

## Measuring Biodiversity in Gorongosa

### A. Overview

This tutorial provides instructions for analyzing data downloaded from the Gorongosa WildCam Lab for the *Measuring Biodiversity In Gorongosa* activity. In this tutorial you will investigate the richness, evenness, and Shannon Diversity Index of the different vegetation types in Gorongosa National Park.

### B. Make a Pivot Table

For research questions in which you need to add up the number of animals in a particular category (e.g., number of animals in each season), creating a **pivot table** is a quick and easy way to analyze your data.

1. Open Google Sheets and click the “Open File Picker” button on the top right (Figure 1).

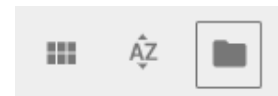


Figure 1: Open File.

2. In the window that appears, click **Upload** and upload the .csv file into Google Sheets (Figure 2).

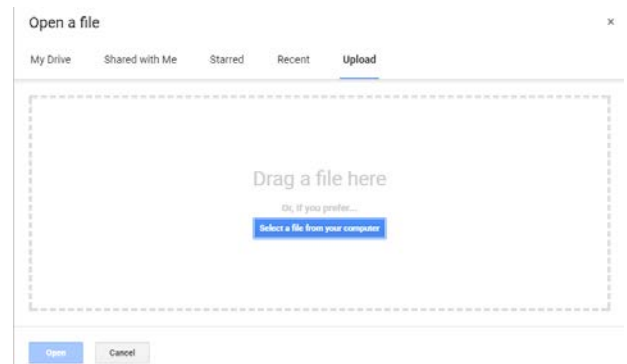


Figure 2: Uploading the .csv file into Google Sheets.

3. Click the **Data** tab and select **Pivot Table** (Figure 3). The Pivot Table will be created in a new sheet (“Pivot Table 1”).

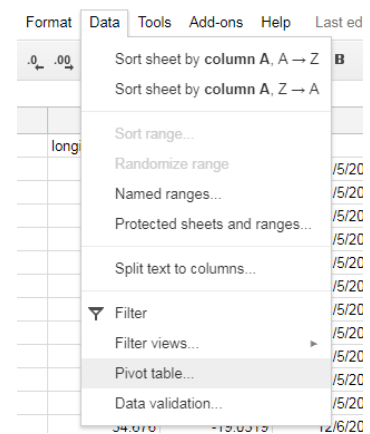
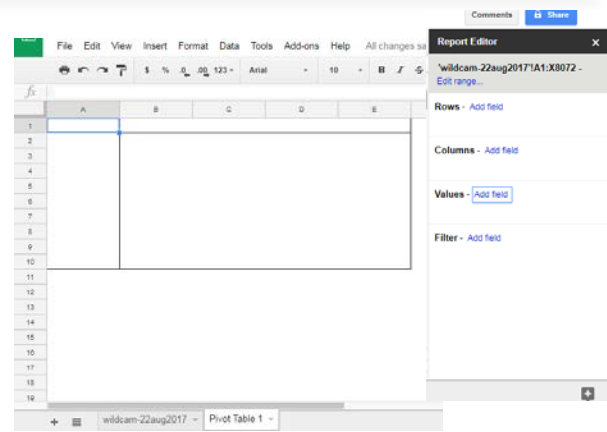


Figure 3: Inserting a pivot table.

- A new window will open on the right-hand side called the "Report Editor" (Figure 4). The next step is to build the pivot table so that it will analyze the data to answer the research question.

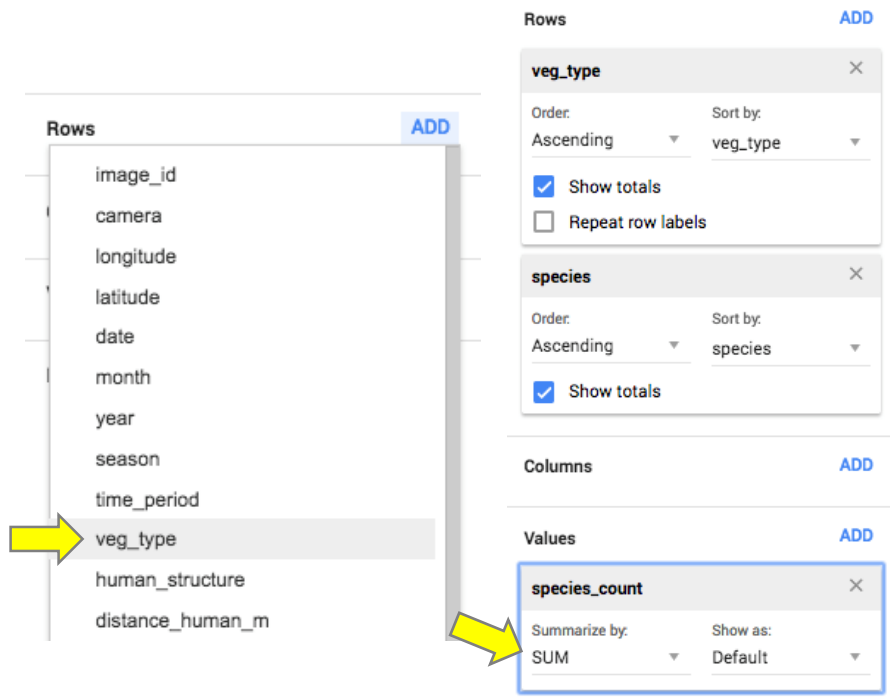


**Figure 4:** Initial output from creating a pivot table in Google Sheets.

**C. Build the Correct Pivot Table**

A pivot table can be used to group data by certain variables. In this example, the numerical variable, "species\_count," will be grouped by by two categorical variables, "veg\_type" and "species." To build the pivot table, you will follow the steps explained below to place the grouping variables (veg\_type and species) in the ROWS field and the variable being grouped (species\_count) in the VALUES field.

- Click on the **add field** option of the **Rows** section of the Report Editor to select "veg\_type" and "species" (Figure 5).
- Click on the **add field** option of the **Values** section of the Report Editor to select "species\_count." Make sure it is summarized by **SUM** (Figure 5).



**Figure 5:** Selecting the fields to use in building the pivot table.

### D. Calculate Richness

You now have a table with each species listed under the three vegetation types in the left column and the total number of animals in the column to the right. To calculate species richness, you simply have to count the number of species within each vegetation type and record it in the table in question 6 of your worksheet. There is a formula that will make this easy for you.

- In any blank cell to the right of the pivot table, use the formula =COUNTIF(range, criteria) to count how many species are in the Grassland vegetation type. This formula will count how many cells that you select contain any text. When you type the formula, in the "range" section, highlight the cells that contain all the species under the Grassland category. In the "criteria" section, type "\*", which means count the cell if it contains any text. Write the value in the table in question 6 of your worksheet.

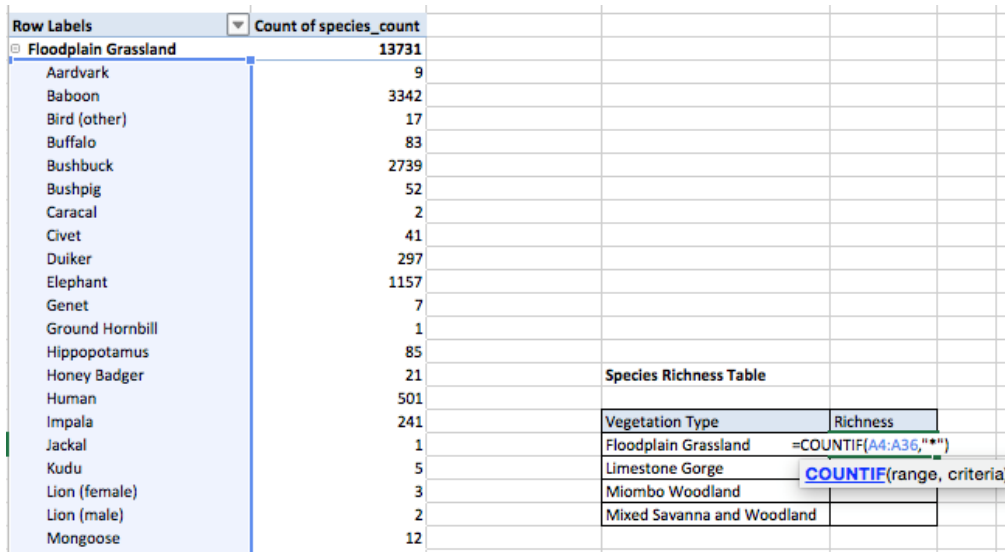


Figure 6: Calculating richness for the Grassland vegetation type.

- Repeat the steps above for other three vegetation types and record your results in the table in question 6 of your worksheet. When you are done, you can clear the values from the cells you used to do the calculation.

### E. Calculate the Shannon Diversity Index

You will use the pivot table to calculate the Shannon Diversity Index for each vegetation type. Remember that the Shannon Diversity Index is represented by the letter "H" and the formula is:  $H = -\sum (p_i * \ln(p_i))$

Where:

$p_i$  = abundance of a species / total abundance

ln = natural log

- Create the following column headers next to the pivot table in columns C through F:  $p_i$ ,  $\ln(p_i)$ ,  $p_i * \ln(p_i)$ , H.

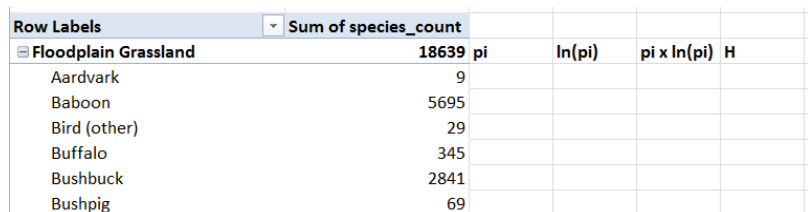


Figure 7: Adding column labels to the spreadsheet

10. Select the cell in the "pi" column next to the first species in the table. You will use the formula =species abundance/total abundance. For the species abundance, select the cell for the "Sum of Species count" of the first species in the grassland vegetation type. For the total abundance, select "Sum of Species count" of all animals in the grassland vegetation type. Repeat this for all species in all of the vegetation types.

	A	B	C	D
1				
2				
3	Row Labels	Sum of species_count		
4	Floodplain Grassland	18639	pi	ln(pi)
5	Aardvark	9	=B5/B4	
6	Baboon	5695		
7	Bird (other)	29		
8	Buffalo	345		

Figure 8: Calculating pi.

11. Select the cell in the "ln(pi)" column next to the first species in the table. You will use the formula =LN(pi). Type =LN() and, with your cursor between the parentheses, select the cell that corresponds to the pi value for that species (the cell directly to the left). Copy this cell and paste it into the remaining cells within that vegetation type. This will repeat the formula using the cell to the left of it for the pi value. Repeat for each of the vegetation types.

Row Labels	Sum of species_count	pi	ln(pi)
Floodplain Grassland	18639		
Aardvark	9	0.000483	=LN(C5)

Figure 9: Calculating ln(pi).

12. Select the cell in the "pi x ln(pi)" column next to the first species in the table. You will use the formula =pi\*ln(pi). Type the "=" sign, then select the cell that corresponds with pi for that species (two cells to the left), type the "\*" symbol (which is the multiplication symbol) and then select the cell corresponding to ln(pi) for that species (the cell directly to the left). Copy this cell and paste it into the remaining cells within that vegetation type. This will repeat the formula using the cell to the left of it for the pi and ln(pi) values. Repeat for each of the vegetation types.

pi	ln(pi)	pi x ln(pi)
0.000483	-7.63579	=C3*D3

Figure 10: Calculating pi x ln(pi).

13. Select any cell in the "H" column that is within the first vegetation type. Use the formula =-SUM(pi\*LN(pi)) to calculate H for the Grassland vegetation type. To do this, type =-SUM() into the cell. With your cursor inside the parentheses, select all the cells in the "pi x ln(pi)" column for that vegetation type. Use the same formula for the other vegetation types. These values are the Shannon Diversity Indices for each vegetation type. Record your results in the table in question 6 of your worksheet.

		pi	ln(pi)	pi x ln(pi)	H
Floodplain	18639				
Aardvark	9	0.000483	-7.63579	-0.00369	=-SUM(E3:E7)
Baboon	5695	0.305542	-1.18567	-0.36227	
Bird (other)	29	0.001556	-6.46572	-0.01006	
Buffalo	345	0.01851	-3.98947	-0.07384	
Bushbuck	2841	0.152422	-1.8811	-0.28672	

Figure 11: Calculating H.

**F. Calculate Evenness**

You will use the Shannon Diversity Index and richness values to calculate evenness for each vegetation type.

Remember that Evenness is represented by the letter "E" and the formula is:  $E = H / H_{MAX}$

Where:

H = Shannon-Weiner Diversity Index

$H_{MAX}$  = the highest possible diversity for that sample (calculated by  $\ln(\text{richness})$ )

14. Create a table in a new worksheet with four rows for the four vegetation types and four columns for: "H", "Richness", " $H_{MAX}$ ", and "Evenness". Fill in the H and Richness values you calculated in parts D and E.

Vegetation Type	H	Richness	$H_{MAX}$	Evenness
Floodplain Grassland				
Limestone Gorge				
Miombo Woodland				
Mixed Savanna and Woodland				

Figure 12: Table to calculate evenness.

15. In the first cell in the  $H_{MAX}$  column of the table, use the formula  $H_{MAX} = \ln(\text{Richness})$ . Type  $=\ln()$  and, with your cursor between the parentheses, select the cell that corresponds to the richness value for the Grassland. Repeat this for all vegetation types.

Vegetation Type	H	Richness	$H_{MAX}$
Floodplain Grassland	2.075889588	33	$=\ln(C3)$
Limestone Gorge	2.026096475	34	
Miombo Woodland	2.409250273	25	
Mixed Savanna and Woodland	2.364909414	43	

Figure 13: Calculating  $H_{MAX}$ .

16. In the first cell in the Evenness column of the table, use the formula  $\text{Evenness} = H / H_{MAX}$ . Type "=" and select the cell that corresponds to the H value for the Grassland, then type "/" and select the cell that corresponds to the  $H_{MAX}$  value for the Grassland. Repeat this for all vegetation types. Record your results in the table in question 6 of your worksheet.

Vegetation Type	H	Richness	$H_{MAX}$	Evenness
Floodplain Grassland	2.075889588	33	3.496507561	$=B3/D3$
Limestone Gorge	2.026096475	34		
Miombo Woodland	2.409250273	25		
Mixed Savanna and Woodland	2.364909414	43		

Figure 14: Calculating Evenness.

*Note: These instructions were created based on the Google Sheets version that was accessed in September 2017. Not all features and functions may work the same as Google Sheets is updated.*