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Spatial analysis in ecology 788 (BOT 788)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#)

Module credits 10.00

Programmes [BScHons Medicinal Plant Science](#)

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Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Mapping and analysing spatial data. Theory and basic techniques of analysing and manipulating spatial data using geographical information systems. Mapping of vegetation types, species distributions and diversity, species traits. Understanding the spatial drivers of biodiversity patterns. The influence of scale on biodiversity analyses. Relevance for conservation planning for mapping biodiversity risk and prioritising conservation, especially in a South African context.

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