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## Description

This package provides a streamlined workflow for processing data generated in camera trap-based wildlife studies and prepares input for further analyses, particularly in occupancy and spatial capture-recapture frameworks. It suggests a simple data structure and provides functions for managing digital camera trap photographs (and videos), generating record tables, maps of species richness and species detections and species activity diagrams. It further helps prepare subsequent analyses by creating detection/non-detection matrices for occupancy analyses, e.g. in the **unmarked** or **ubms** packages, and **capthist** objects for spatial capture-recapture analyses in the **secr** package. In addition, basic survey statistics are computed. The functions build on one another in a logical sequence. The only manual input needed is species (and individual) identification, which is achieved by moving images into species directories or by tagging images in image management software. Besides, a table holding basic information about camera trap station IDs, locations and trapping periods must be created in spreadsheet software.

## Details

Image metadata (such as date and time or user-assigned tags) are extracted from the images using Phil Harvey's ExifTool (available from <https://exiftool.org/>) and the information is stored in a record table. An adjustable criterion for temporal independence of records can be applied. Maps of species presence and species richness can be generated. Several functions are available for plotting single- and two-species activity patterns. Information about the camera-specific trapping periods (and periods of malfunction) are summarized into a matrix about camera trap operability. These, together with the record table, are used to generate species detection histories for occupancy and spatial capture-recapture analyses. The user has considerable freedom in generating the detection histories; sampling occasion length, beginning date and occasion start times are adjustable. In addition, trapping effort (i.e. active trap nights per station and occasion) can be computed for use as a covariate / offset on detection probability.

## User support

The camtrapR Google group is an online support and help forum for camtrapR users. You can find it here: <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/camtrapr>.

### Image organisation and management

The functions in this section set up a directory structure for storing camera trap images and identifying species and individuals from images. They build on one another and can be run in sequential order as needed.

<code>createStationFolders</code>	Create camera trap station directories for raw images
<code>fixDateTimeOriginal</code>	Fix <code>DateTimeOriginal</code> Exif metadata tag in Reconyx Hyperfire cameras
<code>OCRdataFields</code>	Optical character recognition (OCR) from data fields in images
<code>writeDateTimeOriginal</code>	Write values to <code>DateTimeOriginal</code> tag in image metadata
<code>timeShiftImages</code>	Apply time shifts to JPEG images
<code>imageRename</code>	Copy and rename images based on station ID and image creation date
<code>addCopyrightTag</code>	Write a copyright tag into JPEG image metadata
<code>appendSpeciesNames</code>	Add or remove species names from image filenames

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### Species / individual identification

These functions assist in species identification and prepare individual identification of animals.

<code>checkSpeciesNames</code>	Check species names against the ITIS taxonomic database
<code>createSpeciesFolders</code>	Create directories for species identification
<code>checkSpeciesIdentification</code>	Consistency check on species image identification
<code>getSpeciesImages</code>	Gather all images of a species in a new directory

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### Image data extraction

These functions use the directory structure built above (Section 'Image management workflow') and a table containing basic information about camera traps and/or stations (IDs, location, trapping period).

<code>recordTable</code>	Create a species record table from camera trap images and videos
<code>recordTableIndividual</code>	Create a single-species record table from camera trap images and videos with individual IDs
<code>exifTagNames</code>	Return Exif metadata tags and tag names from JPEG images
<code>exiftoolPath</code>	Add the directory containing <code>exiftool.exe</code> to <code>PATH</code> temporarily (Windows only)

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### Data exploration and visualisation

These plots are generated from the record table and the camera trap table.

<code>detectionMaps</code>	Generate maps of species richness and species presence by station, export shapefiles
<code>activityHistogram</code>	Single-species diel activity histograms
<code>activityDensity</code>	Single-species diel activity kernel density estimation plots
<code>activityRadial</code>	Single-species diel activity radial plot
<code>activityOverlap</code>	Two-species diel activity overlap plots and estimates

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**Data export**

<a href="#">cameraOperation</a>	Create a camera operability matrix
<a href="#">detectionHistory</a>	Species detection histories for occupancy analyses (single and multi-season)
<a href="#">spatialDetectionHistory</a>	Detection histories of individuals for spatial capture-recapture analyses
<a href="#">surveyReport</a>	Create a report about camera trap surveys and species detections

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**Sample data**

<a href="#">camtraps</a>	Sample camera trap station information table
<a href="#">recordTableSample</a>	Sample species record table
<a href="#">recordTableIndividualSample</a>	Single-species record table with individual IDs
<a href="#">camtrapsMultiSeason</a>	Sample multi season camera trap station information table
<a href="#">recordTableSampleMultiSeason</a>	Sample multi season species record table
<a href="#">recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason</a>	Single-species multi season record table with individual IDs
<a href="#">timeShiftTable</a>	Sample camera trap time shift information

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**Vignettes**

1. Organising raw camera trap images
2. Identifying species and individuals
3. Extracting Data from Camera Trapping Images and Videos
4. Data exploration and visualisation
5. Multi-species occupancy models

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Mike Meredith and Martin Ridout (2018). overlap: Estimates of coefficient of overlapping for animal activity patterns. R package version 0.3.2. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=overlap>

Phil Harvey's ExifTool <https://exiftool.org/>

## See Also

**overlap unmarked ubms secr wqid**

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activityDensity

*Plot kernel density estimation of single-species activity*

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## Description

The function plots a kernel density estimation of species diel activity using function `densityPlot` from package **overlap**.

## Usage

```
activityDensity(
  recordTable,
  species,
  allSpecies = FALSE,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  plotR = TRUE,
  writePNG = FALSE,
  plotDirectory,
  createDir = FALSE,
  pngMaxPix = 1000,
  add.rug = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

recordTable	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
species	Name of the species for which to create an kernel density plot of activity
allSpecies	logical. Create plots for all species in speciesCol of recordTable? Overrides argument species
speciesCol	character. name of the column specifying species names in recordTable
recordDateTimeCol	character. name of the column specifying date and time in recordTable
recordDateTimeFormat	character. format of column recordDateTimeCol in recordTable
plotR	logical. Show plots in R graphics device?
writePNG	logical. Create pngs of the plots?
plotDirectory	character. Directory in which to create png plots if writePNG = TRUE
createDir	logical. Create plotDirectory if writePNG = TRUE?
pngMaxPix	integer. image size of png (pixels along x-axis)
add.rug	logical. add a rug to the plot?
...	additional arguments to be passed to function densityPlot

**Details**

species must be in the speciesCol of recordTable.

recordDateTimeFormat defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". recordDateTimeFormat can be interpreted either by base-R via [strptime](#) or in **lubridate** via [parse\\_date\\_time](#) (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in recordDateTimeFormat.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", recordDateTimeFormat would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see [strptime](#) or [parse\\_date\\_time](#).

**Value**

Returns invisibly a vector of species record observation times in radians, i.e. scaled to  $[0, 2\pi]$ . If allSpecies == TRUE, all species' vectors are returned in an invisible named list.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**References**

Martin Ridout and Matthew Linkie (2009). Estimating overlap of daily activity patterns from camera trap data. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics*, 14(3), 322-337  
 Mike Meredith and Martin Ridout (2018). overlap: Estimates of coefficient of overlapping for animal activity patterns. R package version 0.3.2. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=overlap>

**See Also**

[activityHistogram](https://www.kent.ac.uk/smsas/personal/msr/overlap.html), [activityRadial](#), [activityOverlap](#) <https://www.kent.ac.uk/smsas/personal/msr/overlap.html>

**Examples**

```
# load record table
data(recordTableSample)

species4activity <- "VTA" # = Viverra zibetha, Malay Civet

activityDensity(recordTable = recordTableSample,
                species      = species4activity)

# all species at once

activityDensity(recordTable = recordTableSample,
                allSpecies  = TRUE,
                writePNG    = FALSE,
                plotR       = TRUE,
                add.rug     = TRUE)
```

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activityHistogram      *Plot histogram of single-species activity*

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**Description**

The function generates a histogram of species diel activity in 1-hour intervals.

**Usage**

```
activityHistogram(
  recordTable,
  species,
  allSpecies = FALSE,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  plotR = TRUE,
  writePNG = FALSE,
  plotDirectory,
  createDir = FALSE,
  pngMaxPix = 1000,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

recordTable	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
species	Name of the single species for which to create a histogram of activity
allSpecies	logical. Create plots for all species in speciesCol of recordTable? Overrides argument species
speciesCol	character. name of the column specifying species names in recordTable
recordDateTimeCol	character. name of the column specifying date and time in recordTable
recordDateTimeFormat	character. format of column recordDateTimeCol in recordTable
plotR	logical. Show plots in R graphics device?
writePNG	logical. Create pngs of the plots?
plotDirectory	character. Directory in which to create png plots if writePNG = TRUE
createDir	logical. Create plotDirectory?
pngMaxPix	integer. image size of png (pixels along x-axis)
...	additional arguments to be passed to function <a href="#">hist</a>

**Details**

Activity is calculated from the time of day of records. The date is ignored.

recordDateTimeFormat defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". recordDateTimeFormat can be interpreted either by base-R via [strptime](#) or in **lubridate** via [parse\\_date\\_time](#) (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in recordDateTimeFormat.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", recordDateTimeFormat would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see [strptime](#) or [parse\\_date\\_time](#).

**Value**

It returns invisibly a vector of species record date and time in POSIXlt format. If allSpecies == TRUE, all species' vectors are returned in an invisible named list.

**Note**

If you have a sufficiently large number of records you may wish to consider using [activityDensity](#) instead. Please be aware that this function (like the other activity... function of this package) use clock time. If your survey was long enough to see changes in sunrise and sunset times, this may result in biased representations of species activity.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**See Also**

[activityDensity](#), [activityRadial](#), [activityOverlap](#)

**Examples**

```
# load record table
data(recordTableSample)

# generate activity histogram
species4activity <- "VTA" # = Viverra zibetha, Malay Civet

activityHistogram (recordTable = recordTableSample,
                  species      = species4activity,
                  allSpecies = FALSE)
```

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activityOverlap      *Plot overlapping kernel densities of two-species activities*

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**Description**

This function plots kernel density estimates of two species' diel activity data by calling the function [overlapPlot](#) from package **overlap**. It further computes the overlap coefficient Dhat1 by calling [overlapEst](#).

**Usage**

```
activityOverlap(
  recordTable,
  speciesA,
  speciesB,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  plotR = TRUE,
  writePNG = FALSE,
  addLegend = TRUE,
  legendPosition = "topleft",
  plotDirectory,
  createDir = FALSE,
  pngMaxPix = 1000,
  add.rug = TRUE,
  overlapEstimator = c("Dhat1", "Dhat4", "Dhat5"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

recordTable	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
speciesA	Name of species 1 (as found in speciesCol of recordTable)
speciesB	Name of species 2 (as found in speciesCol of recordTable)
speciesCol	character. name of the column specifying species names in recordTable
recordDateTimeCol	character. name of the column specifying date and time in recordTable
recordDateTimeFormat	character. format of column recordDateTimeCol in recordTable
plotR	logical. Show plots in R graphics device?
writePNG	logical. Create pngs of the plots?
addLegend	logical. Add a legend to the plots?
legendPosition	character. Position of the legend (keyword)
plotDirectory	character. Directory in which to create png plots if writePNG = TRUE
createDir	logical. Create plotDirectory?
pngMaxPix	integer. image size of png (pixels along x-axis)
add.rug	logical. add a rug to the plot?
overlapEstimator	character. Which overlap estimator to return (passed on to argument type in <a href="#">overlapEst</a> )
...	additional arguments to be passed to function <a href="#">overlapPlot</a>

**Details**

... can be graphical parameters passed on to function [overlapPlot](#), e.g. `linetype`, `linewidth`, `linecol` (see example below).

`recordDateTimeFormat` defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". `recordDateTimeFormat` can be interpreted either by base-R via [strptime](#) or in **lubridate** via [parse\\_date\\_time](#) (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in `recordDateTimeFormat`.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", `recordDateTimeFormat` would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see [strptime](#) or [parse\\_date\\_time](#).

**Value**

Returns invisibly the `data.frame` with plot coordinates returned by [overlapPlot](#).

**Note**

Please be aware that the function (like the other `activity...` function of this package) use clock time, not solar time. If your survey was long enough to see changes in sunrise and sunset times, this may result in biased representations of species activity.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Mike Meredith and Martin Ridout (2018). overlap: Estimates of coefficient of overlapping for animal activity patterns. R package version 0.3.2. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=overlap>

Ridout, M.S. and Linkie, M. (2009) Estimating overlap of daily activity patterns from camera trap data. Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics, 14, 322-337.

**See Also**

[activityDensity](#)

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/smsas/personal/msr/overlap.html>

**Examples**

```
# load record table
data(recordTableSample)

# define species of interest
speciesA_for_activity <- "VTA" # = Viverra zibetha, Malay Civet
speciesB_for_activity <- "PBE" # = Prionailurus bengalensis, Leopard Cat

# create activity overlap plot (basic)
activityOverlap (recordTable = recordTableSample,
                 speciesA   = "VTA", # = Viverra zibetha, Malay Civet
                 speciesB   = "PBE", # = Prionailurus bengalensis, Leopard Cat
                 writePNG    = FALSE,
                 plotR       = TRUE
                )

# create activity overlap plot (prettier and with some overlapPlot arguments set)
activityOverlap (recordTable = recordTableSample,
                 speciesA   = speciesA_for_activity,
                 speciesB   = speciesB_for_activity,
                 writePNG    = FALSE,
                 plotR       = TRUE,
                 createDir   = FALSE,
                 pngMaxPix   = 1000,
                 linecol     = c("black", "blue"),
                 linewidth   = c(5,3),
                 linetype    = c(1, 2),
                 olapcol     = "darkgrey",
                 add.rug     = TRUE,
                 extend      = "lightgrey",
```

```

        ylim      = c(0, 0.25),
        main      = paste("Activity overlap between ",
                          speciesA_for_activity, "and",
                          speciesB_for_activity)
    )

```

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activityRadial      *Radial plots of single-species activity*

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### Description

The function generates a radial plot of species diel activity using an adapted version of function [radial.plot](#) from package **plotrix** (without the need to install the package). Records are aggregated by hour. The number of independent events is used as input, which in turn is based on the argument `minDeltaTime` in [recordTable](#).

### Usage

```

activityRadial(
  recordTable,
  species,
  allSpecies = FALSE,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  byNumber = FALSE,
  plotR = TRUE,
  writePNG = FALSE,
  plotDirectory,
  createDir = FALSE,
  pngMaxPix = 1000,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

<code>recordTable</code>	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
<code>species</code>	Name of the species for which to create an kernel density plot of activity
<code>allSpecies</code>	logical. Create plots for all species in <code>speciesCol</code> of <code>recordTable</code> ? Overrides argument <code>species</code>
<code>speciesCol</code>	character. name of the column specifying species names in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>recordDateTimeCol</code>	character. name of the column specifying date and time in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>recordDateTimeFormat</code>	character. format of column <code>recordDateTimeCol</code> in <code>recordTable</code>

byNumber	logical. If FALSE, plot proportion of records. If TRUE, plot number of records
plotR	logical. Show plots in R graphics device?
writePNG	logical. Create pngs of the plots?
plotDirectory	character. Directory in which to create png plots if writePNG = TRUE
createDir	logical. Create plotDirectory?
pngMaxPix	integer. image size of png (pixels along x-axis)
...	additional arguments to be passed to function <code>radial.plot</code>

### Details

`radial.plot` was adjusted to show a clockwise 24-hour clock face. It is recommended to set argument `lwd` to a value  $\geq 2$ . You may also wish to add argument `rp.type="p"` to show a polygon instead of bars.

`recordDateTimeFormat` defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". `recordDateTimeFormat` can be interpreted either by base-R via `strptime` or in **lubridate** via `parse_date_time` (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in `recordDateTimeFormat`.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", `recordDateTimeFormat` would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see `strptime` or `parse_date_time`.

### Value

Returns invisibly a data.frame containing all information needed to create the plot: radial position, lengths, hour (for labels). If `allSpecies == TRUE`, all species' data frames are returned in an invisible named list.

### Author(s)

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### References

Lemon, J. (2006) Plotrix: a package in the red light district of R. R-News, 6(4): 8-12.  
<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=plotrix>

### See Also

[activityDensity](#), [activityHistogram](#), [activityOverlap](#)

### Examples

```
# load record table
data(recordTableSample)

species4activity <- "PBE" # = Prionailurus bengalensis, Leopard Cat
```

```

activityRadial(recordTable      = recordTableSample,
               species          = species4activity,
               allSpecies       = FALSE,
               speciesCol       = "Species",
               recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
               plotR             = TRUE,
               writePNG         = FALSE,
               lwd               = 5
            )

# plot type = polygon

activityRadial(recordTable      = recordTableSample,
               species          = species4activity,
               allSpecies       = FALSE,
               speciesCol       = "Species",
               recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
               plotR             = TRUE,
               writePNG         = FALSE,
               lwd               = 5,
               rp.type          = "p"
            )

```

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addCopyrightTag      *Write a copyright tag into JPEG image metadata*

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### Description

This function writes a copyright tag into the copyright field of JPEG image Exif metadata. It does so recursively, so it works both for images that are sorted into subdirectories and unsorted images. Note that all images in subdirectories of `inDir` will be tagged. It is not required to run this function in the `camtrapR` workflow, but may be desired for data sharing or publishing.

### Usage

```

addCopyrightTag(
  inDir,
  copyrightTag,
  askFirst = TRUE,
  keepJPG_original = TRUE,
  ignoreMinorErrors = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

`inDir`            character. Name of the directory containing camera trap images.

copyrightTag character. The tag to be written into the Exif Copyright field

askFirst logical. Ask user to confirm before execution?

keepJPG\_original logical. Keep original JPG files as .JPG\_original files (TRUE) or overwrite JPGs (FALSE)?

ignoreMinorErrors logical. Ignore minor errors that would cause the function to fail (set TRUE for images with bad MakerNotes, observed in Panthera V4 cameras)

### Details

If askFirst = TRUE, the function will show a menu and asks the user to confirm the action before execution. Type "1" to write copyright tags and "2" to abort.

By default Exiftool creates a copy of each JPG image and preserves the original images (without the copyright tag) as .JPG\_original files. Note that this behaviour will instantly double the number of images in inDir and the disk space required. If this is not desired, set keepJPG\_original = FALSE.

ignoreMinorErrors is useful if copyright tags can't be updated correctly. This can be caused by bad MakerNotes and so far was only observed in Panthera V4 cameras. In that case, set ignoreMinorErrors to TRUE. This will add the "-m" option to the Exiftool call, thereby ignoring minor errors and warnings and assigning the copyright tag regardless.

### Value

An invisible list of Exiftool output.

More importantly, the specified copyright tag is written into the Copyright field of the Exif metadata of all images in inDir.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
## Not run:

if (Sys.which("exiftool") != ""){      # only run this example if ExifTool is available

# copy sample images to temporary directory (so we don't mess around in the package directory)
wd_images_ID <- system.file(file.path("pictures", "sample_images_species_dir"),
                           package = "camtrapR")
file.copy(from = wd_images_ID, to = tempdir(), recursive = TRUE)
wd_images_ID_copy <- file.path(tempdir(), "sample_images_species_dir")

# define a sample tag
copyrightTagToAdd <- "Your Name (Your Organisation)"

# add the tag to the images
```

```

addCopyrightTag(inDir          = wd_images_ID_copy,
                copyrightTag = copyrightTagToAdd)
1   # we choose "YES", i.e., we want to add a copyright tag

# you can check the outcome with function exifTagNames

metadat <- exifTagNames(wd_images_ID_copy)
metadat [metadat$tag_name == "Copyright",]
}

## End(Not run)

```

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appendSpeciesNames      *Add or remove species names from JPEG image filenames*

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### Description

Add or remove species names from JPEG image filenames. It makes it easier to find images of a species.

### Usage

```

appendSpeciesNames(
  inDir,
  IDfrom,
  hasCameraFolders,
  metadataSpeciesTag,
  metadataHierarchyDelimiter = "|",
  removeNames = FALSE,
  writecsv = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

inDir	character. Directory containing camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. inDir/StationA/)
IDfrom	character. Read species ID from image metadata ("metadata") of from species directory names ("directory")?
hasCameraFolders	logical. Do the station subdirectories of inDir have camera-subdirectories (e.g. inDir/StationA/CameraA1; inDir/StationA/CameraA2)?
metadataSpeciesTag	character. The species ID tag name in image metadata (if IDfrom = "metadata").

metadataHierarchyDelimiter	character. The character delimiting hierarchy levels in image metadata tags in field "HierarchicalSubject". Either " " or ":".
removeNames	logical. remove appended species names?
writetcsv	logical. write csv table containing old and new file names into inDir?

## Details

Species names can be appended or removed from image filenames. Before running the function, you may want to run `checkSpeciesIdentification` to detect possible misidentifications. As an example, the function would change an image file name from "StationA\_\_2015-05-41\_\_20-59-59(1).JPG" to "StationA\_\_2015-05-41\_\_20-59-59(1)\_\_Species Name.JPG". If species names were appended several times by accident, they can all be removed by running the function with `removeNames = TRUE`

## Value

A data.frame containing the old and new file names and directories.

## Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

## Examples

```
## Not run:

# copy sample images to another location (so we don't mess around in the package directory)
wd_images_ID <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir", package = "camtrapR")
file.copy(from = wd_images_ID, to = getwd(), recursive = TRUE)
wd_images_ID_copy <- file.path(getwd(), "sample_images_species_dir")

# append species names
SpecNameAppend1 <- appendSpeciesNames(inDir           = wd_images_ID_copy,
                                     IDfrom          = "directory",
                                     hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                     removeNames     = FALSE,
                                     writetcsv       = FALSE)

SpecNameAppend1

# remove species names
SpecNameRemove1 <- appendSpeciesNames(inDir           = wd_images_ID_copy,
                                     IDfrom          = "directory",
                                     hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                     removeNames     = TRUE,
                                     writetcsv       = FALSE)

SpecNameRemove1
```

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

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cameraOperation	<i>Create a camera trap station operability matrix</i>
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## Description

Construct a matrix of daily camera trap station operability for use in [detectionHistory](#) and [spatialDetectionHistory](#), where it is needed for calculating trapping effort per occasion. It is also used in [surveyReport](#) to calculate the number of trap nights during a survey. If several cameras were deployed per station, the matrix can contain camera- or station-specific trap operation information, or information about sessions during repeated surveys.

## Usage

```
cameraOperation(
  CTtable,
  stationCol = "Station",
  cameraCol,
  sessionCol,
  setupCol,
  retrievalCol,
  hasProblems = FALSE,
  byCamera,
  allCamsOn,
  camerasIndependent,
  dateFormat = "ymd",
  occasionStartTime = 0,
  writecsv = FALSE,
  outDir
)
```

## Arguments

CTtable	data.frame containing information about location and trapping period of camera trap stations
stationCol	character. name of the column specifying Station ID in CTtable
cameraCol	character. name of the column specifying Camera ID in CTtable (optional). If empty, 1 camera per station is assumed.
sessionCol	character. name of the column specifying session ID in CTtable (optional). Use it for creating multi-session / multi-season detection histories (unmarked: <a href="#">unmarkedMultFrame</a> ; secr: <a href="#">caphist</a> )
setupCol	character. name of the column containing camera setup dates in CTtable
retrievalCol	character. name of the column containing camera retrieval dates in CTtable

hasProblems	logical. If TRUE, function will look for columns specifying malfunction periods in CTable (naming convention: ProblemX_from and ProblemX_to, where X is a number)
byCamera	logical. If TRUE, camera operability matrix is computed by camera, not by station (requires cameraCol)
allCamsOn	logical. Takes effect only if cameraCol is defined and if byCamera is FALSE. If allCamsOn = TRUE, all cameras at a station need to be operational for the station to be operational (e.g. 1 camera out of 2 malfunctioning renders the station inoperational). Output values can be 1/0/NA only (all cameras at a station operational/ at least 1 camera not operational/ no camera set up). If allCamsOn = FALSE, at least 1 active camera makes a station operational.
camerasIndependent	logical. Return number of active camera traps by station? Only if byCamera is FALSE and allCamsOn is FALSE. If camerasIndependent is TRUE, output values will be the number of operational cameras at a station. If camerasIndependent is FALSE, the value is 1 if at least 1 camera was operational, otherwise 0. In both cases, values are NA if no camera was set up.
dateFormat	character. The format of columns setupCol and retrievalCol (and potential problem columns) in CTable. Must be interpretable by either as .Date or the "orders" argument <code>parse_date_time</code> in <b>lubridate</b> . Can be a date or (since version 2.1) a date-time.
occasionStartTime	integer. time of day (the full hour) at which to begin occasions. Replaces occasionStartTime from <a href="#">detectionHistory</a> and <a href="#">spatialDetectionHistory</a> .
writescsv	logical. Should the camera operability matrix be saved as a .csv?
outDir	character. Directory into which csv is saved

## Details

cameraCol is NULL by default, meaning the function assumes there was 1 camera per station in CTable. If more than 1 camera was deployed per station, cameraCol needs to be specified to identify individual cameras within a station. Likewise, sessionCol can be used to if camera trap stations were operated during multiple sessions / trapping seasons.

dateFormat defaults to "YYYY-MM-DD", e.g. "2014-10-31", but can be any other date format or date-time also. It can be specified either in the format required by `strptime` or the 'orders' argument in `parse_date_time` in **lubridate**. In the example above, "YYYY-MM-DD" would be specified as "%Y-%m-%d" in base R or "ymd" in **lubridate**.

Since version 2.1, dateFormat can be a date-time. That makes it possible to specify the exact time cameras were set up / retrieved / malfunctioned / worked again. This information is used to calculate the daily trapping effort more precisely on days with incomplete effort.

Previously, setup and retrieval day were counted as 1, indicating a whole day of effort on those days. Since version 2.1, setup and retrieval are assumed to have happened at 12 noon (resulting in daily effort of 0.5 instead of 1). Users can also specify the exact time cameras were set up (by providing a date-time in the setup / retrieval / problem columns). See vignette 3 for more details.

If hasProblems is TRUE, the function tries to find columns ProblemX\_from and ProblemX\_to in CTable. X is a consecutive number from 1 to n, specifying periods in which a camera or station

was not operational. If `hasProblems` is FALSE, cameras are assumed to have been operational uninterruptedly from setup to retrieval (see [camtraps](#) for details).

`allCamsOn` only has an effect if there was more than 1 camera at a station. If TRUE, for the station to be considered operational, all cameras at a station need to be operational. If FALSE, at least 1 active camera renders the station operational. Argument `camerasIndependent` defines if cameras record animals independently (it thus only has an effect if there was more than 1 camera at a station). This is the case if an observation at one camera does not increase the probability for detection at another camera (cameras face different trails at a distance of one another). Non-independence occurs if an animal is likely to trigger both cameras (as would be the case with 2 cameras facing each other).

If `camerasIndependent` is TRUE, 2 active cameras at a station will result in a station operation value of 2 in the resulting matrix, i.e., 2 independent trap days at 1 station and day. If `camerasIndependent` is FALSE, 2 active cameras will return value 1, i.e., 1 trap night at 1 station per day.

Row names depend on the input arguments and contain the station name and potentially session and camera names (if `sessionCol` and/or `cameraCol` are defined).

Naming convention is (since version 1.2) **Bold** information are from the columns `stationCol`, `sessionCol` and `cameraCol` in `CTtable`:

#### **Station**

**Station\_\_SESS\_SessionID**

**Station\_\_CAM\_CameraID**

**Station\_\_SESS\_SessionID\_\_CAM\_CameraID**

Sessions are designated with prefix "`__SESS__`", cameras with prefix "`__CAM__`". Therefore, these are reserved words and may not be part of station, session or camera names. Here's what it may look like in real life:

#### **Station1**

**Station1\_\_SESS\_2019**

**Station1\_\_CAM\_1024152**

**Station1\_\_SESS\_2019\_\_CAM\_1024152**

Functions `detectionHistory` and `spatialDetectionHistory` recognize these and use the information accordingly.

#### **Value**

A matrix. Row names always indicate Station IDs. If `sessionCol` and/or `cameraCol` are defined, they are contained in the row names also (camera ID only if `byCamera = TRUE`). Column names are dates.

Legend: NA: camera(s) not set up, 0: camera(s) not operational, 1 (or higher): number of operational camera(s) or an indicator for whether the station was operational (depending on `camerasIndependent` and `allCamsOn`)

#### **Note**

Setting `camerasIndependent` according to the sampling situation is important for the functions [detectionHistory](#) and [spatialDetectionHistory](#), if sampling effort (the number of active trap nights in a occasion) is to be computed and returned.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**Examples**

```

data(camtraps)

# no problems/malfunction
camop_no_problem <- cameraOperation(CTtable      = camtraps,
                                   stationCol    = "Station",
                                   setupCol      = "Setup_date",
                                   retrievalCol   = "Retrieval_date",
                                   writecsv      = FALSE,
                                   hasProblems   = FALSE,
                                   dateFormat    = "dmy"
                                   )

# with problems/malfunction
camop_problem <- cameraOperation(CTtable      = camtraps,
                                stationCol    = "Station",
                                setupCol      = "Setup_date",
                                retrievalCol   = "Retrieval_date",
                                writecsv      = FALSE,
                                hasProblems   = TRUE,
                                dateFormat    = "dmy"
                                )

# with problems/malfunction / dateFormat in strptime format
camop_problem_lubridate <- cameraOperation(CTtable      = camtraps,
                                           stationCol    = "Station",
                                           setupCol      = "Setup_date",
                                           retrievalCol   = "Retrieval_date",
                                           writecsv      = FALSE,
                                           hasProblems   = TRUE,
                                           dateFormat    = "%d/%m/%Y"
                                           )

camop_no_problem
camop_problem
camop_problem_lubridate

```

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camtraps

*Sample camera trap station information*


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**Description**

Example camera trap station information table

**Usage**

```
data(camtraps)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 3 rows and 7 variables

**Details**

This is a general example of how information about camera trap stations are arranged in camtrapR. It contains setup and retrieval dates and coordinates. If more than 1 camera was set up at a station (e.g. 2 cameras facing each other), a camera ID column must be added, with camera-specific information instead of station-specific information. If cameras malfunctioned repeatedly, additional pairs of problem columns can be added, e.g. "Problem2\_from" and "Problem2\_to" etc..

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
utm_y	y coordinate of station (northing)
utm_x	x coordinate of station (easting)
Setup_date	camera trap setup date
Retrieval_date	camera trap retrieval date
Problem1_from	first day of camera malfunction
Problem1_to	last day of camera malfunction

**Note**

The coordinates can be in the units of any coordinate system. UTM was chosen as an example, but it could be latlong or anything else, too. [caphist](#) objects (as created by [spatialDetectionHistory](#) for spatial capture-recapture analyses) expect the unit to be meters.

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camtrapsMultiSeason    *Sample multi-season camera trap station information*

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**Description**

Example multi-season camera trap station information table

**Usage**

```
data(camtrapsMultiSeason)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 7 rows and 8 variables

## Details

This is a general example of how information about camera trap stations from multiple seasons are arranged in `camtrapR`. It contains setup and retrieval dates, coordinates and a season identifier. If more than 1 camera was set up at a station (e.g. 2 cameras facing each other), a camera ID column must be added, with camera-specific information instead of station-specific information. If cameras malfunctioned repeatedly, additional pairs of problem columns can be added, e.g. "Problem2\_from" and "Problem2\_to" etc..

Note that season 2010 has an additional station (StationD). This is to simulate a situation where a station was not set up during an entire season.

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
utm_y	y coordinate of station (northing)
utm_x	x coordinate of station (easting)
Setup_date	camera trap setup date
Retrieval_date	camera trap retrieval date
Problem1_from	first day of camera malfunction
Problem1_to	last day of camera malfunction
session	Identified for trapping session / season

## Note

The coordinates can be in the units of any coordinate system. UTM was chosen as an example, but it could be latlong or anything else, too. `capthist` objects (as created by `spatialDetectionHistory` for spatial capture-recapture analyses) expect the unit to be meters. `capthist` also require session information as integer numbers starting with 1.

"Season" and "session" are used synonymously here. `seccr` nomenclature is "session", in `unmarked` it is "season".

## Examples

```
# data were created with the following code:
data(camtraps)

camtraps_season2 <- camtraps

# change 2009 to 2010
camtraps_season2[, "Setup_date"] <- gsub("2009", "2010", camtraps_season2[,
  "Setup_date"])
camtraps_season2[, "Retrieval_date"] <- gsub("2009", "2010", camtraps_season2[,
  "Retrieval_date"])
camtraps_season2[, "Problem1_from"] <- gsub("2009", "2010", camtraps_season2[,
  "Problem1_from"])
camtraps_season2[, "Problem1_to"] <- gsub("2009", "2010", camtraps_season2[,
  "Problem1_to"])

# add an extra station with different dates in session 2010
camtraps_season2 <- rbind(camtraps_season2, NA)
```

```

camtraps_season2$Station[4] <- "StationD"
camtraps_season2$utm_y[4] <- 607050
camtraps_season2$utm_x[4] <- 525000
camtraps_season2$Setup_date[4] <- "04/04/2010"
camtraps_season2$Retrieval_date[4] <- "17/06/2010"
camtraps_season2$Problem1_from[4] <- "20/05/2010"
camtraps_season2$Problem1_to[4] <- "30/05/2010"

# add season column
camtraps$session <- 2009
camtraps_season2$session <- 2010

# combine the tables for 2 seasons
camtrapsMultiSeason <- rbind(camtraps, camtraps_season2)

```

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checkSpeciesIdentification

*Consistency check on species image identification*

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## Description

This function serves 2 purposes: 1) it assesses possible misidentification of species and 2) compares double observer species identification (only if metadata tagging was used for species identification).

## Usage

```

checkSpeciesIdentification(
  inDir,
  IDfrom,
  hasCameraFolders,
  metadataSpeciesTag,
  metadataSpeciesTagToCompare,
  metadataHierarchyDelimiter = "|",
  maxDeltaTime,
  excludeSpecies,
  stationsToCheck,
  writecsv = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

inDir	character. Directory containing identified camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. inDir/StationA/)
IDfrom	character. Read species ID from image metadata ("metadata") of from species directory names ("directory")?
hasCameraFolders	logical. Do the station directories in inDir have camera subdirectories (e.g. "inDir/StationA/Camera1" or "inDir/StationA/Camera1/Species1")?

<code>metadataSpeciesTag</code>	character. The species ID tag name in image metadata (if <code>IDfrom = "metadata"</code> ).
<code>metadataSpeciesTagToCompare</code>	character. A second species ID tag name in image metadata (if <code>IDfrom = "metadata"</code> ). For comparing double observer species identification.
<code>metadataHierarchyDelimiter</code>	character. The character delimiting hierarchy levels in image metadata tags in field "HierarchicalSubject". Either " " or ":"
<code>maxDeltaTime</code>	numeric. Maximum time interval between images to be returned (in seconds)
<code>excludeSpecies</code>	character. vector of species to exclude from checks
<code>stationsToCheck</code>	character. vector of stations to be checked (optionally)
<code>writescv</code>	logical. Should the resulting data.frame be saved as a .csv?

### Details

Within each station, it assesses whether there are images of a species taken within a given time interval of another species. Often, it is unlikely that different species are encountered within a very short time intervals at the same location. This type of misidentification can arise easily if some images belonging to a sequence of images were accidentally moved into different species directories or tagged incorrectly.

Double observer identification may be desirable to increase reliability of species identification. The function returns conflicts in species identification between 2 observers. These conflicts can then be corrected.

Images may accidentally be misidentified by assigning wrong species tags or by moving them into wrong species directories. Imagine your cameras take sequences of images each time they are triggered and one image of the sequence is misidentified. The time difference between these images (that have different species assigned to them) will be very small, usually a few seconds. This function will return all these images for you to check if they were identified correctly.

If multiple observers identify images independently using metadata tagging, their identifications can be compared by setting `metadataSpeciesTagToCompare`. Conflicting or missing identifications will be reported. This feature is only available if images were identified by metadata tagging.

Species like "blank" or "team" can be ignored using `excludeSpecies`. If only specific stations are to be checked, `stationsToCheck` can be set.

### Value

A list containing 2 data frames. The first contains a data frame with images file names, directories, time stamp and species ID that were taken within `maxDeltaTime` seconds of another species image at a particular station. The second data frame contains images with conflicting species IDs (if `IDfrom = "metadata"` and `metadataSpeciesTagToCompare` is defined)

### Note

The function will not be able to find "isolated" images, i.e. images that were misidentified, but were not part of a sequence of images. Likewise, if all images of a sequence were misidentified, they cannot be found either. From version 0.99.0, the function can also handle images identified with metadata tags.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**Examples**

```
wd_images_ID <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir", package = "camtrapR")

if (Sys.which("exiftool") != ""){      # only run this example if ExifTool is available
check.folders <- checkSpeciesIdentification(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
                                           IDfrom     = "directory",
                                           hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                           maxDeltaTime  = 120,
                                           writecsv     = FALSE)

check.folders  # In the example, 2 different species were photographed within 2 minutes.
}

## Not run:
# now exclude one of these 2 species
check.folders2 <- checkSpeciesIdentification(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
                                           IDfrom     = "directory",
                                           hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                           maxDeltaTime  = 120,
                                           excludeSpecies = "EGY",
                                           writecsv     = FALSE)

check.folders2  # the data frame is empty

# now we check only one station
check.folders3 <- checkSpeciesIdentification(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
                                           IDfrom     = "directory",
                                           hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                           maxDeltaTime  = 120,
                                           stationsToCheck = "StationB",
                                           writecsv     = FALSE)

check.folders3  # the data frame is empty

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

The function checks species names (common or scientific names) provided by the user with the ITIS taxonomic database (<http://www.itis.gov/>) via functions from the package **taxize**. It returns both common and scientific names, the taxon authors, taxon rank name and status, the TSN (taxonomic serial numbers) and ITIS urls.

## Usage

```
checkSpeciesNames(speciesNames, searchtype, accepted = TRUE, ask = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

speciesNames	character. Vector of species names to check. Either common names or scientific names.
searchtype	character. Type of names specified in speciesNames. One of 'scientific' or 'common'.
accepted	logical. Return only accepted valid names? If TRUE, invalid names are returned as NA. Set to FALSE to return both accepted and unaccepted names.
ask	logical. Should the function be run in interactive mode? If TRUE and more than one TSN is found for a species, the user is asked to choose one. If FALSE, NA is returned for multiple matches.

## Details

Arguments searchtype, accepted and ask are passed on to [get\\_tsn](#).

## Value

A data.frame with the names supplied by the user, matching common and scientific names, taxon author and year, taxonomic rank, status, TSNs (taxonomic serial numbers) and ITIS urls.

## Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

## References

<http://www.itis.gov/>

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
  
species_common <- c("Leopard Cat", "moonrat")  
  
# ask = TRUE. Multiple matches for leopard cat will cause menu to pop up asking user input.
```

```

species.names.check1 <- checkSpeciesNames(speciesNames = species_common,
                                           searchtype  = "common",
                                           accepted    = TRUE,
                                           ask          = TRUE)

2 # we choose entry 2
species.names.check1

# ask = FALSE. Multiple matches for leopard cat will cause NA.

species.names.check2 <- checkSpeciesNames(speciesNames = species_common,
                                           searchtype  = "common",
                                           accepted    = TRUE,
                                           ask          = FALSE)

species.names.check2

# search for scientific names

species_scientific <- c("Tragulus", "Prionailurus bengalensis")

species.names.check3 <- checkSpeciesNames(speciesNames = species_scientific,
                                           searchtype  = "scientific",
                                           accepted    = TRUE,
                                           ask          = TRUE)

species.names.check3

## End(Not run)

```

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commOccu-class

*commOccu objects*


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### Description

commOccu objects

### Value

commOccu object

### Slots

**modelText** JAGS model code as a character vector (made up of code chunks, use `cat()` to print)

**params** Parameters to monitor in the model runs

**inits\_fun** Function to create start values for the MCMC chains. It being a function ensures different values in each chain

`data` List with data needed to run the model (detection & effort matrices, site covariates, number of species / stations / occasions)

`input` Input data\_list (unchanged)

`nimble` logical indicator for whether it is a Nimble model

`modelFile` Path of the text file containing the model code

`covariate_info` Data frame containing information about covariates. Only used internally in `plot_*` and `predict` methods

### Note

The data slot is a list of model input data. While the exact content depends on function input, it can be summarized as:

<code>y</code>	array of detection histories. Dimensions are: <code>y[species, station, occasion]</code>
<code>effort_binary</code>	matrix of binary (1/0) survey effort. Only used to ensure $p = 0$ when <code>effort = 0</code> . Dimensions are: <code>effort[station, occasion]</code>
<code>site-occasion covariates</code>	The required content of <code>data_list\$obsCovs</code> as named matrices with dimensions <code>[station, occasion]</code>
<code>site covariates</code>	The required columns of <code>data_list\$siteCovs</code> as named vectors (length = number of stations)
<code>M</code>	Number of species
<code>J</code>	Number of stations
<code>maxocc</code>	Number of occasions

For categorical site-occasion covariates, an addition matrix containing an integer representation of the character matrix with suffix "`_integer`" is stored in the data slot.

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<code>communityModel</code>	<i>Create a community (multi-species) occupancy model for JAGS or Nimble</i>
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### Description

Flexibly creates complete code and input data for community occupancy models for in JAGS and Nimble, and automatically sets initial values and parameters to monitor. Supports fixed and random effects of covariates on detection and occupancy probabilities, using both continuous and categorical covariates (both site and site-occasion covariates).

Optionally includes data augmentation (fully open community, or up to known maximum number of species, or no data augmentation). Allows combination of all these parameters for fast and flexible customization of community occupancy models.

Incidentally, the function can also be used to create model code and input for single-species single-season occupancy models (it is the special case of the community model with only one species). Such a model will run slower than proper single-species model JAGS code due to the additional species loop, but it is possible.

The function returns several derived quantities, e.g. species richness, Bayesian p-values (overall and by species), Freeman-Tukey residuals for actual and simulated data (by station and total). If doing data augmentation, metacommunity size and number of unseen species are returned also.

**Usage**

```
communityModel(
  data_list,
  occuCovs = list(fixed = NULL, independent = NULL, ranef = NULL),
  detCovs = list(fixed = NULL, ranef = NULL),
  detCovsObservation = list(fixed = NULL, ranef = NULL),
  speciesSiteRandomEffect = list(det = FALSE, occu = FALSE),
  intercepts = list(det = "fixed", occu = "fixed"),
  effortCov = "effort",
  richnessCategories = NULL,
  augmentation = NULL,
  modelFile = NULL,
  nimble = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data_list</code>	list. Contains 3 slots: <code>ylist</code> , <code>siteCovs</code> , <code>obsCovs</code> . <code>ylist</code> is a list of detection histories (can be named), e.g. from <a href="#">detectionHistory</a> . <code>siteCovs</code> is a data.frame with site covariates (optional). <code>obsCovs</code> is a list of site-occasion level covariates (e.g. site-occasion-specific effort, which is also returned by <a href="#">detectionHistory</a> ).
<code>occuCovs</code>	list. Up to 3 items named "fixed", "independent", and/or "ranef". Specifies fixed, independent or random effects of covariates on occupancy probability (continuous or categorical covariates). Independent effects are only supported for continuous covariates.
<code>detCovs</code>	list. Up to 3 items named "fixed", "independent", and/or "ranef". Specifies fixed, independent or random effects of covariates on detection probability (continuous or categorical covariates). Independent effects are only supported for continuous covariates.
<code>detCovsObservation</code>	list. Up to 2 items named "fixed" and/or "ranef". Specifies fixed or random effects of observation-level covariates on detection probability (continuous or categorical covariates - categorical must be coded as character matrix)
<code>speciesSiteRandomEffect</code>	list. Two items named "det" and "occu". If TRUE, adds a random effect of species and station. Only implemented for detection probability.
<code>intercepts</code>	list. Two items named "det" and "occu" for detection and occupancy probability intercepts. Values can be "fixed" (= constant across species), "independent" (= independent estimates for each species), or "ranef" (= random effect of species on intercept).
<code>effortCov</code>	character. Name of list item in <code>data_list\$obsCovs</code> which contains effort. This does not include effort as a covariate on detection probability, but only uses NA / not NA information to create binary effort and ensure detection probabilities p are 0 when there was no effort (p will be 0 wherever <code>effortCov</code> is NA).
<code>richnessCategories</code>	character. Name of categorical covariate in <code>data_list\$siteCovs</code> for which to calculate separate richness estimates (optional). Can be useful to obtain separate

	richness estimates for different areas.
augmentation	If NULL, no data augmentation (only use species in <code>data_list\$ylist</code> ), otherwise named list or vector with total number of (potential) species. Names: "knownmax" or "full". Example: <code>augmentation = c(knownmax = 30)</code> or <code>augmentation = c(full = 30)</code>
modelFile	character. Text file name to save model to
nimble	logical. If TRUE, model code will be for Nimble (incompatible with JAGS). If FALSE, model code is for JAGS.

## Details

For examples of implementation, see Vignette 5: Multi-species occupancy models.

Fixed effects of covariates are constant across species, whereas random effect covariates differ between species. Independent effect differ between species and are independent (there is no underlying hyperdistribution). Fixed, independent and random effects are allowed for station-level detection and occupancy covariates (a.k.a. site covariates). Fixed and random effects are also allowed for station-occasion level covariates (a.k.a. observation covariates). Currently independent effects are only supported for continuous site covariates, not categorical site covariates or observation-level covariates.

By default, random effects will be by species. It is however possible to use categorical site covariates for grouping (continuous/categorical). Furthermore, it is possible to use nested random effects of species and another categorical site covariate (so that there is a random effect of species and an additional random effect of a categorical covariate within each species).

Derived quantities returned by the model are:

Bpvalue	Bayesian p-value (overall)
Bpvalue_species	Bayesian p-value (by species)
Nspecies	Species richness (only in JAGS model)
Nspecies_Covariate	Species richness by categorical covariate (when using <code>richnessCategories</code> , only in JAGS model)
R2	sum of Freeman-Tukey residuals of observed data within each species
new.R2	sum of Freeman-Tukey residuals of simulated data within each species
R3	Total sum of Freeman-Tukey residuals of observed data
new.R3	Total sum of Freeman-Tukey residuals of simulated data
Ntotal	Total metacommunity size (= observed species + $n_0$ )
$n_0$	Number of unseen species in metacommunity
omega	Data augmentation parameter
w	Metacommunity membership indicator for each species

Quantities in *italic* at the bottom are only returned in full data augmentation. `Nspecies` and `Nspecies_Covariate` are only returned in JAGS models (because Nimble models don't explicitly return latent occupancy status  $z$ ).

## Value

`commOccu` object. It is an S4 class containing all information required to run the models. See [commOccu-class](#) for details.

### Parameter naming convention

The parameter names are assembled from building blocks. The nomenclature is as follows:

Name	Refers to	Description
alpha	Submodel	detection submodel
beta	Submodel	occupancy submode
$\emptyset$	Intercept	denotes the intercepts (alpha0, beta0)
fixed	Effect type	fixed effects (constant across species)
indep	Effect type	independent effects (separate for each species)
ranef	Effect type	random effects (of species and/or other categorical covariates)
cont	Covariate type	continuous covariates
categ	Covariate type	categorical covariates
mean	Hyperparameter	mean of random effect
sigma	Hyperparameter	standard deviation of random effect
tau	Hyperparameter	precision of random effect (used internally, not returned)

For example, a fixed intercept of occupancy (constant across species) is `beta0`, and a fixed intercept of detection probability is `alpha0`.

An occupancy probability intercept with a random effect of species is:

`beta0.mean` community mean of the occupancy probability intercept

`beta0.sigma` standard deviation of the community occupancy probability intercept.

`beta0[1]` occupancy probability intercept of species 1 (likewise for other species).

For effects of site covariates, the pattern is:

`submodel.effectType.covariateType.CovariateName.hyperparameter`

For example:

`beta.ranef.cont.habitat.mean` is the mean community effect of the continuous site covariate 'habitat' on occupancy probability.

`beta.ranef.cont.habitat[1]` is the effect of continuous site covariate 'habitat' on occupancy probability of species 1.

Site-occasion covariates are denoted by ".obs" after the submodel, e.g.:

`alpha.obs.fixed.cont.effort` is the fixed effect of the continuous observation-level covariate 'effort' on detection probability

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

### References

Kéry, M., and J. A. Royle. "Applied hierarchical modelling in ecology - Modeling distribution, abundance and species richness using R and BUGS." Volume 1: Prelude and Static Models. Elsevier/Academic Press, 2016.

**Examples**

```

## Not run:

data("camtraps")

# create camera operation matrix
camop_no_problem <- cameraOperation(CTable = camtraps,
                                     stationCol = "Station",
                                     setupCol = "Setup_date",
                                     retrievalCol = "Retrieval_date",
                                     hasProblems = FALSE,
                                     dateFormat = "dmy"
)

data("recordTableSample")

# make list of detection histories
DetHist_list <- lapply(unique(recordTableSample$Species), FUN = function(x) {
  detectionHistory(
    recordTable = recordTableSample,
    camOp = camop_no_problem,
    stationCol = "Station",
    speciesCol = "Species",
    recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
    species = x,
    occasionLength = 7,
    day1 = "station",
    datesAsOccasionNames = FALSE,
    includeEffort = TRUE,
    scaleEffort = TRUE,
    timeZone = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur"
  )
})

# assign species names to list items
names(DetHist_list) <- unique(recordTableSample$Species)

# extract detection histories (omit effort matrices)
ylist <- lapply(DetHist_list, FUN = function(x) x$detection_history)

# create some fake covariates for demonstration
sitecovs <- camtraps[, c(1:3)]
sitecovs$elevation <- c(300, 500, 600)

# scale numeric covariates
sitecovs[, c(2:4)] <- scale(sitecovs[, -1])

# bundle input data for communityModel
data_list <- list(ylist = ylist,
                 siteCovs = sitecovs,

```

```

obsCovs = list(effort = DetHist_list[[1]]$effort))

# create community model for JAGS
modelfile1 <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
mod.jags <- communityModel(data_list,
                           occuCovs = list(fixed = "utm_y", ranef = "elevation"),
                           detCovsObservation = list(fixed = "effort"),
                           intercepts = list(det = "ranef", occu = "ranef"),
                           modelFile = modelfile1)

summary(mod.jags)

# fit in JAGS
fit.jags <- fit(mod.jags,
               n.iter = 1000,
               n.burnin = 500,
               chains = 3)
summary(fit.jags)

# response curves (= marginal effect plots)
plot_effects(mod.jags,
             fit.jags,
             submodel = "state")
plot_effects(mod.jags,
             fit.jags,
             submodel = "det")

# effect sizes plot
plot_coef(mod.jags,
          fit.jags,
          submodel = "state")
plot_coef(mod.jags,
          fit.jags,
          submodel = "det")

# create community model for Nimble
modelfile2 <- tempfile(fileext = ".txt")
mod.nimble <- communityModel(data_list,
                             occuCovs = list(fixed = "utm_x", ranef = "utm_y"),
                             detCovsObservation = list(fixed = "effort"),
                             intercepts = list(det = "ranef", occu = "ranef"),
                             modelFile = modelfile2,
                             nimble = TRUE) # set nimble = TRUE

# load nimbleEcology package
# currently necessary to do explicitly, to avoid additional package dependencies
require(nimbleEcology)

# fit uncompiled model in Nimble
fit.nimble.uncomp <- fit(mod.nimble,
                        n.iter = 10,
                        chains = 1)

```

```
# fit compiled model in Nimble
fit.nimble.comp <- fit(mod.nimble,
                      n.iter = 5000,
                      n.burnin = 2500,
                      chains = 3,
                      compile = TRUE)

# parameter summary statistics
summary(fit.nimble.comp)

# response curves (= marginal effect plots)
plot_effects(mod.nimble,
             fit.nimble.comp,
             submodel = "state")
plot_effects(mod.nimble,
             fit.nimble.comp,
             submodel = "det")

# effect sizes plot
plot_coef(mod.nimble,
          fit.nimble.comp,
          submodel = "state")
plot_coef(mod.nimble,
          fit.nimble.comp,
          submodel = "det")

# traceplots
plot(fit.nimble.comp)

## End(Not run)
```

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createSpeciesFolders *Create species directories for species identification*

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### Description

This function creates species subdirectories within station directories. They can be used for species identification by manually moving images into the respective species directories. The function can also delete empty species directories (if species were not detected at sites). It is not necessary to run this function if animals will be identified by metadata tagging.

### Usage

```
createSpeciesFolders(inDir, hasCameraFolders, species, removeFolders = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/</code> )
<code>hasCameraFolders</code>	logical. Do the station directories in <code>inDir</code> have camera-subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/CameraA1</code> ; <code>inDir/StationA/CameraA2</code> )?
<code>species</code>	character. names of species directories to be created in every station (or station/camera) subdirectory of <code>inDir</code>
<code>removeFolders</code>	logical. Indicating whether to create (TRUE) or remove (FALSE) species directories .

**Details**

This function should be run after `imageRename`. Empty directories can be created as containers for species identification if images are identified with the drag & drop method. After species identification is complete, empty species directories can be deleted using `removeFolders = TRUE`. The function will delete only directories which are specified in `species`. If `hasCameraFolders` was set to TRUE in function `imageRename`, `hasCameraFolders` must be set to TRUE here too. Species directories will then be created within each camera subdirectory of each station directory. if the user wishes to identify species by metadata tagging, running this function is not needed.

**Value**

A data.frame with directory names and an indicator for whether directories were created or deleted.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# create dummy directories for tests
# (normally, you'd use directory containing renamed, unsorted images)

# this will be used as inDir
wd_createDirTest <- file.path(getwd(), "createSpeciesFoldersTest")

# now we create 2 station subdirectories
dirs_to_create <- file.path(wd_createDirTest, c("StationA", "StationB"))
sapply(dirs_to_create, FUN = dir.create, recursive = TRUE)

# species names for which we want to create subdirectories
species <- c("Sambar Deer", "Bay Cat")

# create species subdirectories
```

```

SpecFolderCreate1 <- createSpeciesFolders (inDir           = wd_createDirTest,
                                          species         = species,
                                          hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                          removeFolders   = FALSE)

SpecFolderCreate1

# check if directories were created
list.dirs(wd_createDirTest)

# delete empty species directories
SpecFolderCreate2 <- createSpeciesFolders (inDir           = wd_createDirTest,
                                          species         = species,
                                          hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                          removeFolders   = TRUE)

SpecFolderCreate2

# check if species directories were deleted
list.dirs(wd_createDirTest)

## End(Not run)

```

---

createStationFolders *Create camera trap station directories for raw camera trap images*

---

## Description

This function creates camera trap station directories, if needed with camera subdirectories. They can be used as an initial directory structure for storing raw camera trap images.

## Usage

```
createStationFolders(inDir, stations, cameras, createinDir)
```

## Arguments

inDir	character. Directory in which station directories are to be created
stations	character. Station IDs to be used as directory names within inDir
cameras	character. Camera trap IDs to be used as subdirectory names in each station directory (optionally)
createinDir	logical. If inDir does not exist, create it?

**Details**

The empty directories serve as containers for saving raw camera trap images. If more than 1 camera was set up at a station, specifying cameras is required in order to keep images from different cameras separate. Otherwise, generic filenames (e.g., IMG0001.JPG) from different cameras may lead to accidental overwriting of images if images from these cameras are saved in one station directory.

**Value**

A data.frame with station (and possibly camera) directory names and an indicator for whether they were created successfully.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# create dummy directory for tests (this will be used as inDir)
# (normally, you'd set up an empty directory, e.g. ../myStudy/rawImages)
wd_createStationDir <- file.path(tempdir(), "createStationFoldersTest")

# now we load the sample camera trap station data frame
data(camtraps)

# create station directories in wd_createStationDir
StationFolderCreate1 <- createStationFolders (inDir      = wd_createStationDir,
                                             stations    = as.character(camtraps$Station),
                                             createinDir = TRUE)

StationFolderCreate1

# check if directories were created
list.dirs(wd_createStationDir)

## End(Not run)
```

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detectionHistory

*Species detection histories for occupancy analyses*


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**Description**

This function generates species detection histories that can be used in occupancy analyses, e.g. with package [unmarked](#). It generates detection histories in different formats, with adjustable occasion length and occasion start time.

**Usage**

```
detectionHistory(
  recordTable,
  species,
  camOp,
  output = c("binary", "count"),
  stationCol = "Station",
  speciesCol = "Species",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  occasionLength,
  minActiveDaysPerOccasion,
  maxNumberDays,
  day1,
  buffer,
  includeEffort = TRUE,
  scaleEffort = FALSE,
  occasionStartTime = "deprecated",
  datesAsOccasionNames = FALSE,
  timeZone,
  writecsv = FALSE,
  outDir,
  unmarkedMultFrameInput
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>recordTable</code>	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
<code>species</code>	character. the species for which to compute the detection history
<code>camOp</code>	The camera operability matrix as created by <a href="#">cameraOperation</a>
<code>output</code>	character. Return binary detections ("binary") or counts of detections ("count")
<code>stationCol</code>	character. name of the column specifying Station ID in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>speciesCol</code>	character. name of the column specifying species in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>recordDateTimeCol</code>	character. name of the column specifying date and time in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>recordDateTimeFormat</code>	character. Format of column <code>recordDateTimeCol</code> in <code>recordTable</code>
<code>occasionLength</code>	integer. occasion length in days
<code>minActiveDaysPerOccasion</code>	integer. minimum number of active trap days for occasions to be included (optional)
<code>maxNumberDays</code>	integer. maximum number of trap days per station (optional)
<code>day1</code>	character. When should occasions begin: station setup date ("station"), first day of survey ("survey"), a specific date (e.g. "2015-12-31")?

buffer	integer. Makes the first occasion begin a number of days after station setup. (optional)
includeEffort	logical. Compute trapping effort (number of active camera trap days per station and occasion)?
scaleEffort	logical. scale and center effort matrix to mean = 0 and sd = 1?
occasionStartTime	(DEPRECATED) integer. time of day (the full hour) at which to begin occasions. Please use argument occasionStartTime in <a href="#">cameraOperation</a> instead.
datesAsOccasionNames	If day1 = "survey", occasion names in the detection history will be composed of first and last day of that occasion.
timeZone	character. Must be a value returned by <a href="#">OlsonNames</a>
writescsv	logical. Should the detection history be saved as a .csv?
outDir	character. Directory into which detection history .csv file is saved
unmarkedMultFrameInput	logical. Return input for multi-season occupancy models in unmarked (argument "y" in <a href="#">unmarkedMultFrame?</a> )

## Details

The function computes a species detection matrix, either as a detection-by-date or a detection-by-occasion matrix. `day1` defines if each station's detection history will begin on that station's setup day (`day1 = "station"`) or if all station's detection histories have a common origin (the day the first station was set up if `day1 = "survey"` or a fixed date if, e.g. `day1 = "2015-12-31"`). If `day1` is a date, [as.Date](#) must be able to understand it. The most suitable format is "YYYY-MM-DD", e.g. "2015-12-31".

output is analogous to [spatialDetectionHistory](#). It makes the function return either counts of detections during occasions, or a binary indicator for whether the species was detected.

`includeEffort` controls whether an additional effort matrix is computed or not. This also affects the detection matrices. If `includeEffort = FALSE`, all occasions in which a station was not set up or malfunctioning (NA or 0 in `camOp`) will result in NAs in the detection history. If `includeEffort = TRUE`, the record history will only contain 0 and 1, and no NAs. The effort matrix can then be included in occupancy models as a (continuous) observation covariate to estimate the effect of effort on detection probability.

The number of days that are aggregated is controlled by `occasionLength`. `occasionStartTime` will be removed from the function. It has moved to [cameraOperation](#), to ensure daily effort is computed correctly and takes the occasion start time into account.

default). This may be relevant for nocturnal animals, in which 1 whole night would be considered an occasion.

The values of `stationCol` in `recordTable` must be matched by the row names of `camOp` (case-insensitive), otherwise an error is raised.

`recordDateTimeFormat` defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". `recordDateTimeFormat` can be interpreted either by base-R via [strptime](#) or in [lubridate](#) via [parse\\_date\\_time](#) (argument "orders"). [lubridate](#) will be used if there are no "%" characters in `recordDateTimeFormat`.



```

        retrievalCol = "Retrieval_date",
        hasProblems  = FALSE,
        dateFormat   = "dmy"
    )

## Not run:
if (Sys.which("exiftool") != ""){      # only run this function if ExifTool is available
recordTableSample <- recordTable(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
                                IDfrom     = "directory",
                                minDeltaTime = 60,
                                deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastRecord",
                                exclude     = "UNID",
                                timeZone    = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur"
)
}

## End(Not run)
data(recordTableSample)      # load the record history, as created above

# compute detection history for a species

# without trapping effort
DetHist1 <- detectionHistory(recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                             camOp          = camop_no_problem,
                             stationCol     = "Station",
                             speciesCol    = "Species",
                             recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                             species       = "VTA",
                             occasionLength = 7,
                             day1         = "station",
                             datesAsOccasionNames = FALSE,
                             includeEffort  = FALSE,
                             timeZone      = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur"
)

DetHist1          # this is a list with 1 element
DetHist1$detection_history # this is the contained detection/non-detection matrix

# with effort / using base R to define recordDateTimeFormat
DetHist2 <- detectionHistory(recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                             camOp          = camop_no_problem,
                             stationCol     = "Station",
                             speciesCol    = "Species",
                             recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                             species       = "VTA",
                             occasionLength = 7,
                             day1         = "station",
                             datesAsOccasionNames = FALSE,
                             includeEffort  = TRUE,
                             scaleEffort    = FALSE,
                             timeZone      = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur"
)

```



```

)
    unmarkedMultFrameInput = TRUE
)
DetHist_multi

```

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detectionMaps	<i>Generate maps of observed species richness and species presences by station</i>
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### Description

Generates maps of observed species richness and species presence by species and station. Output can be R graphics, PNG graphics or a shapefile for use in GIS software.

### Usage

```

detectionMaps(
  CTtable,
  recordTable,
  Xcol,
  Ycol,
  backgroundPolygon,
  stationCol = "Station",
  speciesCol = "Species",
  speciesToShow,
  richnessPlot = TRUE,
  speciesPlots = TRUE,
  addLegend = TRUE,
  printLabels = FALSE,
  smallPoints,
  plotR = TRUE,
  writePNG = FALSE,
  plotDirectory,
  createPlotDir = FALSE,
  pngMaxPix = 1000,
  writeShapefile = FALSE,
  shapefileName,
  shapefileDirectory,
  shapefileProjection
)

```

### Arguments

CTtable	data.frame. contains station IDs and coordinates
recordTable	data.frame. the record table created by <a href="#">recordTable</a>

Xcol	character. name of the column specifying x coordinates in CTtable
Ycol	character. name of the column specifying y coordinates in CTtable
backgroundPolygon	SpatialPolygons or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame. Polygon to be plotted in the background of the map (e.g. project area boundary)
stationCol	character. name of the column specifying station ID in CTtable and recordTable
speciesCol	character. name of the column specifying species in recordTable
speciesToShow	character. Species to include in the maps. If missing, all species in recordTable will be included.
richnessPlot	logical. Generate a species richness plot?
speciesPlots	logical. Generate plots of all species number of independent events?
addLegend	logical. Add legends to the plots?
printLabels	logical. Add station labels to the plots?
smallPoints	numeric. Number by which to decrease point sizes in plots (optional).
plotR	logical. Create plots in R graphics device?
writePNG	logical. Create PNGs of the plots?
plotDirectory	character. Directory in which to save the PNGs
createPlotDir	logical. Create plotDirectory?
pngMaxPix	integer. number of pixels in pngs on the longer side
writeShapefile	logical. Create a shapefile from the output?
shapefileName	character. Name of the shapefile to be saved. If empty, a name will be generated automatically.
shapefileDirectory	character. Directory in which to save the shapefile.
shapefileProjection	character. A character string of projection arguments to use in the shapefile.

### Details

The column name `stationCol` must be identical in `CTtable` and `recordTable` and station IDs must match.

Shapefile creation depends on the packages `sf`. Argument `shapefileProjection` must be a valid argument of `st_crs` (one of (i) character: a string accepted by GDAL, (ii) integer, a valid EPSG value (numeric), or (iii) an object of class `crs`). If `shapefileProjection` is undefined, the resulting shapefile will lack a coordinate reference system.

### Value

An invisible data frame with station coordinates, numbers of events by species at each station and total species number by station. In addition and optionally, R graphics or png image files.

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

## References

A great resource for coordinate system information is <https://spatialreference.org/>. Use the Proj4 string as shapefileProjection argument.

## Examples

```
# load station information
data(camtraps)

# load record table
data(recordTableSample)

# create maps
Mapstest <- detectionMaps(CTtable      = camtraps,
                          recordTable = recordTableSample,
                          Xcol         = "utm_x",
                          Ycol         = "utm_y",
                          stationCol   = "Station",
                          speciesCol   = "Species",
                          writePNG     = FALSE,
                          plotR        = TRUE,
                          printLabels  = TRUE,
                          richnessPlot = TRUE,
                          addLegend    = TRUE
)

# with a polygon in the background, and for one species only

# make a dummy polygon for the background
library(sp)
poly1 <- Polygon(cbind(c(521500,526500,527000, 521500),c(607500, 608000, 603500, 603500)))
poly2 <- Polygons(list(poly1), "s1")
poly3 <- SpatialPolygons(list(poly2))

Mapstest2 <- detectionMaps(CTtable      = camtraps,
                          recordTable   = recordTableSample,
                          Xcol           = "utm_x",
                          Ycol           = "utm_y",
                          backgroundPolygon = poly3,           # this was added
                          speciesToShow  = c("PBE", "VTA"),    # this was added
                          stationCol     = "Station",
                          speciesCol     = "Species",
                          writePNG       = FALSE,
                          plotR           = TRUE,
                          printLabels     = TRUE,
                          richnessPlot    = TRUE,
                          addLegend       = TRUE
)
```

)

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`exifTagNames`*Show Exif metadata of JPEG images or other image or video formats*

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**Description**

The function will return metadata values, metadata tag names and group names of Exif metadata of JPEG images or other formats.

**Usage**

```
exifTagNames(
  inDir,
  whichSubDir = 1,
  fileName,
  returnMetadata = "DEPRECATED",
  returnTagGroup = "DEPRECATED"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/</code> )
<code>whichSubDir</code>	integer or character. Either number or name of subdirectory of <code>inDir</code> in which to look for an image
<code>fileName</code>	character. A filename, either the file name of an image in <code>inDir</code> or a full path with file name (in which case <code>inDir</code> is not needed)
<code>returnMetadata</code>	deprecated and ignored
<code>returnTagGroup</code>	deprecated and ignored

**Details**

Many digital cameras record information such as ambient temperature or moon phase under maker-specific tag names in Exif metadata of JPEG images. In addition, many technical information are stored in Exif metadata. In order to extract those information from images and add them to the record tables created by the functions [recordTable](#) and [recordTableIndividual](#), the tag names must be known so they can be passed to these functions via the `additionalMetadataTags` argument.

By default the function returns both metadata tag names and the metadata group they belong to (via argument `returnTagGroup`). This is helpful to unambiguously address specific metadata tags, because different groups can contain tags of identical names, which may cause problems executing the functions [recordTable](#) and [recordTableIndividual](#). The format is "GROUP:tag", e.g. "EXIF:Flash".

**Value**

A data frame containing three columns: metadata tag group, tag name, and values.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**References**

Phil Harvey's ExifTool <https://exiftool.org/>

**See Also**

[recordTable](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

wd_images_ID <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir", package = "camtrapR")

# specify directory, camtrapR will automatically take first image from first subdirectory
exifTagNames(inDir      = wd_images_ID)

# specify subdirectory by name, camtrapR will use first image
exifTagNames(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
              whichSubDir = "StationA")

# specifying fileName only (line break due to R package policy)
exifTagNames(fileName   = file.path(wd_images_ID, "StationC", "TRA",
                                     "StationC__2009-05-02__00-10-00(1).JPG"))

# specify inDir and fileName
exifTagNames(inDir      = wd_images_ID,
              fileName   = file.path("StationC", "TRA", "StationC__2009-05-02__00-10-00(1).JPG"))

# it also works this way
exifTagNames(inDir      = file.path(wd_images_ID, "StationC", "TRA"),
              fileName   = "StationC__2009-05-02__00-10-00(1).JPG")

# with tagged sample images
wd_images_ID_tagged <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_indiv_tag", package = "camtrapR")
exifTagNames(inDir      = wd_images_ID_tagged)

## End(Not run)
```

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exiftoolPath	<i>Add a directory to PATH temporarily</i>
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**Description**

Temporarily adds a directory to the environmental variable PATH for system calls from within R. This allows Windows users to store exiftool.exe anywhere on their hard drive. It is not needed on Linux or MacOS machines.

**Usage**

```
exiftoolPath(exiftoolDir)
```

**Arguments**

exiftoolDir     character. the directory in the file system containing exiftool.exe.

**Details**

Several functions within this package depend on ExifTool. Under Windows, exiftool.exe cannot be used if it is not in a directory path specified in PATH. This can be solved by adding the directory containing exiftool.exe for temporary use within the running R process.

**Value**

invisible logical indicating whether exiftoolDir was added to PATH successfully (in the running R process).

**Note**

The directories in PATH can be queried by `Sys.getenv("PATH")`.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**Examples**

```
exiftool_dir <- "C:/Path/To/Exiftool"
exiftoolPath(exiftoolDir = exiftool_dir)

# check if it has been added to PATH
grepl(exiftool_dir, Sys.getenv("PATH"))
```

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fit,commOccu-method     *Fit a community (multi-species) occupancy model*

---

## Description

Convenience function for fitting community occupancy models (defined in a commOccu object) in JAGS or Nimble.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'commOccu'
fit(
  object,
  n.iter = 100,
  thin = 1,
  n.burnin = 0,
  n.adapt = 0,
  cores = 1,
  chains = 3,
  compile = TRUE,
  WAIC = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

object	commOccu object
n.iter	number of iterations to monitor
thin	thinning interval for monitors
n.burnin	burnin length
n.adapt	Length of adaptive phase
cores	number of cores to utilize
chains	number of MCMC chains to run
compile	logical. If Nimble model, compile model with <a href="#">compileNimble</a> before running model?
WAIC	logical. Return WAIC (only Nimble models)
quiet	if TRUE messages and progress bar will be suppressed
...	additional arguments to pass to <a href="#">runMCMC</a> (only relevant for Nimble)

**Details**

Models will be fit either in JAGS or Nimble, depending on the decision made in the `nimble` argument in `communityModel`.

For Nimble, compilation is strongly recommended for long model runs. Uncompiled models can run extremely slow. Compilation itself can take a while also, and requires that Rtools is available on the system.

It is a convenience function only which hides some of the configuration options. If you require more control over model fitting, you can run all steps individually. See vignette 5 for details.

**Value**

A `coda::mcmc.list`

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<code>fixDateTimeOriginal</code>	<i>Fix DateTimeOriginal Exif metadata tag in Reconyx Hyperfire cameras</i>
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**Description**

Some camera models don't store the date/time information in the standard Exif metadata tag. Consequently, `camtrapR` cannot find that information. This function uses `Exiftool` to update the `DateTimeOriginal` metadata tag in all images within a directory to make them readable with `camtrapR` (and other software).

**Usage**

```
fixDateTimeOriginal(inDir, recursive = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Name of the directory containing images to be fixed
<code>recursive</code>	logical. Recursively find images in subdirectories of <code>inDir</code> ?

**Details**

Some Reconyx Hyperfire cameras (e.g. HC500) are known to show this problem.

**Value**

Returns invisibly the messages returned by the `Exiftool` call (warnings etc.).

**Warning**

Please make a backup of your images before running this function.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Niedballa

**References**

This function uses the code from:

Tobler, Mathias (2015). Camera Base Version 1.7 User Guide <https://www.atrium-biodiversity.org/tools/camerabase/files/CameraBaseDoc1.7.pdf>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# a hypothetical example

wd_images_hyperfire <- "C:/Some/Directory"

fixDateTimeOriginal(inDir      = wd_images_hyperfire,
                    recursive = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

getSpeciesImages      *Collect all images of a species*

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**Description**

This function will fetch all images of a particular species from all camera trap stations and copies these images to a new location. The images which are to be copied are found in one of 2 possible ways, 1) by providing an existing record table (created with [recordTable](#)) or 2) by reading species IDs from species directories or from metadata (calling [ExifTool](#)). Earlier in the workflow, i.e., before running this function, images should have been renamed (with [imageRename](#)) to give images unique file names based on station ID and date/time.

**Usage**

```
getSpeciesImages(
  species,
  recordTable,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  stationCol = "Station",
  inDir,
  outDir,
  createStationSubfolders = FALSE,
  IDfrom,
  metadataSpeciesTag,
  metadataHierarchyDelimiter = "|"
)
```

**Arguments**

species	character. Species whose images are to be fetched
recordTable	data frame. A data frame as returned by function <code>recordTable</code> . If you specify this argument, do not specify <code>inDir</code>
speciesCol	character. Name of the column specifying species ID in <code>recordTable</code> . Only required if <code>recordTable</code> is defined
stationCol	character. Name of the column specifying station ID in <code>recordTable</code> . Only required if <code>recordTable</code> is defined
inDir	character. Directory containing identified (species level) camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/</code> ). If you specify this argument, do not specify <code>recordTable</code> .
outDir	character. Directory in which to save species images. A species subdirectory will be created in <code>outDir</code> automatically.
createStationSubfolders	logical. Save images in station directories within the newly created species directory in <code>outDir</code> ?
IDfrom	character. Read species ID from image metadata ("metadata") or from species directory names ("directory")? Only required if <code>inDir</code> is defined.
metadataSpeciesTag	character. The species ID tag name in image metadata (if <code>IDfrom = "metadata"</code> ). Only required if <code>inDir</code> is defined.
metadataHierarchyDelimiter	character. The character delimiting hierarchy levels in image metadata tags in field "HierarchicalSubject". Either " " or ":" (if <code>IDfrom = "metadata"</code> ). Only required if <code>inDir</code> is defined and <code>IDfrom = "metadata"</code> .

**Details**

The function finds the images to be copied by either consulting a record table created with `recordTable` or by reading species IDs from images. The former is considerably faster because `ExifTool` is not called, but requires images to be in precisely the location given by the columns `Directory` and `FileName` in `recordTable`. To use this feature, provide the function with a record table in argument `recordTable`.

If you'd rather read species IDs from images within the function (to make sure all file paths are correct), images need to be in the directory structure required by the package, e.g.

```
> inDir/Station/Species
```

```
or
```

```
> inDir/Station/Camera/Species
```

if using species directories for species IDs, and

```
> inDir/Station
```

```
or
```

```
> inDir/Station/Camera
```

if reading IDs from species metadata tags. In the latter case, only station directories are needed. In any case, the argument `species` must match species IDs (either the `speciesCol` in `recordTable`, species directory names or species metadata tags).

Before running the function, first rename the images using function `imageRename` to provide unique file names and prevent several images from having the same name (if generic names like "IMG0001.jpg" are used). The function will not copy images if there are duplicate filenames to prevent overwriting images unintentionally.

### Value

A data.frame with old and new directories and file names and the copy status (`copy_ok`; TRUE if copying was successful, FALSE if not).

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# define image directory
wd_images_ID <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir", package = "camtrapR")
wd_images_ID_copy <- file.path(tempdir(), "sample_images_species_dir")

species_to_copy <- "VTA"    # = Viverra zibeth, Malay Civet

specImagecopy <- getSpeciesImages(species           = species_to_copy,
                                  inDir              = wd_images_ID,
                                  outDir             = wd_images_ID_copy,
                                  createStationSubfolders = FALSE,
                                  IDfrom             = "directory"
                                  )

## End(Not run)
```

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imageRename	<i>Copy and rename images based on camera trap station ID and creation date</i>
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### Description

The function renames and copies raw camera trap images into a new location where they can be identified. Images are renamed with camera trap station ID, camera ID (optional), creation date and a numeric identifier for images taken within one minute of each other at a given station. Station ID and camera ID are derived from the raw image directory structure. The creation date is extracted from image metadata using `ExifTool`.

**Usage**

```

imageRename(
  inDir,
  outDir,
  hasCameraFolders,
  keepCameraSubfolders,
  createEmptyDirectories = FALSE,
  copyImages = FALSE,
  writecsv = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing camera trap images sorted into station subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/</code> )
<code>outDir</code>	character. Directory into which the renamed images will be copied
<code>hasCameraFolders</code>	logical. Do the station directories in <code>inDir</code> have camera subdirectories (e.g. <code>"inDir/StationA/Camera1"</code> )?
<code>keepCameraSubfolders</code>	logical. Should camera directories be preserved as subdirectories of <code>outDir</code> (e.g. <code>"outDir/StationA/CameraA1"</code> )?
<code>createEmptyDirectories</code>	logical. If station or camera directories are empty, should they be copied nevertheless (causing empty directories in <code>inDir</code> , but preserving the whole directory structure)?
<code>copyImages</code>	logical. Copy images to <code>outDir</code> ?
<code>writecsv</code>	logical. Save a data frame with a summary as a <code>.csv</code> ? The <code>csv</code> will be saved in <code>outDir</code> .

**Details**

Setting up the correct raw image directory structure is necessary for running the function successfully. `inDir` is the main directory that contains camera trap station subdirectories (e.g. `inDir/StationA`). If one camera was deployed per station and no camera subdirectories are used within station directories, `hasCameraFolders` can be set to `FALSE`. If more than one camera was deployed at stations, there must be subdirectories for the individual camera traps within the station directories (e.g. `"inDir/StationA/CameraA1"` and `"inDir/StationA/CameraA2"`). Even if only some stations had multiple cameras, all station will need camera subdirectories. The argument `hasCameraFolders` must be `TRUE`. Within the camera subdirectories, the directory structure is irrelevant.

Renaming of images follows the following pattern: If `hasCameraFolders` is `TRUE`, it is: `"StationID__CameraID__Date__Time(Number).JPG"`, e.g. `"StationA__CameraA1__2015-01-31__18-59-59(1).JPG"`. If `hasCameraFolders` is `FALSE`, it is: `"StationID__Date__Time(Number).JPG"`, e.g. `"StationA__2015-01-31__18-59-59(1).JPG"`.

The purpose of the number in parentheses is to prevent assigning identical file names to images taken at the same station (and camera) in the same second, as can happen if cameras take sequences

of images. It is a consecutive number given to all images taken at the same station by the same camera within one minute. The double underscore "\_\_" in the image file names is for splitting and extracting information from file names in other functions (e.g. for retrieving camera IDs in [recordTable](#) if camera subdirectories are not preserved (keepCameraSubfolders = FALSE)).

The function finds all JPEG images and extracts the image timestamp from the image metadata using ExifTool and copies the images (with new file names) into outDir, where it will set up a directory structure based on the station IDs and, if required by keepCameraSubfolders = TRUE, camera IDs (e.g. outDir/StationA/ or outDir/StationA/CameraA1).

copyImages can be set to FALSE to simulate the renaming and check the file names of the renamed images without copying. If you are handling large number of images (>e.g., 100,000), the function may take some time to run.

### Value

A data.frame with original directory and file names, new directory and file names and an indicator for whether images were copied successfully.

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

### References

Phil Harvey's ExifTool <https://exiftool.org/>

### Examples

```
## Not run:

### "trial" run. create a table with file names after renaming, but don't copy images.

# first, find sample image directory in package directory:
wd_images_raw <- system.file("pictures/raw_images", package = "camtrapR")

# because copyImages = FALSE, outDir does not need to be defined
renaming.table <- imageRename(inDir          = wd_images_raw,
                              hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                              copyImages      = FALSE,
                              writecsv       = FALSE
                              )

### a real example in which images are copied and renamed

# define raw image location
wd_images_raw <- system.file("pictures/raw_images", package = "camtrapR")
```

```

# define destination for renamed images
wd_images_raw_renamed <- file.path(tempdir(), "raw_images_renamed")

# now we have to define outDir because copyImages = TRUE
renaming.table2 <- imageRename(inDir          = wd_images_raw,
                              outDir         = wd_images_raw_renamed,
                              hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                              copyImages     = TRUE,
                              writecsv      = FALSE
                              )

# show output files
list.files(wd_images_raw_renamed, recursive = TRUE)

# output table
renaming.table2

## End(Not run)

```

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 OCRdataFields

*Optical character recognition (OCR) from data fields in digital images*


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## Description

Extracts information from the data fields in camera trap images (not the metadata). Many camera traps include data fields in camera trap images, often including date and time of images, and sometimes other information. This function extracts the information from these fields using optical character recognition provided by the package **tesseract** after reading images using the package **magick**.

## Usage

```
OCRdataFields(inDir, geometries, invert = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing camera trap images (or subdirectories containing images)
<code>geometries</code>	list. A (possibly named) list of geometry strings defining the image area(s) to extract.
<code>invert</code>	logical. Invert colors in the image? Set to TRUE if text in data field is white on black background. Leave if FALSE if text is black in white background.

## Details

Normally all these information should be in the image metadata. This function is meant as a last resort if image metadata are unreadable or were removed from images. OCR is not perfect and may misidentify characters, so check the output carefully.

The output of this function can be used in [writeDateTimeOriginal](#) to write date/time into the DateTimeOriginal tag in image metadata, making these images available for automatic processing with [recordTable](#) and other functions that extract image metadata.

This function reads all images in inDir (including subdirectories), crops them to the geometries in the "geometries" list, and performs optical character recognition (OCR) on each of these fields (leveraging the magick and tesseract packages).

Geometries are defined with geometry\_area from **magick**. See [geometry](#) for details on how to specify geometries with geometry\_area. The format is: "widthxheight+x\_off+y\_off", where:

**width** width of the area of interest

**height** height of the area of interest

**x\_off** offset from the left side of the image

**y\_off** offset from the top of the image

Units are pixels for all fields. digiKam can help in identifying the correct specification for geometries. Open the Image Editor, left-click and draw a box around the data field of interest. Ensure the entire text field is included inside the box, but nothing else. Now note two pairs of numbers at the bottom of the window, showing the offsets and box size as e.g.:

```
"(400, 1800) (300 x 60)"
```

This corresponds to the geometry values as follows:

```
"(x_off, y_off) (width x height)"
```

Using these values, you'd run:

```
geometry_area(x_off = 400, y_off = 1800, width = 300, height = 60)
```

and receive

```
"300x60+400+1800"
```

as your geometry.

OCR in tesseract has problems with white font on black background. If that is the case in your images, set invert to TRUE to invert the image and ensure OCR uses black text on white background.

Even then, output will not be perfect. Error rates in OCR depend on multiple factors, including the text size and font type used. We don't have control over these, so check the output carefully and edit as required.

## Value

A data.frame with original directory and file names, and additional columns for the OCR data of each extracted geometry.

## Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

**See Also**

[writeDateTimeOriginal](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# dontrun is to avoid forcing users to install additional dependencies

wd_images_OCR <- system.file("pictures/full_size_for_ocr", package = "camtrapR")

library(magick)

# define geometries
geometry1 <- geometry_area(x_off = 0, y_off = 0, width = 183, height = 37)
geometry2 <- geometry_area(x_off = 196, y_off = 0, width = 200, height = 17)
geometry3 <- geometry_area(x_off = 447, y_off = 0, width = 63, height = 17)
geometry4 <- geometry_area(x_off = 984, y_off = 0, width = 47, height = 17)
geometry5 <- geometry_area(x_off = 0, y_off = 793, width = 320, height = 17)

# combine geometries into list
geometries <- list(date = geometry1,
                   time = geometry2,
                   sequence_id = geometry3,
                   temperature = geometry4,
                   camera_model = geometry5)

df_image_data <- OCRdataFields(inDir = wd_images_OCR,
                              geometries = geometries,
                              invert = TRUE)

df_image_data

# note the mistake in "camera_model"
# it should be "PC850", not "PC8S00"
# date and time are correct though

## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_coef,commOccu-method

*Plot effect sizes of covariates in community occupancy model*

---

**Description**

Plot effect sizes for all species in a community (multi-species) occupancy model. Currently only supports continuous covariates, not categorical covariates.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'commOccu'
plot_coef(
  object,
  mcmc.list,
  submodel = "state",
  ordered = TRUE,
  combine = FALSE,
  outdir,
  level = c(outer = 0.95, inner = 0.75),
  colorby = "significance",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	commOccu object
mcmc.list	mcmc.list. Output of <code>fit</code> called on a commOccu object
submodel	Submodel to get plots for. Can be "det" or "state"
ordered	logical. Order species in plot by median effect (TRUE) or by species name (FALSE)
combine	logical. Combine multiple plots into one (via facets)?
outdir	Directory to save plots to (optional)
level	Probability mass to include in the uncertainty interval (two values, second value - inner interval - will be plotted thicker)
colorby	Whether to color estimates by "significance" (of the effect estimates), or "Bayesian p-value" (of the species)
...	additional arguments for <code>ggsave</code>

**Value**

list of ggplot objects

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plot\_effects,commOccu-method

*Plot Marginal Effects of Covariates*

---

**Description**

Plot marginal effect plots (= response curves if covariates are continuous) for all species in a community (multi-species) occupancy model. Takes into account species-specific intercepts (if any). Currently only supports continuous covariates, not categorical covariates.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'commOccu'
plot_effects(
  object,
  mcmc.list,
  submodel = "state",
  draws = 1000,
  outdir,
  level = 0.95,
  keyword_squared = "_squared",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	commOccu object
mcmc.list	mcmc.list. Output of <a href="#">fit</a> called on a commOccu object
submodel	Submodel to get plots for. Can be "det" or "state"
draws	Number of draws from the posterior to use when generating the plots. If fewer than draws are available, they are all used
outdir	Directory to save plots to (optional)
level	Probability mass to include in the uncertainty interval
keyword_squared	character. A suffix in covariate names in the model that indicates a covariate is a quadratic effect of another covariate which does not carry the suffix in its name.
...	additional arguments for <a href="#">ggsave</a>

**Value**

list of ggplot objects

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predict,commOccu-method

*Spatial predictions from community occupancy models*

---

**Description**

Create spatial predictions of species occupancy and species richness from community occupancy models and raster stacks.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'commOccu'
predict(
  object,
  mcmc.list,
  type,
  draws = 1000,
  level = 0.95,
  interval = c("none", "confidence"),
  x,
  speciesSubset
)
```

**Arguments**

object	commOccu object
mcmc.list	mcmc.list. Output of <code>fit</code> called on a commOccu object
type	character. "psi" for species occupancy estimates, "richness" for species richness estimates
draws	Number of draws from the posterior to use when generating the plots. If fewer than draws are available, they are all used
level	Probability mass to include in the uncertainty interval
interval	# Type of interval calculation. Can be "none" or "confidence". Can be slow for type = "psi" with many cells and posterior samples. Can be abbreviated.
x	raster stack or data.frame. Must be scaled with same parameters as site covariates used in model, and have same names.
speciesSubset	species to include in richness estimates. Can be index number or species names.

**Value**

A raster stack or data.frame, depending on x

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recordTable

*Generate a species record table from camera trap images and videos*


---

**Description**

Generates a record table from camera trap images or videos. Images/videos must be sorted into station directories at least. The function can read species identification from a directory structure (Station/Species or Station/Camera/Species) or from image metadata tags.

**Usage**

```

recordTable(
  inDir,
  IDfrom,
  cameraID,
  camerasIndependent,
  exclude,
  minDeltaTime = 0,
  deltaTimeComparedTo,
  timeZone,
  stationCol,
  writecsv = FALSE,
  outDir,
  metadataHierarchyDelimiter = "|",
  metadataSpeciesTag,
  additionalMetadataTags,
  removeDuplicateRecords = TRUE,
  returnFileNamesMissingTags = FALSE,
  eventSummaryColumn,
  eventSummaryFunction,
  video
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing station directories. It must either contain images in species subdirectories (e.g. <code>inDir/StationA/SpeciesA</code> ) or images with species metadata tags (without species directories, e.g. <code>inDir/StationA</code> ).
<code>IDfrom</code>	character. Read species ID from image metadata ("metadata") or from species directory names ("directory")?
<code>cameraID</code>	character. Where should the function look for camera IDs: 'filename', 'directory'. 'filename' requires images renamed with <code>imageRename</code> . 'directory' requires a camera subdirectory within station directories (station/camera/species). Can be missing.
<code>camerasIndependent</code>	logical. If TRUE, species records are considered to be independent between cameras at a station.
<code>exclude</code>	character. Vector of species names to be excluded from the record table
<code>minDeltaTime</code>	integer. Time difference between records of the same species at the same station to be considered independent (in minutes)
<code>deltaTimeComparedTo</code>	character. For two records to be considered independent, must the second one be at least <code>minDeltaTime</code> minutes after the last independent record of the same species ("lastIndependentRecord"), or <code>minDeltaTime</code> minutes after the last record ("lastRecord")?
<code>timeZone</code>	character. Must be a value returned by <code>OlsonNames</code>

stationCol	character. Name of the camera trap station column. Assuming "Station" if undefined.
writectsv	logical. Should the record table be saved as a .csv?
outDir	character. Directory to save csv to. If NULL and writectsv = TRUE, recordTable will be written to inDir.
metadataHierarchyDelimiter	character. The character delimiting hierarchy levels in image metadata tags in field "HierarchicalSubject". Either " " or ":".
metadataSpeciesTag	character. In custom image metadata, the species ID tag name.
additionalMetadataTags	character. Additional camera model-specific metadata tags to be extracted. (If possible specify tag groups as returned by <a href="#">exifTagNames</a> )
removeDuplicateRecords	logical. If there are several records of the same species at the same station (also same camera if cameraID is defined) at exactly the same time, show only one?
returnFileNamesMissingTags	logical. If species are assigned with metadata and images are not tagged, return a few file names of these images as a message?
eventSummaryColumn	character. A column in the record table (e.g. from a metadata tag) by to summarise non-independent records (those within minDeltaTime of a given record) with a user-defined function (eventSummaryFunction)
eventSummaryFunction	character. The function by which to summarise eventSummaryColumn of non-independent records, e.g. "sum", "max" (optional)
video	list. Contains information on how to handle video data (optional). See details.

## Details

The function can handle a number of different ways of storing images, and supports species identification by moving images into species directories as well as metadata tagging. In every case, images need to be stored into station directories. If images are identified by moving them into species directories, a camera directory is optional: "Station/Species/XY.JPG" or "Station/Camera/Species/XY.JPG". Likewise, if images are identified using metadata tagging, a camera directory can be used optionally: "Station/XY.JPG" or "Station/Camera/XY.JPG".

If images are identified by metadata tagging, metadataSpeciesTag specifies the metadata tag group name that contains species identification tags. metadataHierarchyDelimiter is "|" for images tagged in DigiKam and images tagged in Adobe Bridge / Lightroom with the default settings. It is only necessary to change it if the default was changed in these programs.

minDeltaTime is a criterion for temporal independence of species recorded at the same station. Setting it to 0 will make the function return all records. Setting it to a higher value will remove records that were taken less than minDeltaTime minutes after the last record (deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastRecord") or the last independent record (deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastIndependentRecord").

removeDuplicateRecords determines whether duplicate records (identical station, species, date/time, (and camera if applicable)) are all returned (TRUE) or collapsed into a single unique record (FALSE).

camerasIndependent defines if the cameras at a station are to be considered independent. If TRUE, records of the same species taken by different cameras are considered independent (e.g. if they face different trails). Use FALSE if both cameras face each other and possibly TRUE ).

exclude can be used to exclude "species" directories containing irrelevant images (e.g. "team", "blank", "unidentified"). stationCol can be set to match the station column name in the camera trap station table (see [camtraps](#)).

Many digital images contain Exif metadata tags such as "AmbientTemperature" or "MoonPhase" that can be extracted if specified in metadataTags. Because these are manufacturer-specific and not standardized, function [exifTagNames](#) provides a vector of all available tag names. Multiple names can be specified as a character vector as: c(Tag1, Tag2, ...). The metadata tags thus extracted may be used as covariates in modelling species distributions.

eventSummaryColumn and eventSummaryFunction can be used to extract summary statistics for independent sampling events. For example, you assigned a "count" tag to your images, indicating the number of individuals in a picture. In a sequence of pictures taken within 1 minute, most pictures show one individual, but one image shows two individuals. You tagged the images accordingly (count = 1 or count = 2) and run recordTable. Set eventSummaryColumn = "count" and eventSummaryFunction = "max" to obtain the maximum number of count in all images within minDeltaTime minutes of a given record. The results is in a new column, in this example count\_max. You can also calculate several statistics at the same time, by supplying vectors of values, e.g. eventSummaryColumn = c("count", "count", "camera") and eventSummaryFunction = c("min", "max", "unique") to get minimum and maximum count and all unique camera IDs for that event. Note that eventSummaryColumn and eventSummaryFunction must be of same length.

Argument video is a named list with 2 or 4 items. 2 items (file\_formats, dateTimeTag) are always required, and are sufficient if IDfrom = "directory". In that case, no digiKam tags will be returned. To return digiKam tags, two additional items are required (db\_directory, db\_filename). This is essential when using IDfrom = "metadata". When using IDfrom = "directory", it is optional, but allows to extract metadata tags assigned to videos in digiKam. This workaround is necessary because digiKam tags are not written into video metadata, but are only saved in the digiKam database. So in contrast to JPG images, they can not be extracted with ExifTool. It also requires that inDir is in your digiKam database.

The items of argument video are:

file_formats	The video formats to extract (include "jpg" if you want .JPG image metadata)
dateTimeTag	the metadata tag to extract date/time from (use <a href="#">exifTagNames</a> to find out which tag is suitable)
db_directory	The directory containing digiKam database (optional if IDfrom = "directory")
db_filename	The digiKam database file in db_directory (optional if IDfrom = "directory")

See the examples below for how to specify the argument video.

## Value

A data frame containing species records and additional information about stations, date, time and (optionally) further metadata.

**Warning**

Custom image metadata must be organised hierarchically (tag group - tag; e.g. "Species" - "Leopard Cat"). Detailed information on how to set up and use metadata tags can be found in [vignette 2: Species and Individual Identification](#).

Custom image metadata tags must be written to the images. The function cannot read tags from .xmp sidecar files. Make sure you set the preferences accordingly. In DigiKam, go to Settings/Configure digiKam/Metadata. There, make sure "Write to sidecar files" is unchecked.

Please note the section about defining argument `timeZone` in the vignette on data extraction (accessible via `vignette("DataExtraction")` or online (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=camtrapR/vignettes/camtrapr3.html>)).

**Note**

The results of a number of other function will depend on the output of this function (namely on the arguments `exclude` for excluding species and `minDeltaTime/deltaTimeComparedTo` for temporal independence):

```
detectionMaps
detectionHistory
activityHistogram
activityDensity
activityRadial
activityOverlap
activityHistogram
surveyReport
```

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**References**

Phil Harvey's ExifTool <https://exiftool.org/>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:      # the examples take too long to pass CRAN tests

# set directory with camera trap images in station directories
wd_images_ID_species <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir",
                                     package = "camtrapR")

if (Sys.which("exiftool") != ""){      # only run these examples if ExifTool is available
```

```

rec_table1 <- recordTable(inDir           = wd_images_ID_species,
                          IDfrom         = "directory",
                          minDeltaTime   = 60,
                          deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastRecord",
                          writecsv       = FALSE,
                          additionalMetadataTags = c("EXIF:Model", "EXIF:Make"))
)
# note argument additionalMetadataTags: it contains tag names as returned by function exifTagNames

rec_table2 <- recordTable(inDir           = wd_images_ID_species,
                          IDfrom         = "directory",
                          minDeltaTime   = 60,
                          deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastRecord",
                          exclude        = "UNID",
                          writecsv       = FALSE,
                          timeZone       = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur",
                          additionalMetadataTags = c("EXIF:Model", "EXIF:Make", "NonExistingTag"),
                          eventSummaryColumn = "EXIF:Make",
                          eventSummaryFunction = "unique"
)

# note the warning that the last tag in "additionalMetadataTags" ("NonExistingTag") was not found

any(rec_table1$Species == "UNID") # TRUE
any(rec_table2$Species == "UNID") # FALSE

# here's how the removeDuplicateRecords argument works

rec_table3a <- recordTable(inDir           = wd_images_ID_species,
                          IDfrom         = "directory",
                          minDeltaTime   = 0,
                          exclude        = "UNID",
                          timeZone       = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur",
                          removeDuplicateRecords = FALSE
)

rec_table3b <- recordTable(inDir           = wd_images_ID_species,
                          IDfrom         = "directory",
                          minDeltaTime   = 0,
                          exclude        = "UNID",
                          timeZone       = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur",
                          removeDuplicateRecords = TRUE
)

anyDuplicated(rec_table3a[, c("Station", "Species", "DateTimeOriginal")]) # got duplicates
anyDuplicated(rec_table3b[, c("Station", "Species", "DateTimeOriginal")]) # no duplicates

# after removing duplicates, both are identical:
whichAreDuplicated <- which(duplicated(rec_table3a[,c("Station", "Species", "DateTimeOriginal")]))

```

```

all(rec_table3a[-whichAreDuplicated,] == rec_table3b)

### extracting species IDs from metadata

wd_images_ID_species_tagged <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_tag",
                                           package = "camtrapR")

rec_table4 <- recordTable(inDir           = wd_images_ID_species_tagged,
                         IDfrom          = "metadata",
                         metadataSpeciesTag = "Species",
                         exclude         = "unidentified")

### Including videos
# sample videos are not included in package

# with videos, IDfrom = "directory", not extracting digiKam metadata

rec_table4 <- recordTable(inDir = wd_images_ID_species,
                         IDfrom = "directory",
                         video = list(file_formats = c("jpg", "mp4"),
                                       dateTimeTag = "QuickTime:CreateDate")
)

# with videos, IDfrom = "metadata", extracting digiKam metadata

rec_table5 <- recordTable(inDir = wd_images_ID_species,
                         IDfrom = "metadata",
                         metadataSpeciesTag = "Species",
                         video = list(file_formats = c("jpg", "mp4", "avi", "mov"),
                                       dateTimeTag = "QuickTime:CreateDate",
                                       db_directory = "C:/Users/YourName/Pictures",
                                       db_filename = "digikam4.db")
)

} else {
# show function output if ExifTool is not available
message("ExifTool is not available. Cannot test function. Loading recordTableSample instead")
data(recordTableSample)
}

## End(Not run)

```

---

recordTableIndividual *Generate a single-species record table with individual identification from camera trap images or videos*

---

**Description**

The function generates a single-species record table containing individual IDs, e.g. for (spatial) capture-recapture analyses. It prepares input for the function [spatialDetectionHistory](#).

**Usage**

```
recordTableIndividual(
  inDir,
  hasStationFolders,
  IDfrom,
  cameraID,
  camerasIndependent,
  minDeltaTime = 0,
  deltaTimeComparedTo,
  timeZone,
  stationCol,
  writecsv = FALSE,
  outDir,
  metadataHierarchyDelimiter = "|",
  metadataIDTag,
  additionalMetadataTags,
  removeDuplicateRecords = TRUE,
  returnFileNamesMissingTags = FALSE,
  eventSummaryColumn,
  eventSummaryFunction,
  video
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>inDir</code>	character. Directory containing images of individuals. Must end with species name (e.g. ".../speciesImages/Clouded Leopard")
<code>hasStationFolders</code>	logical. Does <code>inDir</code> have station subdirectories? If TRUE, station IDs will be taken from directory names. If FALSE, they will be taken from image filenames (requires images renamed with <a href="#">imageRename</a> ).
<code>IDfrom</code>	character. Read individual ID from image metadata ("metadata") or from directory names ("directory")?
<code>cameraID</code>	character. Should the function look for camera IDs in the image file names? If so, set to 'filename'. Requires images renamed with <a href="#">imageRename</a> . If missing, no camera ID will be assigned and it will be assumed there was 1 camera only per station.
<code>camerasIndependent</code>	logical. If TRUE, cameras at a station are assumed to record individuals independently. If FALSE, cameras are assumed to be non-independent (e.g. in pairs). Takes effect only if there was more than 1 camera per station and <code>cameraID = "filename"</code> .

minDeltaTime	numeric. time difference between observation of the same individual at the same station/camera to be considered independent (in minutes)
deltaTimeComparedTo	character. For two records to be considered independent, must the second one be at least minDeltaTime minutes after the last independent record of the same individual ("lastIndependentRecord"), or minDeltaTime minutes after the last record ("lastRecord")?
timeZone	character. Must be a value returned by <a href="#">OlsonNames</a>
stationCol	character. Name of the camera trap station column in the output table.
writescsv	logical. Should the individual record table be saved as a .csv file?
outDir	character. Directory to save csv file to. If NULL and writescsv = TRUE, the output csv will be written to inDir.
metadataHierarchyDelimiter	character. The character delimiting hierarchy levels in image metadata tags in field "HierarchicalSubject". Either " " or ":".
metadataIDTag	character. In custom image metadata, the individual ID tag name.
additionalMetadataTags	character. additional camera model-specific metadata tags to be extracted. (If possible specify tag groups as returned by <a href="#">exifTagNames</a> )
removeDuplicateRecords	logical. If there are several records of the same individual at the same station (also same camera if cameraID is defined) at exactly the same time, show only one?
returnFileNamesMissingTags	logical. If species are assigned with metadata and images are not tagged, return a few file names of these images as a message?
eventSummaryColumn	character. A column in the record table (e.g. from a metadata tag) by to summarise non-independent records (those within minDeltaTime of a given record) with a user-defined function (eventSummaryFunction)
eventSummaryFunction	character. The function by which to summarise eventSummaryColumn of non-independent records, e.g. "sum", "max" (optional)
video	list. Contains information on how to handle video data (optional). See details.

## Details

The function can handle a number of different ways of storing images and videos. In every case, images need to be stored in a species directory first (e.g. using function [getSpeciesImages](#)). Station subdirectories are optional. Camera subdirectories are not supported. This directory structure can be created easily with function [getSpeciesImages](#).

As with species identification, individuals can be identified in 2 different ways: by moving images into individual directories ("Species/Station/Individual/XY.JPG" or "Species/Individual/XY.JPG") or by metadata tagging (without the need for individual directories: "Species/XY.JPG" or "Species/Station/XY.JPG").

minDeltaTime is a criterion for temporal independence of records of an individual at the same station/location. Setting it to 0 will make the function return all records. camerasIndependent

defines if the cameras at a station are to be considered independent (e.g. FALSE if both cameras face each other and possibly TRUE if they face different trails). `stationCol` is the station column name to be used in the resulting table. Station IDs are read from the station directory names if `hasStationFolders = TRUE`. Otherwise, the function will try to extract station IDs from the image filenames (requires images renamed with `imageRename`).

If individual IDs were assigned with image metadata tags, `metadataIDTag` must be set to the name of the metadata tag group used for individual identification. `metadataHierarchyDelimiter` is "|" for images tagged in DigiKam and images tagged in Adobe Bridge/ Lightroom with the default settings. Manufacturer-specific Exif metadata tags such as "AmbientTemperature" or "MoonPhase" can be extracted if specified in `additionalMetadataTags`. Multiple names can be specified as a character vector as: `c(Tag1, Tag2, ...)`. Because they are not standardized, function `exifTagNames` provides a vector of all available tag names. The metadata tags thus extracted may be used as individual covariates in spatial capture-recapture models.

`eventSummaryColumn` and `eventSummaryFunction` can be used to extract summary statistics for independent sampling events. For example, you assigned a "count" tag to your images, indicating the number of individuals in a picture. In a sequence of pictures taken within 1 minute, most pictures show one individual, but one image shows two individuals. You tagged the images accordingly (`count = 1` or `count = 2`) and run `recordTable`. Set `eventSummaryColumn = "count"` and `eventSummaryFunction = "max"` to obtain the maximum number of count in all images within `minDeltaTime` minutes of a given record. The results is in a new column, in this example `count_max`. You can also calculate several statistics at the same time, by supplying vectors of values, e.g. `eventSummaryColumn = c("count", "count", "camera")` and `eventSummaryFunction = c("min", "max", "unique")` to get minimum and maximum count and all unique camera IDs for that event. Note that `eventSummaryColumn` and `eventSummaryFunction` must be of same length.

Argument `video` is analogous to `recordTable`, a named list with 2 or 4 items. 2 items (`file_formats`, `dateTimeTag`) are always required, and are sufficient if `IDfrom = "directory"`. In that case, no `digiKam` tags will be returned. To return `digiKam` tags, two additional items are required (`db_directory`, `db_filename`). This is essential when using `IDfrom = "metadata"`. When using `IDfrom = "directory"`, it is optional, but allows to extract metadata tags assigned to videos in `digiKam`. This workaround is necessary because `digiKam` tags are not written into video metadata, but are only saved in the `digiKam` database. So in contrast to JPG images, they can not be extracted with `ExifTool`. It also requires that `inDir` is in your `digiKam` database.

The items of argument `video` are:

<code>file_formats</code>	The video formats to extract (include "jpg" if you want .JPG image metadata)
<code>dateTimeTag</code>	the metadata tag to extract date/time from (use <code>exifTagNames</code> to find out which tag is suitable)
<code>db_directory</code>	The directory containing <code>digiKam</code> database (optional if <code>IDfrom = "directory"</code> )
<code>db_filename</code>	The <code>digiKam</code> database file in <code>db_directory</code> (optional if <code>IDfrom = "directory"</code> )

See the example below for how to specify the argument `video`.

## Value

A data frame containing species records with individual IDs and additional information about stations, date, time and (optionally) further metadata.



```

        deltaTimeComparedTo = "lastRecord",
        hasStationFolders   = FALSE,
        IDfrom              = "metadata",
        camerasIndependent  = FALSE,
        writcsv              = FALSE,
        metadataIDTag       = "individual",
        additionalMetadataTags = c("EXIF:Model", "EXIF:Make"),
        timeZone            = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur",
        eventSummaryColumn  = "EXIF:Make",
        eventSummaryFunction = "unique"
    )

    ### Video example (the sample data don't contain a video, this is hypothetical)
    # with JPG, video mp4, avi, mov, ID = metadata

    rec_table_ind_video <- recordTableIndividual(inDir = wd_images_ID_individual,
        hasStationFolder = FALSE,
        IDfrom           = "metadata",
        metadataIDTag    = "individual",
        video = list(file_formats = c("jpg", "mp4", "avi", "mov"),
            dateTimeTag = "QuickTime:CreateDate",
            db_directory = "C:/Users/YourName/Pictures",
            db_filename = "digikam4.db")
    )

    } else {
    # show function output if ExifTool is not available
    message("ExifTool is not available. Cannot test function. Loading recordTableSample instead")
    data(recordTableSample)
    }

    ## End(Not run)

```

---

```
recordTableIndividualSample
```

*Sample single-species record table with custom metadata from camera trap images*

---

### Description

Sample single-species record table with individual IDs from the tagged sample images in the package. Generated with function [recordTableIndividual](#).

### Usage

```
data(recordTableIndividualSample)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 21 rows and 17 variables

**Details**

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
Species	Species ID
Individual	Individual ID
DateTimeOriginal	Date and time as extracted from image
Date	record date
Time	record time of day
delta.time.secs	time difference to first species record at a station (seconds)
delta.time.mins	time difference to first species record at a station (minutes)
delta.time.hours	time difference to first species record at a station (hours)
delta.time.days	time difference to first species record at a station (days)
Directory	Image directory
FileName	image filename
HierarchicalSubject	content of the HierarchicalSubject image metadata tag
Model	camera model extracted from image metadata
Make	camera make extracted from image metadata
metadata_Species	content of custom image metadata tag "Species" (see HierarchicalSubject)
metadata_individual	content of custom image metadata tag "individual" (see HierarchicalSubject)

---

recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason

*Sample single-species multi-season record table with custom metadata from camera trap images*

---

**Description**

Sample single-species multi-season record table with individual IDs from the tagged sample images in the package. Generated with function `recordTableIndividual`, then duplicated to simulate a second year.

**Usage**

```
data(recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 31 rows and 17 variables

**Details**

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
Species	Species ID
Individual	Individual ID
DateTimeOriginal	Date and time as extracted from image
Date	record date
Time	record time of day
delta.time.secs	time difference to first species record at a station (seconds)
delta.time.mins	time difference to first species record at a station (minutes)
delta.time.hours	time difference to first species record at a station (hours)
delta.time.days	time difference to first species record at a station (days)
Directory	Image directory
FileName	image filename
HierarchicalSubject	content of the HierarchicalSubject image metadata tag
Model	camera model extracted from image metadata
Make	camera make extracted from image metadata
metadata_Species	content of custom image metadata tag "Species" (see HierarchicalSubject)
metadata_individual	content of custom image metadata tag "individual" (see HierarchicalSubject)

## Examples

```
# example data were created as follows:
data(recordTableIndividualSample)

recordTableIndividualSample_season2 <- recordTableIndividualSample[1:10, ]
recordTableIndividualSample_season2$DateTimeOriginal <- gsub("2009", "2010",
  recordTableIndividualSample_season2$DateTimeOriginal)
recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason <- rbind(recordTableIndividualSample,
  recordTableIndividualSample_season2)
```

---

recordTableSample      *Sample species record table from camera trap images*

---

## Description

Sample species record table from camera trap images generated from the sample images in the package with the function `recordTable` .

## Usage

```
data(recordTableSample)
```

## Format

A data frame with 39 rows and 11 variables

## Details

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
Species	Species ID
DateTimeOriginal	Date and time as extracted from image
Date	record date
Time	record time of day
delta.time.secs	time difference to first species record at a station (seconds)
delta.time.mins	time difference to first species record at a station (minutes)
delta.time.hours	time difference to first species record at a station (hours)
delta.time.days	time difference to first species record at a station (days)
Directory	Image directory
FileName	image filename

---

recordTableSampleMultiSeason

*Sample multi-season species record table from camera trap images*

---

### Description

Sample multi-season species record table from camera trap images generated from the sample images in the package with the function `recordTable`. Season 2009 is the same as `recordTableSample`, season 2010 was simulated by adding 1 year to these records.

### Usage

```
data(recordTableSampleMultiSeason)
```

### Format

A data frame with 78 rows and 11 variables

### Details

The variables are as follows:

Station	Camera trap station ID
Species	Species ID
DateTimeOriginal	Date and time as extracted from image
Date	record date
Time	record time of day
delta.time.secs	time difference to first species record at a station (seconds)
delta.time.mins	time difference to first species record at a station (minutes)
delta.time.hours	time difference to first species record at a station (hours)
delta.time.days	time difference to first species record at a station (days)
Directory	Image directory
FileName	image filename

**Examples**

```
# data were created with the following code:

data(recordTableSample)
recordTableSample_season2 <- recordTableSample

# substitute 2009 with 2010
recordTableSample_season2$DateTimeOriginal <- gsub("2009", "2010",
  recordTableSample_season2$DateTimeOriginal)
# combine with season 2009
recordTableSampleMultiSeason <- rbind(recordTableSample, recordTableSample_season2)
```

---

```
spatialDetectionHistory
```

*Generate a capthist object for spatial capture-recapture analyses from camera-trapping data*

---

**Description**

This function generates spatial detection histories of individuals of a species for spatial capture-recapture analyses with package [secur](#). Data are stored in a [capthist](#) object. The [capthist](#) object contains detection histories, camera-trap station location and possibly individual and station-level covariates. Detection histories can have adjustable occasion length and occasion start time (as in the function [detectionHistory](#)).

**Usage**

```
spatialDetectionHistory(
  recordTableIndividual,
  species,
  camOp,
  CTable,
  output = c("binary", "count"),
  stationCol = "Station",
  speciesCol = "Species",
  sessionCol,
  Xcol,
  Ycol,
  stationCovariateCols,
  individualCol,
  individualCovariateCols,
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  occasionLength,
  minActiveDaysPerOccasion,
  occasionStartTime = "deprecated",
  maxNumberDays,
```

```

    day1,
    buffer,
    includeEffort = TRUE,
    scaleEffort = FALSE,
    binaryEffort = FALSE,
    timeZone,
    makeRMarkInput
)

```

### Arguments

`recordTableIndividual` data.frame. the record table with individual IDs created by [recordTableIndividual](#)

`species` character. the species for which to compute the detection history

`camOp` The camera operability matrix as created by [cameraOperation](#)

`CTtable` data.frame. contains station IDs and coordinates. Same as used in [cameraOperation](#).

`output` character. Return individual counts ("count") or binary observations ("binary")?

`stationCol` character. name of the column specifying Station ID in `recordTableIndividual` and `CTtable`

`speciesCol` character. name of the column specifying species in `recordTableIndividual`

`sessionCol` character. name of the column specifying session IDs, either in `recordTableIndividual` or in `CTtable`. See 'Details' for more information. Session ID values must be a sequence of integer numbers beginning with 1 (i.e., 1,2,3,...).

`Xcol` character. name of the column specifying x coordinates in `CTtable`

`Ycol` character. name of the column specifying y coordinates in `CTtable`

`stationCovariateCols` character. name of the column(s) specifying station-level covariates in `CTtable`

`individualCol` character. name of the column specifying individual IDs in `recordTableIndividual`

`individualCovariateCols` character. name of the column(s) specifying individual covariates in `recordTableIndividual`

`recordDateTimeCol` character. name of the column specifying date and time in `recordTableIndividual`

`recordDateTimeFormat` format of column `recordDateTimeCol` in `recordTableIndividual`

`occasionLength` integer. occasion length in days

`minActiveDaysPerOccasion` integer. minimum number of active trap days for occasions to be included (optional)

`occasionStartTime` (DEPRECATED) integer. time of day (the full hour) at which to begin occasions. Please use argument `occasionStartTime` in [cameraOperation](#) instead.

`maxNumberDays` integer. maximum number of trap days per station (optional)

`day1` character. When should occasions begin: station setup date ("station"), first day of survey ("survey"), a specific date (e.g. "2015-12-31")?

buffer	integer. Makes the first occasion begin a number of days after station setup. (optional)
includeEffort	logical. Include trapping effort (number of active camera trap days per station and occasion) as usage in <code>capthist</code> object?
scaleEffort	logical. scale and center effort matrix to mean = 0 and sd = 1? Currently not used. Must be FALSE.
binaryEffort	logical. Should effort be binary (1 if >1 active day per occasion, 0 otherwise)?
timeZone	character. Must be a value returned by <code>OlsonNames</code>
makeRMarkInput	logical. If FALSE, output will be a data frame for RMark. If FALSE or not specified, a secr <code>capthist</code> object

## Details

The function creates a `capthist` object by combining three different objects: 1) a record table of identified individuals of a species, 2) a camera trap station table with station coordinates and 3) a camera operation matrix computed with `cameraOperation`. The record table must contain a column with individual IDs and optionally individual covariates. The camera trap station table must contain station coordinates and optionally station-level covariates. The camera operation matrix provides the dates stations were active or not and the number of active stations.

`day1` defines if each stations detection history will begin on that station's setup day (`day1 = "station"`) or if all station's detection histories have a common origin (the day the first station was set up if `day1 = "survey"` or a fixed date if, e.g. `day1 = "2015-12-31"`).

`includeEffort` controls whether an effort matrix is computed or not. If TRUE, effort will be used for object `usage` information in a `traps`. `binaryEffort` makes the effort information binary. `scaleEffort` is currently not used and must be set to FALSE. The reason is that `usage` can only be either binary, or nonnegative real values, whereas scaling effort would return negative values.

The number of days that are aggregated is controlled by `occasionLength`. `occasionStartTime` will be removed from the function. It has moved to `cameraOperation`, to ensure daily effort is computed correctly and takes the occasion start time into account. another hour than midnight (the default). This may be relevant for nocturnal animals, in which 1 whole night would be considered an occasion.

Output can be returned as individual counts per occasion (`output = "count"`) or as binary observation (`output = "binary"`).

Argument `sessionCol` can be used to a create multi-session `capthist` object. There are two different ways in which the argument is interpreted. It depends on whether a column with the name you specify in argument `sessionCol` exists in `recordTableIndividual` or in `CTtable`. If `sessionCol` is found in `recordTableIndividual`, the records will be assigned to the specified sessions, and it will be assumed that all camera trap station were used in all sessions. Alternatively, if `sessionCol` is found in `CTtable`, it will be assumed that only a subset of stations was used in each session, and the records will be assigned automatically (using the station IDs to identify which session they belong into). In both cases, session information must be provided as a sequence of integer numbers beginning with 1, i.e., you provide the session number directly in `sessionCol`. See `session` for more information about sessions in `seccr`.

`capthist` objects (as created by `spatialDetectionHistory` for spatial capture-recapture analyses) expect the units of coordinates (`Xcol` and `col` in `CTtable`) to be meters. Therefore, please use a suitable coordinate system (e.g. UTM).

recordDateTimeFormat defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". recordDateTimeFormat can be interpreted either by base-R via `strptime` or in **lubridate** via `parse_date_time` (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in recordDateTimeFormat.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", recordDateTimeFormat would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see `strptime` or `parse_date_time`.

### Value

Output depends on argument makeRMarkInput:

```
list("makeRMarkInput = FALSE")
      A capthist object
list("makeRMarkInput = TRUE")
      A data frame for use in RMark
```

### Warning

Please note the section about defining argument timeZone in the vignette on data extraction (accessible via vignette("DataExtraction") or online (<https://cran.r-project.org/package=camtrapR/vignettes/camtrapr3.html>)).

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

### See Also

**secc RMark**

### Examples

```
data(recordTableIndividualSample)
data(camtraps)

# create camera operation matrix (with problems/malfunction)
camop_problem <- cameraOperation(CTtable = camtraps,
                                stationCol = "Station",
                                setupCol = "Setup_date",
                                retrievalCol = "Retrieval_date",
                                writecsv = FALSE,
                                hasProblems = TRUE,
                                dateFormat = "dmy"
)

sdh <- spatialDetectionHistory(recordTableIndividual = recordTableIndividualSample,
                              species = "LeopardCat",
                              camOp = camop_problem,
```

```

        CTable           = camtraps,
        output           = "binary",
        stationCol       = "Station",
        speciesCol       = "Species",
        Xcol             = "utm_x",
        Ycol             = "utm_y",
        individualCol    = "Individual",
        recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
        recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
        occasionLength   = 10,
        day1             = "survey",
        includeEffort    = TRUE,
        timeZone         = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur"
    )

# missing space in species = "LeopardCat" was introduced by recordTableIndividual
# (because of CRAN package policies.
# In your data you can have spaces in your directory names)

summary(sdh)
plot(sdh, tracks = TRUE)

## multi-season capthist object
# see vignette "3. Extracting Data from Camera Trapping Images, creating occupancy & secr input"

data(camtrapsMultiSeason)
camtrapsMultiSeason$session[camtrapsMultiSeason$session == 2009] <- 1
camtrapsMultiSeason$session[camtrapsMultiSeason$session == 2010] <- 2

data(recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason)

# create camera operation matrix (with problems/malfunction)
camop_session <- cameraOperation(CTable           = camtrapsMultiSeason,
                                stationCol       = "Station",
                                setupCol        = "Setup_date",
                                sessionCol      = "session",
                                retrievalCol    = "Retrieval_date",
                                hasProblems     = TRUE,
                                dateFormat      = "dmy"
                                )

sdh_multi <- spatialDetectionHistory(recordTableIndividual = recordTableIndividualSampleMultiSeason,
                                    species              = "LeopardCat",
                                    output              = "binary",
                                    camOp              = camop_session,
                                    CTable             = camtrapsMultiSeason,
                                    stationCol         = "Station",
                                    speciesCol         = "Species",
                                    sessionCol         = "session",
                                    Xcol               = "utm_x",
                                    Ycol               = "utm_y",
                                    individualCol      = "Individual",
                                    recordDateTimeCol  = "DateTimeOriginal",

```

```

        recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
        occasionLength       = 10,
        day1                  = "survey",
        includeEffort         = TRUE,
        timeZone              = "Asia/Kuala_Lumpur",
        stationCovariateCols = "utm_y",          # example
        individualCovariateCols = "Individual"  # example
    )

summary(sdh_multi)
plot(sdh_multi, tracks = TRUE)

```

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```
summary,commOccu-method
```

*Summarize community occupancy model*

---

## Description

Gives an overview of the number of species, stations and occasions in a commOccu object. Also returns covariates.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'commOccu'
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	commOccu object
...	currently ignored

## Details

The summary method is very basic and still work in progress.

## Value

Model summary printed to console

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 surveyReport
 

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*Create a report about a camera trapping survey and species detections*


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## Description

This function creates a report about a camera trapping survey and species records. It uses a camera trap station information table and a record table (generated with [recordTable](#)) as input. Output tables can be saved and a zip file for simple data sharing can be created easily.

## Usage

```
surveyReport(
  recordTable,
  CTtable,
  camOp,
  speciesCol = "Species",
  stationCol = "Station",
  cameraCol,
  setupCol,
  retrievalCol,
  CTdateFormat = "ymd",
  CTHasProblems = "deprecated",
  recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
  recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
  Xcol,
  Ycol,
  sinkpath,
  makezip
)
```

## Arguments

recordTable	data.frame containing a species record table as given by <a href="#">recordTable</a>
CTtable	data.frame containing information about location and trapping period of camera trap stations (equivalent to <a href="#">camtraps</a> )
camOp	camera operation matrix created with <a href="#">cameraOperation</a>
speciesCol	character. name of the column specifying Species ID in recordTable
stationCol	character. name of the column specifying Station ID in CTtable and recordTable
cameraCol	character. name of the column specifying Camera ID in CTtable and recordTable
setupCol	character. name of the column containing camera setup dates in CTtable
retrievalCol	character. name of the column containing camera retrieval dates in CTtable
CTdateFormat	character. The format of columns setupCol and retrievalCol (and potential problem columns) in CTtable. Must be interpretable by either as.Date or the "orders" argument <a href="#">parse_date_time</a> in <a href="#">lubridate</a> .

CTHasProblems	deprecated (since version 2.1)
recordDateTimeCol	character. The name of the column containing date and time of records in recordTable
recordDateTimeFormat	character. The date/time format of column recordDateTimeCol in recordTable.
Xcol	character. name of the column specifying x coordinates in CTtable. Used to create detection maps if makezip is TRUE. (optional)
Ycol	character. name of the column specifying y coordinates in CTtable. Used to create detection maps if makezip is TRUE. (optional)
sinkpath	character. The directory into which the survey report is saved (optional)
makezip	logical. Create a zip file containing tables, plots and maps in sinkpath?

### Details

dateFormat defaults to "YYYY-MM-DD", e.g. "2014-10-31". It can be specified either in the format required by [strptime](#) or the 'orders' argument in [parse\\_date\\_time](#) in **lubridate**. In the example above, "YYYY-MM-DD" would be specified as "%Y-%m-%d" or "ymd".

recordDateTimeFormat defaults to the "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS" convention, e.g. "2014-09-30 22:59:59". recordDateTimeFormat can be interpreted either by base-R via [strptime](#) or in **lubridate** via [parse\\_date\\_time](#) (argument "orders"). **lubridate** will be used if there are no "%" characters in recordDateTimeFormat.

For "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS", recordDateTimeFormat would be either "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S" or "ymd HMS". For details on how to specify date and time formats in R see [strptime](#) or [parse\\_date\\_time](#).

Note: as of version 2.1, argument CTHasProblems is deprecated and defunct. Please use camOp instead to provide information about periods of camera activity and malfunction. If camOp is not provided the legacy version of surveyReport (from camtrapR 2.0.3) will be run with a warning.

### Value

An invisible list containing 5 data.frames.

survey_dates	station and image date ranges, number of total and active trap days (calendar days and taking into account independent effort of multiple cameras, if applicable), number of cameras per station
species_by_station	species numbers by station
events_by_species	number of events and stations by species
events_by_station	number of events for every species by station (only species that were recorded)
events_by_station2	number of events for all species at all stations (including species that were not recorded)

The output will be saved to a .txt file if sinkpath is defined.

If makezip is TRUE, a zip file will be created in sinkpath. It contains single-species activity plots, detection maps (if Xcol and Ycol are defined), the survey report tables, the record table and the camera trap station table, and an example R script.

### Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

### See Also

[recordTable](#)

### Examples

```
data(camtraps)
data(recordTableSample)

# since version 2.1, camera operation matrix is required as input

camop_no_problem <- cameraOperation(CTtable      = camtraps,
                                   stationCol    = "Station",
                                   setupCol      = "Setup_date",
                                   retrievalCol   = "Retrieval_date",
                                   writecsv      = FALSE,
                                   hasProblems   = FALSE,
                                   dateFormat     = "dmy"
)

reportTest <- surveyReport (recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                           CTtable          = camtraps,
                           camOp            = camop_no_problem,
                           speciesCol       = "Species",
                           stationCol       = "Station",
                           setupCol         = "Setup_date",
                           retrievalCol     = "Retrieval_date",
                           CTdateFormat     = "dmy",
                           recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                           recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS")

class(reportTest) # a list with
length(reportTest) # 5 elements

reportTest[[1]] # camera trap operation times and image date ranges
reportTest[[2]] # number of species by station
reportTest[[3]] # number of events and number of stations by species
reportTest[[4]] # number of species events by station
reportTest[[5]] # number of species events by station including 0s (non-observed species)

# with camera problems
```

```

camop_problem <- cameraOperation(CTtable      = camtraps,
                                stationCol    = "Station",
                                setupCol     = "Setup_date",
                                retrievalCol  = "Retrieval_date",
                                writcsv     = FALSE,
                                hasProblems  = TRUE,
                                dateFormat   = "dmy"
)

reportTest_problem <- surveyReport (recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                                   CTtable          = camtraps,
                                   camOp           = camop_problem,
                                   speciesCol      = "Species",
                                   stationCol      = "Station",
                                   setupCol       = "Setup_date",
                                   retrievalCol    = "Retrieval_date",
                                   CTdateFormat    = "dmy",
                                   recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                                   recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS")

reportTest_problem$survey_dates

## if camOp is missing, the legacy version (from 2.0.3) will be used:

reportTest_problem_old <- surveyReport (recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                                       CTtable          = camtraps,
                                       # camOp         = camop_problem,
                                       speciesCol      = "Species",
                                       stationCol      = "Station",
                                       setupCol       = "Setup_date",
                                       retrievalCol    = "Retrieval_date",
                                       CTdateFormat    = "dmy",
                                       recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                                       recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS")

## Not run:
# run again with sinkpath defined
reportTest <- surveyReport (recordTable      = recordTableSample,
                           CTtable          = camtraps,
                           camOp           = camop_no_problem,
                           speciesCol      = "Species",
                           stationCol      = "Station",
                           setupCol       = "Setup_date",
                           retrievalCol    = "Retrieval_date",
                           CTdateFormat    = "dmy",
                           recordDateTimeCol = "DateTimeOriginal",
                           recordDateTimeFormat = "ymd HMS",
                           sinkpath        = getwd())

# have a look at the text file
readLines(list.files(getwd(), pattern = paste("survey_report_", Sys.Date(), ".txt", sep = "")),

```

```

    full.names = TRUE))

## End(Not run)

```

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timeShiftImages      *Apply time shifts to JPEG image metadata*

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## Description

Change the values of digital timestamps in image metadata using ExifTool. If date/time of images were set incorrectly, they can be corrected easily in batch mode for further analyses. Please, always make a backup of your data before using this function to avoid data loss or damage. This is because ExifTool will make a copy of your images and applies the time shifts to the copies. The file extension of the original images (.JPG) will be renamed to ".JPG\_original".

## Usage

```

timeShiftImages(
  inDir,
  hasCameraFolders,
  timeShiftTable,
  stationCol,
  cameraCol,
  timeShiftColumn,
  timeShiftSignColumn,
  undo = FALSE,
  ignoreMinorErrors = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

`inDir`            character. Name of directory containing station directories with images

`hasCameraFolders`    logical. Do the station directories in `inDir` have camera subdirectories (e.g. "inDir/StationA/Camera1")?

`timeShiftTable`    data.frame containing information about station-/camera-specific time shifts.

`stationCol`        character. name of the column specifying Station ID in `timeShiftTable`

`cameraCol`        character. name of the column specifying Camera ID in `timeShiftTable` (optional)

`timeShiftColumn`    character. The name of the column containing time shift values in `timeShiftTable`

`timeShiftSignColumn` character. The name of the column with the direction of time shifts in `timeShiftTable`. Can only be "-" or "+".

`undo` logical. Undo changes and restore the original images? Please be careful, this deletes any edited images if TRUE

`ignoreMinorErrors` logical. Ignore minor errors that would cause the function to fail (set TRUE for images with bad MakerNotes, observed in Panthera V4 cameras)

## Details

`timeShiftTable` is a data frame with columns for station ID, camera ID (optional), time shift value and direction of time shift (for an example see [timeShiftTable](#)). Images in `inDir` must be sorted into station directories. If `hasCameraFolders = TRUE`, the function expects camera subdirectories in the station directories and will only apply time shifts to the camera subdirectories specified by `CameraCol` in `timeShiftTable`. If `hasCameraFolders = FALSE`, shifts will be applied to the whole station directory (including potential subdirectories).

The values of `timeShiftColumn` must adhere to the following pattern: "YYYY:mm:dd HH:MM:SS" ("year:month:day hour:minute:second"). Examples: "1:0:0 0:0:0" is a shift of exactly 1 year and "0:0:0 12:10:01" 12 hours and 10 minutes and 1 second. Note that stating "00" may cause problems, so use "0" instead if an entry is zero.

`timeShiftSignColumn` signifies the direction of the time shift. "+" moves image dates into the future (i.e. the image date lagged behind the actual date) and "-" moves image dates back (if the image dates were ahead of actual time).

ExifTool stores the original images as `.JPG_original` files in the original file location. By setting `undo = TRUE`, any JPG files in the directories specified by `timeShiftTable` will be deleted and the original JPEGs will be restored from the `JPG_original` files. Please make a backup before using `undo`.

Years can have 365 or 366 days, and months 28 to 31 days. Here is how the function handles these (from the `exiftool` help page): "The ability to shift dates by Y years, M months, etc, conflicts with the design goal of maintaining a constant shift for all time values when applying a batch shift. This is because shifting by 1 month can be equivalent to anything from 28 to 31 days, and 1 year can be 365 or 366 days, depending on the starting date. The inconsistency is handled by shifting the first tag found with the actual specified shift, then calculating the equivalent time difference in seconds for this shift and applying this difference to subsequent tags in a batch conversion."

`ignoreMinorErrors` is useful if image timestamps are not updated correctly (entries in column `"n_images"` of the output are "... files weren't updated due to errors"). This can be caused by bad MakerNotes and so far was only observed in Panthera V4 and V6 cameras. In that case, set `ignoreMinorErrors` to TRUE. This will add the `"-m"` option to the `Exiftool` call, thereby ignoring minor errors and warnings and applying the time shift nevertheless.

## Value

A data.frame containing the information about the processed directories and the number of images.

## Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

**References**

<https://exiftool.org/#shift>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

# copy sample images to temporary directory (so we don't mess around in the package directory)
wd_images_ID <- system.file("pictures/sample_images_species_dir", package = "camtrapR")
file.copy(from = wd_images_ID, to = tempdir(), recursive = TRUE)
wd_images_ID_copy <- file.path(tempdir(), "sample_images_species_dir")

data(timeShiftTable)

timeshift_run <- timeShiftImages(inDir           = wd_images_ID_copy,
                                timeShiftTable  = timeShiftTable,
                                stationCol      = "Station",
                                hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                timeShiftColumn = "timeshift",
                                timeShiftSignColumn = "sign",
                                undo            = FALSE
                                )

timeshift_undo <- timeShiftImages(inDir           = wd_images_ID_copy,
                                  timeShiftTable  = timeShiftTable,
                                  stationCol      = "Station",
                                  hasCameraFolders = FALSE,
                                  timeShiftColumn = "timeshift",
                                  timeShiftSignColumn = "sign",
                                  undo            = TRUE
                                  )

## End(Not run)
```

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timeShiftTable	<i>Sample camera trap time shift table</i>
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**Description**

Sample camera trap time shift table

**Usage**

```
data(timeShiftTable)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2 rows and 4 variables

**Details**

If image Exif metadata timestamps are wrong systematically (e.g. because camera system time was not set after changing batteries), it can be corrected using a `data.frame` in the following format using function `timeShiftImages`. For details on data format, please see `timeShiftImages`.

The variables are as follows:

<code>Station</code>	Camera trap station ID
<code>camera</code>	Camera trap ID (optional)
<code>timeshift</code>	time shift amount to be applied
<code>sign</code>	direction of time shift

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`writeDateTimeOriginal` *Write values to DateTimeOriginal tag in image metadata*

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**Description**

This function assigns values to the `DateTimeOriginal` tag in image's EXIF metadata using Exiftool. It can be used when the original `DateTimeOriginal` values in the metadata were lost for whatever reason. In order to first read the Date/Time values from the data fields in the images, see the function `OCRdataFields`. After running `OCRdataFields` and checking its output you can run `writeDateTimeOriginal`.

**Usage**

```
writeDateTimeOriginal(DateTimeOriginal, fileNames, parallel, overwrite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>DateTimeOriginal</code>	character. <code>DateTimeOriginal</code> values to write into EXIF:DateTimeOriginal tag of the files in <code>fileNames</code> .
<code>fileNames</code>	character. Full file names (including directories) of images to process.
<code>parallel</code>	A snow cluster object. Specify if you wish to run this function in parallel. Provide a cluster object (output of <code>makeCluster()</code> ) - optional.
<code>overwrite</code>	logical. Overwrite existing files (TRUE) or create new files while saving the original data as <code>jpg_original</code> files as a backup (FALSE)?

## Details

The first value in `DateTimeOriginal` will be assigned to the first image in `fileNames`, and so on. Both `DateTimeOriginal` and `fileNames` can be obtained from the output of `OCRdataFields`. `DateTimeOriginal` uses the standard "YYYY-MM-SS HH:MM:SS" notation. If the values extracted via `OCRdataFields` are in a different format you'll need to reformat them first. Please provide them as character. Also, before using this function, make sure that the date/time values read by `OCRdataFields` are correct (sometimes OCR misreads values, so check carefully).

Parallel processing is advised since the function is rather slow (due to calling Exiftool separately on every, so about 1 second per image). If you know how to batch-assign `DateTimeOriginal` values in one Exiftool call, please let me know.

The function only works on JPG images, not video files.

## Value

Invisible NULL. The actual output is the JPG images which now have a `DateTimeOriginal` tag.

## Author(s)

Juergen Niedballa

## See Also

[OCRdataFields](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# dontrun is to avoid forcing users to install additional dependencies

wd_images_OCR <- system.file("pictures/full_size_for_ocr", package = "camtrapR")

library(magick)

# define geometries
geometry1 <- geometry_area(x_off = 0, y_off = 0, width = 183, height = 37)
geometry2 <- geometry_area(x_off = 196, y_off = 0, width = 200, height = 17)
geometry3 <- geometry_area(x_off = 447, y_off = 0, width = 63, height = 17)
geometry4 <- geometry_area(x_off = 984, y_off = 0, width = 47, height = 17)
geometry5 <- geometry_area(x_off = 0, y_off = 793, width = 320, height = 17)

# combine geometries into list
geometries <- list(date = geometry1,
                  time = geometry2,
                  sequence_id = geometry3,
                  temperature = geometry4,
                  camera_model = geometry5)

df_image_data <- OCRdataFields(inDir = wd_images_OCR,
```

```
                                geometries = geometries,  
                                invert = TRUE)  
df_image_data  
  
library(snow)  
library(lubridate)  
  
# prepare DateTimeOriginal column (ymd_hms() automatically respects the PM indicator)  
df_image_data$DateTimeOriginal <- paste(df_image_data$date, df_image_data$time)  
df_image_data$DateTimeOriginal <- as.character(ymd_hms(df_image_data$DateTimeOriginal))  
  
# create cluster (3 cores)  
cl <- makeCluster(3)  
  
# assign new DateTimeOriginal  
writeDateTimeOriginal(DateTimeOriginal = df_image_data$DateTimeOriginal,  
                      fileNames = df_image_data$DateTimeOriginal,  
                      parallel = cl)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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