code is used to designate the cost entry for (i) internal tracing of the cost estimate by the database managers and (ii) identifying the cost entry when it is mentioned in the Overlap column

**Repository** Literature engine (Web of Science (WoS), Google Scholar (GS), Google search engine (Go), Pubmed, Scielo) or original source (Targeted collection (TC)) from which the reference was collected (see Diagne et al. 2020 Scientific Data for further details); cells are left empty when no repository was specified or the reference was shared by external users that did not give any information about this

**Reference\_ID** Identifier for the reference where the cost entry is reported; note that this field is currently being improved internally to have a consistent terminology across references within the database

**Reference\_title** Title of the reference where the cost entry is reported. As much as possible, this is the original source where the cost was first provided

**Authors** Authors of the reference where the cost entry is reported

**Abstract** If existing/accessible, the abstract of the reference where the cost entry is reported

**Publication\_year** Year of publication of the reference where the cost entry is reported

**Language** Main language used in the original reference reporting the cost entry; 22 languages are currently recorded in the database: Catalan, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Greek, Hindi, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Ukrainian

**Type\_of\_material** Type of reference analyzed (i.e. scientific peer-reviewed article or grey literature); for grey literature, the exact nature of the reference was indicated (e.g., official report, press release)

**Previous\_materials** If any, the list of successive materials checked before reaching the original reference providing the cost entry

**Availability** The accessibility of the original reference as a searchable document (yes/no)

**Kingdom** Taxonomic kingdom of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Phylum** Taxonomic phylum of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Class** Taxonomic class of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Order** Taxonomic order of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Family** Taxonomic family of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Genus** Taxonomic genus of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Species** Taxonomic species of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Subspecies** Taxonomic sub-species of the invasive species associated with the cost entry

**Common\_name** Non-scientific (or vernacular) name(s) provided in the original reference, or by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) when not provided

**Environment** Type of environment (aquatic, terrestrial, semi-aquatic, diverse/unspecified) where the cost estimate occurred

**Environment\_IAS** Type of environment where the invasive species lives, independently of where the cost occurred: aquatic (species with a close association with aquatic systems at any life stage, including for reproduction, development and/or foraging), semi-aquatic (species with a looser association with aquatic systems) or terrestrial (otherwise); diverse/unspecified is used when there are multiple IAS pertaining to different environments.

**HabitatVerbatim** Copy from the original reference of the sentence/paragraph indicating the habitat typology of the studied area

**Habitat** The type of habitat where the cost occurred (1.Forests: closed vegetation dominated by deciduous or evergreen trees; 2.Open forests: woodland vegetation with canopy openings created by environmental stress or disturbance; 3.Scrub: shrublands maintained by environmental stress (aridity) or disturbance; 4.Grasslands: open graminoid-dominated habitats maintained either by climate (steppes, prairies, savannas) or land-use (grazing, mowing) or combination of both – if possible, specified if it corresponds with 4a.Natural grasslands or 4b.Human-maintained grasslands; 5.Sandy: dunes and other habitats on unstable sandy substrate, stressed by low nutrients, drought and disturbed by sand movement; 6.Rocky: cliffs and rock outcrops with very shallow or no soil; 7.Dryland: habitats in which drought stress limits vegetation development; 8.Saline: habitats stressed by high soil salinity; 9.Riparian: a mosaic of wetlands, grasslands, tall-forb stands, scrub and woodlands in stream corridors; 10.Wetland: sites with permanent or seasonal influence of moisture, ranging from oligotrophic to eutrophic; 11.Aquatic: water bodies and streams with submerged and floating plant species; 12.Man-made: habitats created by humans or where human factor is the main shaping force - if possible, specified if it corresponds with 12a.Ruderal (= urban) or 12b.Agricultural habitats

**urbanArea** Assessment of the geographical area where the cost occurred as being strictly urban if the cost occurred in an urban area only; other if the cost occurred in a non-urban area or in a large area where urban and non-urban areas cannot be distinguished; both if the study compares the cost between urban and non-urban areas (i.e. urban vs. suburban, or suburban vs. non-urban; the comparison must be explicit) or presents the cost across contrasted areas regarding their level of urbanization (e.g. urbanization gradient). Note that we consider the urban nature of study sites purely based on an 'habitat' perspective (i.e. city versus rural areas) rather than a demographic one (e.g. population size or human density)

**protectedArea** Assessment of the geographical area where the cost occurred as a protected area (Y) or not (N); NA is used if the area comprises both protected and unprotected areas, or if the protection status of the place is unknown

**Island** Assessment of the geographical area where the cost occurred as an island (Y) or not (N); NA is used when the cost information is not clearly provided, unknown, or comprises both island and mainland together

**Geographic\_region** Geographical region(s) where the cost occurred (Africa, Antarctic-Subantarctic, Asia, Central America, Europe, North America, Oceania, Pacific islands, South America); Diverse/unspecified was used when the cost estimate occurred over several regions simultaneously

**Official\_country** Country where the cost occurred; sometimes, this is not congruent with the geographic region as some territories (e.g., overseas areas) are located in another continent than their official country of attachment; we used information from [www.natureearthdata.com/](http://www.natureearthdata.com/) as a reference for country's name

- State|Province|Administrative\_area** The second level of geographic division (state, province or territorial administrative area) for the official country where the cost occurred
- Location** When provided, the precise location (e.g., city, area) where the cost estimate occurred. Otherwise, we put (i) NA when such information was not provided and the cost entry was provided at a unit or site Spatial scale, or (ii) diverse/unspecified when such information was not provided and the cost entry was provided at global, intercontinental, continental, regional or country Spatial scale
- Spatial\_scale** Order of magnitude of the extent, size of the land/water area where the costs incurred. Options include: global (worldwide-scale), intercontinental (areas from two or more geographic regions), continental ('Geographic region' level), regional (several countries within a single 'Geographic region'), country, site (area at intra-country level, including USA states) and unit (well-defined surface area or entity)
- Period\_of\_estimation** If provided, the exact period of time covered by the cost, otherwise the raw formulation provided in the reference analyzed (e.g. late 90s, during 5 years)
- Time\_range** Two options: period if the cost is given for a period exceeding a year; or year if the cost is given yearly or for a period up to one year. Alternatively, we put Unspecified if no information is given or guessable from the source
- Probable\_starting\_year** Year in which the cost is known or assumed to have started to occurred. When not explicitly provided by the authors, we mentioned unspecified; in the case of a cost estimate provided for a one-year period straddling two calendar years, we mentioned the latest year of the cost occurrence.
- Probable\_ending\_year** Year in which the cost is known or assumed to have ended. When not explicitly provided by the authors, we mentioned unspecified; in the case of a cost estimate provided for a one-year period straddling two calendar years, we mentioned the latest year of the cost occurrence.
- Probable\_starting\_year\_adjusted** Probable starting year and Probable ending year columns where the cells with unspecified information are replaced, as much as possible, by a specific year from educated guesses based on the duration time provided in the original reference (see Period of estimation column). When relevant (e.g. the authors provide a cost that occurs "since/for a well-defined number of years"), we considered the Publication year as a reference for the probable starting/ending year from which we added or subtracted the number of years provided; when vague formulations were used (e.g., early 90s), we still translated them in probable ending/starting year (e.g., 1990–1995); when annual costs were provided, but without clear information on the temporal range, we conservatively considered the year of the cost occurrence (or the Publication year, if not provided) in both columns. When no relevant approximation is feasible, we leave blank in one and/or the other column(s). These columns are those used for obtaining the number of years by which the raw cost estimates are divided to get the cot estimates per year
- Probable\_ending\_year\_adjusted** Probable starting year and Probable ending year columns where the cells with unspecified information are replaced, as much as possible, by a specific year from educated guesses based on the duration time provided in the original reference (see Period of estimation column). When relevant (e.g. the authors provide a cost that occurs "since/for a well-defined number of years"), we considered the Publication year as a reference for the probable starting/ending year from which we added or subtracted the number of years provided; when vague formulations were used (e.g., early 90s), we still translated them in probable ending/starting year (e.g., 1990–1995); when annual costs were provided, but without clear information on the temporal range, we conservatively considered the year of the cost

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**Occurrence** Status of the cost estimate as potentially ongoing (if the cost can be expected to continue over time) or one-time (if the cost was deemed as unlikely to continue)

**Raw\_cost\_estimate\_original\_currency** Cost estimate directly retrieved from the analyzed reference

**Min\_Raw\_cost\_estimate\_original\_currency** Lower boundary of the Raw cost estimate original currency (if a range of estimates was provided by the authors)

**Max\_Raw\_cost\_estimate\_original\_currency** Higher boundary of the Raw cost estimate original currency (if a range of estimates was provided by the authors)

**Raw\_cost\_estimate\_2017\_USD\_exchange\_rate** Raw cost estimate original currency standardised from original Currency and Applicable year to 2017 US\$ based on the official market exchange rate (original currency unit per US\$) provided by the World Bank Open Data (available at <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/PA.NUS.FCRF?end=2017&start=1960>)

**Raw\_cost\_estimate\_2017\_USD\_PPP** Raw cost estimate original currency standardized to 2017 US\$ based on the official Purchase Power Parity (PPP; original currency unit per US\$) provided by the World Bank Open Data (available at <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/PA.NUS.PPP?end=2017&start=1990>) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (available at <https://data.oecd.org/conversion/purchasing-powerparities-ppp.htm>)

**Cost\_estimate\_per\_year\_original\_currency** Raw cost estimate original currency transformed to a cost estimate per year of the Period of estimation, which was obtained by dividing the raw cost estimate by the number of years between the Probable starting year\_completed and Probable ending year\_completed. Blank cells are those that have no information in at least one of these two previous columns

**Cost\_estimate\_per\_year\_2017\_USD\_exchange\_rate** Cost estimate per year original currency standardized from original Currency and Applicable year to 2017 USD based on the official market exchange rate (original currency unit per US\$) provided by the World Bank Open Data (available at <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/PA.NUS.FCRF?end=2017&start=1960>). Blank cells are those that have no information in at least one of these two previous columns

**Cost\_estimate\_per\_year\_2017\_USD\_PPP** Cost estimate per year original currency standardized from original Currency and Applicable year to 2017 USD based on Purchase Power Parity (PPP; original currency unit per US\$) provided by the World Bank Open Data (available at <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/PA.NUS.PPP?end=2017&start=1990>) and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (available at <https://data.oecd.org/conversion/purchasing-powerparities-ppp.htm>). Blank cells are those that have no information in at least one of these two previous column

**Currency** Currency of the Raw cost estimate original currency as extracted in the original reference and standardised (when possible) using internationally recognized ISO 4217 codes (<https://www.iso.org/fr/iso-4217-currency-codes.html>); 50 currencies are currently recorded in InvaCost: ARS (Argentine peso), AUD (Australian Dollars), CAD (Canadian Dollars), CHF (Swiss Franc), CLP (Chilean Peso), COL (Colombian Peso), CUP (Cuban Peso), CZK (Czech Crown), DEM (Deutsche Mark), DKK (Danish Krone), ESP (Spanish Peseta), EUR (Euro), FJD (Fijian Dollar), FRF (French Franc), GBP (Pound Sterling), HKD (Hong Kong Dollars), HRK (Croatian Kuna), INR (Indian Rupee), ISK (Icelandic Crown), JPY (Yen),

KES (Kenyan Shilling), LKR (Sri Lankan Rupee), LTL (Lithuanian Litas), MAD (Moroccan Dirhams), MGA (Malagasy Ariary), MXN (Mexican Peso), NGN (Naira), NLG (Dutch Guilder), NOK (Norwegian Krone), NZD (New Zealand Dollar), PKR (Pakistani Rupee), PLN (Polish Zoty), REA (Brazilian Real), CNY (Yuan Renminbi), RUB (Russian Ruble), SEK (Swedish Krona), SGD (Singapore Dollar), SOL (Peruvian Sol), TND (Tunisian Dinar), TRY (Turkish Lira), TWD (New Taiwan Dollar), UAH (Ukrainian Hryvnia), USD (United States Dollars), UYU (Uruguay New Peso), XAF (CFA Franc BEAC), XOF (CFA franc BCEAO), XPF (Pacific Franc), ZAR (South African Rand), ZWL (Zimbabwean Dollar)

**Applicable\_year** Year of the Currency value (not the year of the cost occurrence) considered for the conversion/standardization of the cost estimate

**Type\_of\_applicable\_year** Assessment of the applicable year as effective if explicitly stated by the authors or publication year if no explicit information was provided in the reference analyzed

**Implementation** This states — at the time of the estimation — whether the reported cost was actually observed (i.e., cost actually incurred) or potential (i.e., not incurred but expected cost)

**Acquisition\_method** Method used to obtain the cost estimate: report/estimation directly obtained or derived (using inference methods) from field-based information or extrapolation (cost predicted beyond the original spatial and/or temporal observation range from computational modelling)

**Impacted\_sector** Sector impacted by the cost estimate in our socio-ecosystems: Agriculture (considered at its broadest sense, food and other useful products produced by human activities through using natural and/plant resources from their ecosystems such as crop growing, livestock breeding, beekeeping, land management); Authorities-Stakeholders (governmental services and/or official organisations such as conservation agencies, forest services, associations) that allocate efforts for the management sensu lato of biological invasions (e.g. control programs, eradication campaigns, research funding) ; Environment (impacts on natural resources, ecological processes and/or ecosystem services that have been valued by authors such as disruption of native habitats or degradation of local habitats); Fishery (fish-based activities and services such as fishing and aquaculture); Forestry (forest-based activities and services such as timber production/industries and private forests); Health (every item directly or indirectly related to the sanitary state of people such as vector control, medical care and other derived damage on human productivity and well-being); Public and social welfare (activities, goods or services contributing - directly or indirectly - to the human well-being and safety in our societies, including local infrastructures such as electric system, quality of life (e.g. income, recreational activities), personal goods (e.g. private properties, lands), public services (e.g. transports, water regulation), and market activities (e.g. tourism, trade)); Unspecified if no information is given in the source.

**Type\_of\_cost** A variety of terms/categories pertaining to damage and losses incurred by an invasion (e.g. damage-loss, damage repair, medical care, crop losses) or means dedicated to understand or predict (e.g., research), prevent (e.g., education, biosecurity), detect (e.g., monitoring, surveillance) and/or manage (e.g., control, eradication) the invasions; Unspecified is mentioned if no information is given or guessable from the source

**Type\_of\_cost\_merged** Categories of the Type of cost column reassigned into damage (economic losses due to direct and/or indirect impacts of invaders, such as yield loss, health injury, land alteration, infrastructure damage, or income reduction), management (monetary resources allocated to mitigate the spread or impacts of invaders, such as prevention, control, research, long-term management, eradication) or mixed (when costs included both 'damage' and

‘management’ components); every cost for which the exact nature of cost was not clearly defined was assigned to unspecified

**Management\_type** Pre-invasion\_management (monetary investments for preventing successful invasions in an area - including quarantine or border inspection, risk analyses, biosecurity management, etc.), post-invasion\_management (money spent for managing invasions in invaded areas - including control, eradication, containment), knowledge\_funding (money allocated to all actions and operations that could be of interest at all steps of management at pre- and post-invasion stages - including administration, communication, education, research, etc.), or mixed was assigned when costs include at least (and without possibility to disentangle the specific proportion of) two of the previous categories; every management cost (in the Type of cost column) for which the exact nature of cost was not clearly defined was assigned to unspecified. Every entry that has partly or fully associated with damage costs was assigned to NA

**Method\_reliability** Assessment of the methodological approach used for cost estimation as of (i) high reliability if either provided by officially pre-assessed materials (peer-reviewed articles and official reports) or the estimation method was documented, repeatable and/or traceable if provided by other grey literature, or (ii) low reliability if not

**Method\_reliability\_refined** Assessment of the methodological approach used for cost estimation as of high or low reliability based on the evaluation of the estimation methodology by expert contributors

**Method\_reliability\_Explanation** Detailed explanation why a particular methodological approach used for cost estimation was deemed as of high or low reliability based on expert opinion

**Method\_reliability\_Expert\_Name** Complete name and contact details of the expert had deemed the reliability of the cost entry

**Overlap** List of cost entries (using Cost\_ID) that might overlap with other cost entry(s) – this is noted as follows: Z(V/W) when the overlap is known and one or more cost ID (V,W) are included in another cost ID (Z); Z/V/W: when the overlap is not clear; and Z(V); Z/W if there are more than one unrelated overlaps

**Benefit\_value(s)** Mention (if any) of the benefit value in the analyzed material (yes/no); ‘benefit’ refers here to a monetary estimate associated with profitable activities based on IAS. This definition therefore excludes any economic gain based on avoided or mitigated effects of the IAS (for instance, due to efficient management actions over time that may result in apparent benefits from avoidance of damages) - the latter is considered as an “avoided cost” in the InvaCost database. Note that the benefit figure was not recorded or described as being out of the scope of InvaCost

**Details** When necessary, narrative elements deemed important either to understand the cost estimate or to support choices made for completing the database; this column was left unchanged from the original entries in order to allow trace-back investigations

**Initial\_contributors\_names** Name of contributor(s) having collated the cost entry

**Double-checking** Assessment of cost information collated (by at least) two contributors; yes if it has been double checked, no if it has not. The names/contacts of each contributor are provided in the Initial contributors\_names column

## Source

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modelCosts

*Model the trend of invasive alien species costs over time*

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## Description

This function fits different models on 'InvaCost' data expressed per year in order to estimate and predict the trend of invasive alien Species costs over time.

## Usage

```
modelCosts(
  costdb,
  cost.column = "Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate",
  year.column = "Impact_year",
  cost.transf = "log10",
  in.millions = TRUE,
  confidence.interval = 0.95,
  minimum.year = 1960,
  maximum.year = max(costdb[, year.column]),
  final.year = max(costdb[, year.column]),
  incomplete.year.threshold = NULL,
  incomplete.year.weights = NULL,
  gam.k = -1,
  mars.nprune = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

costdb	The <b>expanded 'InvaCost' database</b> output from <a href="#">expandYearlyCosts</a> , where costs occurring over several years are expanded over each year of impact
cost.column	Name of the cost column to use in costdb (usually, choose between the exchange rate (default) or Purchase Power Parity cost per year)
year.column	Name of the year column to use in costdb

<code>cost.transf</code>	Type of transformation you want to apply on cost values. The default is a log10 transformation, which is commonly applied in economics, allows to fit linear regression with a normal distribution of residuals, and makes plots easier to read. You can apply another transformation by specifying the name of the transformation function (e.g., natural logarithm, "log"). Specify NA or NULL to avoid any transformation
<code>in.millions</code>	If TRUE, cost values are transformed in millions (to make graphs easier to read), else if , cost values are not transformed
<code>confidence.interval</code>	A numeric value between 0 and 1, corresponding to the desired confidence interval around model predictions
<code>minimum.year</code>	The starting year of this analysis. By default, 1960 was chosen because it marks the period from which world bank data is available for exchange rates and inflation values
<code>maximum.year</code>	The ending year for this analysis. By default, the last year of <code>costdb</code> is chosen
<code>final.year</code>	The year for which the costs predicted by models is printed in the output. Default is the last year of <code>costdb</code> . Note that this is only for convenience, since predictions for all years are available in the <code>estimated.annual.costs</code> element of the output object
<code>incomplete.year.threshold</code>	Estimated threshold for incomplete cost data. All years above or equal to this threshold will be excluded from model calibration, because of the time-lag between economic impacts of invasive alien species and the documentation and publication of these impacts
<code>incomplete.year.weights</code>	A named vector containing weights of years for the regressions. Useful to decrease the weights of incomplete years in regressions. Names of this vector must correspond to years
<code>gam.k</code>	The smoothing factor of GAM; default value of -1 lets the GAM find the smoothing factor automatically. Provide a manual value if you have expectations about the shape of the curve and want to avoid overfitting because of interannual variations
<code>mars.nprune</code>	The maximum number of model terms in the MARS model. Lowering this value reduces the number of terms in the MARS model, which can be useful if you have expectations about the shape of the curve and want to reduce the impact of interannual variations
<code>...</code>	Other arguments (you do not need them!)

### Value

A list with 3 to 6 elements (only the first three are provided if you selected a cost transformation different from log10):

- `input.data`: the input cost data, for reproducibility of analyses
- `cost.data`: the costs of invasions per year, as sums of all costs for each year

- `parameters`: parameters used to run the function. The `minimum.year` and `maximum.year` are based on the input data (i.e., the user may specify `minimum.year = 1960` but the input data may only have data starting from 1970, hence the `minimum.year` will be 1970)
- `fitted.models`: a list of objects containing the fitted models. They can be extracted individually for refining analyses or making new predictions
- `estimated.annual.costs`: a `data.frame` containing the predicted cost values for each year for all the fitted models
- `RMSE`: an array containing RMSE of models for the calibration data and for all data. **NOTE: the RMSE for Quantile Regressions is not a relevant metric, IGNORE it unless you know what you are doing!**
- `final.year.cost`: a vector containing the estimated annual costs of invasive alien species based on all models for `final.year`.

The structure of this object can be seen using `str()`.

### Author(s)

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### References

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### See Also

[expandYearlyCosts](#) to get the database in appropriate format.

### Examples

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
# Eliminating data with no information on starting and ending years
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_starting_year_adjusted)), ]
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_ending_year_adjusted)), ]
# Keeping only observed and reliable costs
invacost <- invacost[invacost$Implementation == "Observed", ]
invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
```

```

endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- modelCosts(db.over.time)
res

```

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```
plot.invacost.costmodel
```

*Plot model predictions of cost trends over time*

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### Description

This function provides different plotting methods for the estimated annual cost of invasive species based on the temporal trend of costs.

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'invacost.costmodel'
plot(
  x,
  plot.breaks = 10^(-15:15),
  plot.type = "facets",
  models = c("ols.linear", "ols.quadratic", "robust.linear", "robust.quadratic", "gam",
            "mars", "quantile"),
  evaluation.metric = FALSE,
  graphical.parameters = NULL,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	The output object from <a href="#">modelCosts</a>
<code>plot.breaks</code>	a vector of numeric values indicating the plot breaks for the Y axis (cost values)
<code>plot.type</code>	"single" or "facets". Defines the type of plot you want to make: a single facet with all models ("single"), or a facet per category of model ("facets")
<code>models</code>	the models the user would like to appear in the plots. Can be any subset of the models included in 'modelCosts'. Default is all models.
<code>evaluation.metric</code>	TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, the Root Mean Square Error evaluation metric will be displayed on bottom right of the graph (except for quantile regressions, for which it not relevant). The displayed RMSE is the one based on calibration data only (see the slot RMSE in your <a href="#">modelCosts</a> object)
<code>graphical.parameters</code>	set this to "manual" if you want to customise ggplot2 parameters. By default, the following layers are configured: ylab, xlab, scale_x_continuous, theme_bw and, if <code>cost.transf = "log10"</code> , scale_y_log10 and annotation_logticks. If you specify <code>graphical.parameters = "manual"</code> , all defaults will be ignored.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments, none implemented for now

**Note**

Error bands represent 95 regression, GAM and quantile regression. We cannot construct confidence intervals around the mean for MARS techniques. However, we can estimate prediction intervals by fitting a variance model to MARS residuals. Hence, the error bands for MARS model represent 95 by fitting a linear model to the residuals of the MARS model. To learn more about this, see [varmod](#)

If the legend appears empty (no colours) on your computer screen, try to zoom in the plot, or to write to a file. There is a rare bug where under certain conditions you cannot see the colours in the legend, because of their transparency; zooming in or writing to a file are the best workarounds.

**References**

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**Examples**

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
# Eliminating data with no information on starting and ending years
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_starting_year_adjusted)), ]
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_ending_year_adjusted)), ]
# Keeping only observed and reliable costs
invacost <- invacost[invacost$Implementation == "Observed", ]
invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- modelCosts(db.over.time,
                  minimum.year = 1970,
                  maximum.year = 2020)

### Visualisation
plot(res)
plot(res, plot.type = "single")
```

---

```
plot.invacost.costsummary
```

*Plot raw cumulated cost of invasive species over different periods of time*

---

### Description

This function provides different plotting methods for the raw average annual cost of invasive species over different periods of time

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'invacost.costsummary'
plot(
  x,
  plot.breaks = 10^(-15:15),
  plot.type = "points",
  average.annual.values = TRUE,
  cost.transf = "log10",
  graphical.parameters = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	The output object from <a href="#">summarizeCosts</a>
<code>plot.breaks</code>	a vector of numeric values indicating the plot breaks for the Y axis (cost values)
<code>plot.type</code>	"points" or "bars". Defines the type of plot you want to make; bars are not advised in log scale because the base value (0) is infinite in log-scale.
<code>average.annual.values</code>	if TRUE, the plot will represent average annual values rather than cumulative values over the entire period
<code>cost.transf</code>	Type of transformation you want to apply on cost values. Specify NULL to avoid any transformation. Only useful for graphical representation.
<code>graphical.parameters</code>	set this to "manual" if you want to customise ggplot2 parameters. By default, the following layers are configured: <code>ylab</code> , <code>xlab</code> , <code>scale_x_continuous</code> , <code>theme_bw</code> and, if <code>cost.transf = "log10"</code> , <code>scale_y_log10</code> and <code>annotation_logticks</code> . If you specify <code>graphical.parameters = "manual"</code> , all defaults will be ignored.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments, none implemented for now

### References

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## Examples

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
# Eliminating data with no information on starting and ending years
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_starting_year_adjusted)), ]
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_ending_year_adjusted)), ]
# Keeping only observed and reliable costs
invacost <- invacost[invacost$Implementation == "Observed", ]
invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- summarizeCosts(db.over.time,
                      minimum.year = 1970,
                      maximum.year = 2020)

### Visualisation
plot(res)
plot(res, plot.type = "bars")
```

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prettySummary

*Provide a pretty summary of model results*

---

## Description

This function is useful for presenting the main results (coefficients, tests, etc.) of models in a paper

## Usage

```
prettySummary(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      output object from `modelCosts`

## Author(s)

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## References

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## Examples

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
# Eliminating data with no information on starting and ending years
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Probable_starting_year_adjusted)), ]
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invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- modelCosts(db.over.time)
prettySummary(res)
```

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summarizeCosts

*Summarize costs of invasions over periods of time*

---

## Description

This function summarizes the cumulative costs and average annual costs of invasive alien species and breaks it down into regular periods of time, on the basis of cost estimates as they appeared in the provided in the source references collected in the 'InvaCost' database

## Usage

```
summarizeCosts(
  costdb,
  cost.column = "Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate",
  year.column = "Impact_year",
  in.millions = TRUE,
  minimum.year = 1960,
  maximum.year = max(costdb[, year.column]),
```

```

    year.breaks = seq(minimum.year, maximum.year, by = 10),
    include.last.year = TRUE
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>costdb</code>	The <b>expanded 'InvaCost' database</b> output from <code>expandYearlyCosts</code> , where costs occurring over several years are expanded over each year of impact.
<code>cost.column</code>	Name of the cost column to use in <code>costdb</code> (usually, choose between the exchange rate (default) or Purchase Power parity cost per year)
<code>year.column</code>	Name of the year column to use in <code>costdb</code> ( usually, "Impact_year" from <code>expandYearlyCosts</code>
<code>in.millions</code>	If TRUE, cost values are transformed in millions (to make graphs easier to read), otherwise if FALSE, cost values are not transformed.
<code>minimum.year</code>	The starting year of the analysis. By default, 1960 was chosen because it marks the period from which world bank data is available for exchange rates and inflation values.
<code>maximum.year</code>	The ending year for the analysis. By default, the last year of <code>costdb</code> is chosen.
<code>year.breaks</code>	A vector of breaks for the year intervals over which you want to summarize cost values
<code>include.last.year</code>	TRUE or FALSE. Defines if the last year of the dataset is included in the last interval (TRUE) or is considered as an interval of its own (FALSE). Generally only useful if the last year is at the limit of an interval.

### Details

Missing data are ignored. However, note that the average for each interval is always calculated on the basis of the full temporal range. For example, if there is only data for 1968 for the 1960-1969 interval, then the total cost for the interval will be equal to the cost of 1968, and the average annual cost for 1960-1969 will be the cost of 1968 / 10.

### Value

A list with 6 elements:

- `cost.data`: the input data
- `parameters`: parameters used to run the function. The `minimum.year` and `maximum.year` are based on the input data (i.e., the user may specify `minimum.year = 1960` but the input data may only have data starting from 1970, hence the `minimum.year` will be 1970)
- `year.breaks`: the years used to define year intervals over which costs were calculated.
- `cost.per.year`: the costs of invasions expressed per year, as sums of all costs for each year
- `average.total.cost`: the average annual cost of invasive Alien species calculated over the entire time period
- `average.cost.per.period`: a data.frame containing the average annual cost of invasive alien species calculated over each time interval

The structure of this object can be seen using `str()`.

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**See Also**

[expandYearlyCosts](#) to get the database in appropriate format.

**Examples**

```
data(invacost)

### Cleaning steps
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invacost <- invacost[which(invacost$Method_reliability == "High"), ]
# Eliminating data with no usable cost value
invacost <- invacost[-which(is.na(invacost$Cost_estimate_per_year_2017_USD_exchange_rate)), ]

### Expansion

db.over.time <- expandYearlyCosts(invacost,
                                startcolumn = "Probable_starting_year_adjusted",
                                endcolumn = "Probable_ending_year_adjusted")

### Analysis
res <- summarizeCosts(db.over.time,
                      maximum.year = 2020) # Excluding data after 2020 (e.g. planned budgets)

res
```

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