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## Maps of ignorance in Species Distribution Modelling: unravelling the dirt under the carpet

Accurate mapping of species distributions is a fundamental goal of modern biogeography, both for basic and applied purposes. This is commonly done by plotting known species occurrences, expert-drawn range maps or geographical estimations derived from species distribution models. However, all three kinds of maps are implicitly subject to uncertainty, due to the quality and bias of raw distributional data, the process of map building, and the dynamic nature of species distributions themselves.

In this talk I will review the main sources of uncertainty suggesting sound scientific methods to to minimize their effects.





