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GIFT_checklists	<i>GIFT_checklists</i>
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Description

Retrieve GIFT checklists that fulfill specific criteria.

Usage

```
GIFT_checklists(
  taxon_name = "Tracheophyta",
  complete_taxon = TRUE,
  floristic_group = c("all", "native", "endemic", "naturalized")[2],
  complete_floristic = TRUE,
  geo_type = c("All", "Mainland", "Island")[1],
  ref_excluded = NULL,
  suit_geo = FALSE,
  shp = NULL,
  coordinates = NULL,
  overlap = "centroid_inside",
  remove_overlap = FALSE,
  area_threshold_island = 0,
  area_threshold_mainland = 100,
  overlap_threshold = 0.1,
  by_ref_ID = FALSE,
  taxonomic_group = TRUE,
  namesmatched = FALSE,
  list_set_only = FALSE,
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

<code>taxon_name</code>	Character string corresponding to the taxonomic group of interest.
<code>complete_taxon</code>	logical stating you want to retrieve checklists that only contain the exhaustive list of the <code>taxon_name</code> argument or as well incomplete lists.
<code>floristic_group</code>	Character among the following options: all, native, endemic, naturalized.
<code>complete_floristic</code>	logical stating you want to retrieve checklists that only contain the exhaustive list of the <code>floristic_group</code> argument or as well incomplete lists.
<code>geo_type</code>	Character string, either Mainland, Island or All. Island gets you to Island, Island Group & Island Part. Mainland gets you to Mainland & Island/Mainland. All gets you all types.
<code>ref_excluded</code>	A vector listing potential <code>ref_IDs</code> that shall be ignored when assembling the set of regions and checklists fulfilling the given criteria. Checklists from these references will not be returned. NULL by default.
<code>suit_geo</code>	logical indicating whether only regions classified as <code>suit_geo</code> should be considered (see details).
<code>shp</code>	Shapefile provided by the user.
<code>coordinates</code>	Custom set of coordinates. The format is a two columns data.frame, the first one being longitudes and the second being latitudes of the vertices of a polygon. If the data.frame only includes two rows, the function assumes that the values are the four limits (min and max. longitude and latitude) of a bounding box.

overlap	A character string defining the criteria to use in order to retrieve checklists. Available options are <code>centroid_inside</code> , <code>extent_intersect</code> , <code>shape_intersect</code> and <code>shape_inside</code> . For example, <code>extent_intersect</code> means that every polygon from GIFT for which the extent intersects the provided shape/coordinates will be retrieved.
remove_overlap	a logical stating whether you want to retrieve checklists that overlap or not.
area_threshold_island	A number stating from which surface the smallest overlapping polygon is kept. By default set to 0 square kilometer (meaning that by default the smallest islands will be conserved).
area_threshold_mainland	When two polygons overlap, the smallest or the biggest one can be kept. When the surface of the smallest polygon exceeds this number, the smallest polygon is kept. Otherwise, we keep the bigger one. Set by default 100 square-kilometers.
overlap_threshold	A number ranging from 0 to 1, indicating at what percentage of overlap, partially overlapping polygons should be kept.
by_ref_ID	logical indicating whether the removal of overlapping regions shall be applied by <i>ref_ID</i> only. Note that regions overlapping with other regions from the same resource will be removed even if there are other references available for those regions.
taxonomic_group	logical. When set to TRUE, two additional columns (<i>family</i> and <i>tax_group</i>) are available in the checklists.
namesmatched	logical. FALSE by default, set to TRUE if you want the original species name as they came in the references as well as details on the taxonomic harmonization.
list_set_only	logical stating whether you only want the metadata or if you also want to retrieve the species lists.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to <code>beta</code> , the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

Here is the detail of each data.frame and their columns:

ref_ID - Identification number of each reference.

type- What type the source is.

subset- What information regarding the status of species is available.

native_indicated- Whether native status of species is available in the source.

natural_indicated - Whether naturalized status of species is available in the source.

end_ref - Whether endemism information is available in the source.

restricted - Whether the access to this reference is restricted.

taxon_ID- Identification number of species.

list_ID - Identification number of each list.

end_list - Whether endemism information is available in the list.

entity_ID- Identification number of the polygon of the list.

geo_entity - Name of the location.

suit_geo - Is the polygon suitable.

entity_class - Type of polygon.

entity_type - Name of the location.

taxon_name - Name of the group of taxa available.

For the second data frame with the species, each column refers to:

ref_ID - Identification number of each reference.

list_ID - Identification number of each list

work_ID - Identification number of each species name, after taxonomic harmonization.

genus_ID - Identification number of each genus, after taxonomic harmonization.

species - Species name, after taxonomic harmonization.

questionable - Whether the species occurrence is questionable.

native - Whether the species is native.

quest_native - Whether the native information is questionable.

naturalized - Whether the species is naturalized.

endemic_ref - Whether the species is endemic within the reference.

quest_end_ref - Whether the endemic_ref information is questionable.

endemic_list - Whether the species is endemic within the list.

quest_end_list - Whether the endemic_list information is questionable.

cons_status - Conservation status of the species.

family - Family of the species.

tax_group - Taxonomic group of the species.

While the arguments *taxon_name* in combination with *complete_taxon* = TRUE and *floristic_group* in combination with *complete_floristic* = TRUE make sure to only get back checklists for regions for which GIFT has lists aiming at covering both the entire taxonomic group and floristic subset (for example native vascular plants), it does not mean that the checklists are complete (include all species). We therefore flagged regions in GIFT for which the combination of all checklists is obviously incomplete as *suit_geo* = 0. This has however only been done only for native angiosperms and the assessment has been subjective. Set *suit_geo* = TRUE if you only want to consider regions classified as *suit_geo*.

Value

List with two data frames: the checklist with species and the list of ID.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14213>

Weigelt, P, König, C, Kreft, H. GIFT – A Global Inventory of Floras and Traits for macroecology and biogeography. *J Biogeogr.* 2020; 47: 16– 43.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_checklists_raw\(\)](#)

Examples

```
data("western_mediterranean")
ex <- GIFT_checklists(shp = western_mediterranean,
  overlap = "centroid_inside", taxon_name = "Angiospermae",
  list_set_only = TRUE) # set to FALSE to get species composition
```

GIFT_checklists_conditional

GIFT checklists meta data

Description

Retrieve meta data of GIFT checklists for regions that are covered by checklists jointly fulfilling specific criteria.

Usage

```
GIFT_checklists_conditional(
  taxon_name = "Tracheophyta",
  floristic_scope = c("all", "native", "native and naturalized",
    "native and historically introduced", "endangered", "endemic", "naturalized",
    "other subset")[1:4],
  ref_excluded = NULL,
  type_ref = c("Account", "Catalogue", "Checklist", "Flora", "Herbarium collection",
    "Key", "Red list", "Report", "Species Database", "Survey"),
  entity_class = c("Island", "Island/Mainland", "Mainland", "Island Group",
    "Island Part"),
  native_indicated = FALSE,
  natural_indicated = FALSE,
  end_ref = FALSE,
  end_list = FALSE,
  suit_geo = FALSE,
  complete_taxon = TRUE,
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  list_set = NULL,
  taxonomy = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>taxon_name</code>	Character string corresponding to the taxonomic group of interest.
<code>floristic_scope</code>	A vector listing floristic scopes of the references to be considered. Options are: all, native, native and naturalized, native and historically introduced, endangered, endemic, naturalized, other subset.
<code>ref_excluded</code>	A vector listing potential ref_IDs that shall be ignored when assembling the set of regions and checklists fulfilling the given criteria. Checklists from these references will not be returned. NULL by default.
<code>type_ref</code>	Character, options are Account, Catalogue, Checklist, Flora, Herbarium collection, Key, Red list, Report, Species Database, Survey.
<code>entity_class</code>	Character, options are Island, Island/Mainland, Mainland, Island Group, Island Part.
<code>native_indicated</code>	Logical, whether only lists where native status is available should be retrieved.
<code>natural_indicated</code>	Logical, whether only lists where natural status is available should be retrieved.
<code>end_ref</code>	Logical, whether only lists where endemism at the reference level is available should be retrieved.
<code>end_list</code>	Logical, whether only lists where endemism at the list level is available should be retrieved.
<code>suit_geo</code>	logical indicating whether only regions classified as <code>suit_geo</code> should be considered (see details).
<code>complete_taxon</code>	Logical, default TRUE.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>list_set</code>	list_set NULL by default. If not, it has to be the list table (see GIFT_lists()). Used internally in GIFT_checklists() to avoid downloading the table of lists many times.
<code>taxonomy</code>	default NULL. If not, it has to be the taxonomy table (see GIFT_taxonomy()).

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

ref_ID - Identification number of each reference.

type - What type the source is.

subset - What information regarding the status of species is available.

native_indicated - Whether native status of species is available in the source.

natural_indicated - Whether naturalized status of species is available in the source.

end_ref - Whether endemism information is available in the source.

restricted - Whether the access to this reference is restricted.

taxon_ID - Identification number of species.

list_ID - Identification number of each list.
end_list - Whether endemism information is available in the list.
entity_ID - Identification number of the polygon of the list.
geo_entity - Name of the location.
suit_geo - Is the polygon suitable.
entity_class - Type of polygon.
entity_type - Name of the location.
taxon_name - Name of the group of taxa available.

Value

A data frame with 16 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14213>

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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_checklists_raw\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_checklists_conditional(taxon_name = "Embryophyta",
  floristic_scope = c("all", "native", "native and naturalized",
    "native and historically introduced", "endangered",
    "endemic", "naturalized", "other subset")[7],
  type_ref = c("Account", "Catalogue", "Checklist", "Flora",
    "Herbarium collection", "Key", "Red list", "Report", "Species Database",
    "Survey"),
  entity_class = c("Island", "Island/Mainland", "Mainland", "Island Group",
    "Island Part"),
  native_indicated = FALSE, natural_indicated = FALSE, end_ref = FALSE,
  end_list = FALSE, suit_geo = TRUE, complete_taxon = TRUE,
  list_set = NULL, taxonomy = NULL)
```

GIFT_checklists_raw *GIFT checklists*

Description

Raw checklists, to combine with other functions.

Usage

```
GIFT_checklists_raw(
  ref_ID = NULL,
  list_ID = NULL,
  namesmatched = FALSE,
  taxon_name = "Tracheophyta",
  floristic_group = "all",
  list_set = NULL,
  taxonomy = NULL,
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

ref_ID	A vector defining the IDs of the references to retrieve. NULL by default.
list_ID	A vector defining the IDs of the lists to retrieve. NULL by default. These lists are retrieved in addition to the lists contained in the references in ref_ID.
namesmatched	Logical. FALSE by default, set to TRUE if you want the original species name as they came in the references as well as details on the taxonomic harmonization.
taxon_name	Character string corresponding to the taxonomic group of interest.
floristic_group	Character string among these options: all, native, naturalized, endemic_list, endemic_ref.
list_set	NULL by default. If not, it has to be the list table (see GIFT_lists()). Used internally in GIFT_checklists() to avoid downloading the table of lists many times.
taxonomy	NULL by default. If not, it has to be the taxonomy table (see GIFT_taxonomy()). Used internally in GIFT_checklists() to avoid downloading the taxonomy table many times. #'
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

ref_ID - Identification number of each reference
list_ID - Identification number of each list
orig_ID - Identification number of each species name, unchanged from the sources
name_ID - Identification number of each reference
genus - Genus of each species
species_epithet - Epithet of each species
subtaxon - If needed, subtaxon of the species
author - Name of the author who described the species
matched - Whether a match was found when using a taxonomic backbone
epithetscore - Matching score for the epithet
overallscore - Matching score for the overall species name
resolved - Whether the species name was resolved
service - Service used for the taxonomic harmonization
work_ID - Identification number of each species name, after taxonomic harmonization
genus_ID - Identification number of each genus, after taxonomic harmonization
species - Species name, after taxonomic harmonization
questionable - Whether the species occurrence is questionable
native - Whether the species is native
quest_native - Whether the native information is questionable
naturalized - Whether the species is naturalized
endemic_ref - Whether the species is endemic within the reference
quest_end_ref - Whether the endemic_ref information is questionable
endemic_list - Whether the species is endemic within the list
quest_end_list - Whether the endemic_list information is questionable
cons_status - Conservation status of the species

Value

A data frame with 15 or 29 columns (depending on `namesmatched`). This data frame contains the species checklist for a given reference/list.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14213>

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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_checklists_raw(list_ID = c(1,5))
```

GIFT_coverage	<i>Taxonomic and trait coverage per geographic region and taxonomic group in GIFT</i>
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Description

Retrieve taxonomic or trait coverage (for a given trait) of all species, native species, naturalized species and endemic species per taxonomic group and geographic region combination. This function works with taxonomic groups above the genus level.

Usage

```
GIFT_coverage(
  what = "taxonomic_coverage",
  taxon_name = "Embryophyta",
  trait_ID = "1.1.1",
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

what	character indicating whether taxonomic_coverage or trait_coverage shall be retrieved.
taxon_name	Name of the taxonomic group you want to retrieve coverage for. See GIFT_taxonomy() for options. The function accepts family names and higher taxonomic groups.
trait_ID	Identification number of the trait you want to retrieve coverage for. See GIFT_traits_meta() for details.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

The output has 9 columns:

entity_ID - Identification number of GIFT polygons

total - taxonomic or trait coverage for all species

total_rst - taxonomic or coverage for all species considering restricted resources

native - taxonomic or trait coverage for native species

native_rst - taxonomic or trait coverage for native species considering restricted resources
naturalized - taxonomic or trait coverage for naturalized species
naturalized_rst - taxonomic or trait coverage for naturalized species considering restricted resources
endemic_min - taxonomic or trait coverage for endemic species
endemic_min_rst - taxonomic or trait coverage for endemic species considering restricted resources

In the case of taxonomic coverage, a '1' means that species composition data is available for the given combination of taxonomic group and geographic region while 'NA' means that no data is available. This can differ depending on whether restricted data in GIFT is considered or not (columns with or without *_rst* at the end).

In the case of trait coverage, the proportion of species of a given taxonomic group with information on the defined trait is reported per geographic region.

Value

A data frame with either taxonomic or trait coverage per GIFT polygon.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14213>

Weigelt, P, König, C, Kreft, H. GIFT – A Global Inventory of Floras and Traits for macroecology and biogeography. *J Biogeogr.* 2020; 47: 16– 43.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_traits_meta\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_coverage(what = "taxonomic_coverage", taxon_name = "Angiospermae")
ex2 <- GIFT_coverage(what = "trait_coverage", taxon_name = "Angiospermae",
  trait_ID = "1.2.1")
```

GIFT_env

Environmental data for GIFT checklists

Description

Retrieve environmental data associated to each GIFT checklists. Sources of environmental variables can come from raster layers or from shape files (miscellaneous). Users need to define what variables they are interested in and then ask for a set of summary statistics (in case of raster layers).

Usage

```
GIFT_env(
  entity_ID = NULL,
  miscellaneous = if (is.null(rasterlayer)) "area" else NULL,
  rasterlayer = NULL,
  sumstat = "mean",
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

<code>entity_ID</code>	A vector defining the ID of the lists to retrieve. NULL by default, in that case, every list from GIFT is retrieved.
<code>miscellaneous</code>	character vector or list specifying the miscellaneous data to retrieve. . A list of all miscellaneous layers for which precomputed information exists in the database can be viewed in the output table returned by <code>GIFT_env_meta_misc()</code> .
<code>rasterlayer</code>	character vector or list specifying the raster data to retrieve. A list of all raster layers for which precomputed information exists in the database can be viewed in the output table returned by <code>GIFT_env_meta_raster()</code> .
<code>sumstat</code>	Vector or list indicating the desired summary statistics out of <code>c("min", "q05", "q10", "q20", "q25", "q30", "q40", "med", "q60", "q70", "q75", "q80", "q90", "q95", "max", "mean", "sd", "modal", "unique_n", "H", "n")</code> used to aggregate the information coming from the raster layers. If <code>sumstat</code> is a vector, the same summary statistics are used for all raster layers. If <code>sumstat</code> is a list, the first element defines the summary statistics for the first raster layer, the second for the second and so on.

Important note

Some summary statistics may not be informative depending on the environmental layer you ask for. For example, it is not relevant to retrieve the mean of soil classes for a polygon. The mode or Shannon index are more suitable in that case.

<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

The columns of the `data.frame` are the following:

entity_ID - Identification number of the polygon

geo_entity - Name of the polygon

The other columns relate to the environmental variables the user asked for.

Value

A data frame with the environmental values per polygon (entity_ID).

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.14213>

Weigelt, P, König, C, Kreft, H. GIFT – A Global Inventory of Floras and Traits for macroecology and biogeography. *J Biogeogr.* 2020; 47: 16– 43.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_env_meta_misc\(\)](#) and [GIFT_env_meta_raster\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_env(entity_ID = c(1,5),
               miscellaneous = c("perimeter", "biome"),
               rasterlayer = c("mn30_grd", "wc2.0_bio_30s_01"),
               sumstat = list(c("mean", "med"), "max"))
```

GIFT_env_meta_misc	<i>Metadata for the environmental miscellaneous variables in GIFT</i>
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Description

Retrieve the metadata of all miscellaneous environmental layers accessible in GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_env_meta_misc(
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

dataset - Name of the source dataset.

variable - Name of the environmental layer.

description - Description.

unit - Unit.

num - Whether the environmental layer is numeric or not.

ref_long - Full reference to cite when using an environmental layer.

Value

A data frame with 6 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.

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See Also

[GIFT_env\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_env_meta_misc()
```

GIFT_env_meta_raster *Metadata for the environmental rasters in GIFT*

Description

Retrieve the metadata of every environmental raster accessible in GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_env_meta_raster(  
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",  
  GIFT_version = "latest"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

dataset - Name of the source dataset

layer_name - Name of the environmental layer

layer - Full name

description - Description

unit - Unit

coord_system - Coordinate system

resolution - Resolution

extent - Extent

version - Version of the source

ref_long - Full reference to cite when using an environmental layer

Value

A data frame with 10 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_env\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_env_meta_raster()
```

GIFT_lists

*Metadata for checklists available in GIFT***Description**

Retrieves the metadata of each checklist within GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_lists(
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

api character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

GIFT_version character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

ref_ID - Identification number of each reference.

Columns *type* and *subset* indicate what information can be found in each reference. Similarly, *native_indicated*, *natural_indicated* and *end_ref* indicate respectively whether native, naturalized and endemic species were stated in the reference. *restricted* refers to the availability of the reference, *taxon_ID* to the taxonomic group available in a reference. *list_ID* is the identification number of a checklist within a reference, *entity_ID* of the associated polygon. *geo_entity* associates a name to this identification number. *suit_geo* indicates whether the checklist is suitable for use, *entity_class* and *entity_unit* give additional details about the polygon.

Value

A data frame with 15 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
ex <- GIFT_lists()
```

GIFT_no_overlap	<i>Select non-overlapping regions</i>
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Description

Identify overlapping regions in a set of GIFT regions and choose only non-overlapping regions based on size and overlap criteria

Usage

```
GIFT_no_overlap(
  entity_IDs = NULL,
  area_threshold_island = 0,
  area_threshold_mainland = 100,
  overlap_threshold = 0.1,
  geoentities_overlap = NULL,
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

entity_IDs	A vector of IDs of the regions for which we want to check overlap
area_threshold_island	A number stating from which surface the smallest overlapping polygon is kept. By default set to 0 square kilometer (meaning that by default the smallest islands will be conserved).
area_threshold_mainland	When two polygons overlap, the smallest or the biggest one can be kept. When the surface of the smallest polygon exceeds this number, the smallest polygon is kept. Otherwise, we keep the bigger one. Set by default 100 square-kilometers.
overlap_threshold	A number ranging from 0 to 1, indicating at what percentage of overlap, partially overlapping polygons should be kept.
geoentities_overlap	A table coming from GIFT indicating the overlap in km ² between pairs of polygons.

api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Value

A vector of entity_IDs (identification numbers of polygons) non-overlapping.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_no_overlap(entity_IDs = c(10071, 12078)) # Andalusia and Spain.
# We get Andalusia because it is smaller than Spain and larger than 100 km²
ex2 <- GIFT_no_overlap(entity_IDs = c(10071, 12078),
  area_threshold_mainland = 100000) # since Andalusia is smaller than
# 100,000 km² large, the larger entity (Spain) is chosen here.
```

GIFT_overlap

Spatial overlap between GIFT polygons and external polygons

Description

Calculate the spatial overlap between GIFT polygons and shapefiles coming from other resources

Usage

```
GIFT_overlap(
  resource = "glonaf",
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

resource	A character string indicating from which resource the spatial overlap is calculated. Available options are glonaf and gmba. glonaf stands for Global Naturalized Alien Flora and gmba for Global Mountain Biodiversity Assessment.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

The columns of the data.frame are the following:

entity_ID - Identification number of the GIFT polygon

glonaf_ID (or *gmba_ID*) - Identification number of the polygon from the other resource

overlap12 - Spatial overlap in percentage between GIFT polygon and the external polygon

overlap21 - The other way around

Value

A data frame with the spatial overlap.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.

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See Also

[GIFT_lists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
glonaf <- GIFT_overlap(resource = "glonaf")
gmba <- GIFT_overlap(resource = "gmba")
```

GIFT_phylogeny	<i>Phylogeny of the species in GIFT</i>
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Description

Retrieve a phylogeny of the plant species available in GIFT. The phylogeny table is not available for GIFT_version 1.0, 2.0, 2.1 and 2.2.

Usage

```
GIFT_phylogeny(
  clade = "Tracheophyta",
  as_tree = TRUE,
  return_work_ID = FALSE,
  work_ID_subset = NULL,
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

<code>clade</code>	Character string indicating the taxonomic group of interest corresponding to the node labels in the phylogeny.
<code>as_tree</code>	Logical, whether you want the phylogeny to be returned as a phylogenetic tree (TRUE) or in a table (FALSE). TRUE by default.
<code>return_work_ID</code>	Logical, whether you want to retrieve the species' names or their identification number (<code>work_ID</code>) in the GIFT database. FALSE by default.
<code>work_ID_subset</code>	A vector of <code>work_ID</code> to prune the phylogenetic tree. NULL by default.
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

taxon_label - Name of the taxonomic group

work_ID - Standardized species name IDs for the species at the tips of the tree

edge_length - Edge length

lft - Left border of a given taxon in the Newick sequence

rgt - Right border of a given taxon in the Newick sequence

Value

A data frame with 5 columns or a tree object.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_phylogeny(clade = "Tracheophyta", as_tree = FALSE)
```

GIFT_references

Metadata for references available in GIFT

Description

Retrieve the metadata of every reference accessible in GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_references(  
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",  
  GIFT_version = "latest"  
)
```

Arguments

api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

ref_ID - Identification number of the reference
ref_long - Full reference for the reference
geo_entity_ref - Name of the location
type - What type the source is
subset - What information regarding the status of species is available
taxon_ID - Identification number of the group of taxa available
taxon_name - Name of the group of taxa available
checklist - Is the source a checklist
native_indicated - Whether native status of species is available in the source
natural_indicated - Whether naturalized status of species is available in the source
end_ref - Whether endemism information is available in the source
traits - Whether trait information is available in the source
restricted - Whether the access to this reference is restricted
proc_date - When the source was processed

Value

A data frame with 14 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_references()
```

GIFT_regions

*Metadata for GIFT regions***Description**

Retrieves miscellaneous information for GIFT regions.

Usage

```
GIFT_regions(
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is the detail of each column:

entity_ID - Identification number of GIFT polygons

geo_entity - Name of GIFT polygons

suit_geo - Whether the polygon is suitable

entity_class - Class of the polygon

entity_type - Type of the polygon

TDWG_lvl3_ID - Whether the polygon is a TDWG region (see <https://www.tdwg.org/>)

country - Whether the polygon is a country

Value

A data frame with 7 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_env_meta_misc\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_regions()
```

GIFT_richness	<i>Species richness per geographic region and taxonomic group in GIFT</i>
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Description

Retrieve species richness of all species, native species, naturalized species and endemic species per taxonomic group and geographic region combination.

Usage

```
GIFT_richness(
  taxon_name = "Embryophyta",
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

taxon_name	Taxonomic group to retrieve species richness for.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

The output has 5 columns:

entity_ID - Identification number of the geographic region

total - total species richness

native - number of native species

naturalized - number of naturalized species

endemic_min - number of endemic species

The number of endemic species is a conservative count not counting occurrences of species which go back to infraspecific taxa.

Value

A data frame with species richness values for different floristic subsets per geographic region in GIFT.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_traits_meta\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_richness(taxon_name = "Angiospermae")
```

GIFT_shapes

Shape files of GIFT regions

Description

Get shapefile of GIFT regions for selected regions.

Usage

```
GIFT_shapes(
  entity_ID = NULL,
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

entity_ID	A vector defining the IDs of the regions.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is the detail of each column:

entity_ID - Identification number of the polygon
geo_entity - Name of the polygon
point_x - Longitude of the centroid of the polygon
point_y - Latitude of the centroid of the polygon
area - Area in km2 of the polygon
x_min - Minimum longitude of the polygon
x_max - Maximum longitude of the polygon
y_min - Minimum latitude of the polygon
y_max - Maximum latitude of the polygon
entity_class - Class of the polygon
entity_type - Type of the entity
polygon_source - Source of the polygon
geometry - Geometry column from sf

Value

A spatial data.frame with 13 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_env\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_shapes(entity_ID = c(677, 200))  
plot(sf::st_geometry(ex), col = ex$entity_ID)
```

GIFT_spatial

*Spatial selection of GIFT checklists***Description**

Retrieve checklists overlapping with a shape file or a set of coordinates.

Usage

```
GIFT_spatial(
  shp = NULL,
  coordinates = NULL,
  overlap = "centroid_inside",
  entity_ID = NULL,
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

shp	Shapefile provided by the user. Its Coordinate Reference System (CRS) must be set to WGS84 (EPSG code 4326).
coordinates	Custom set of coordinates. The format is a two columns data.frame, the first one being longitudes and the second being latitudes of the vertices of a polygon. If the data.frame only includes two rows, the function assumes that the values are the four limits (min and max. longitude and latitude) of a bounding box.
overlap	A character string defining the criteria to use in order to retrieve checklists. Available options are <code>centroid_inside</code> , <code>extent_intersect</code> , <code>shape_intersect</code> and <code>shape_inside</code> . For example, <code>extent_intersect</code> means that every polygon from GIFT for which the extent intersects the provided shape/coordinates will be retrieved.
entity_ID	Constrain the list of regions to be received by a predefined set of entity_IDs. E.g. this list could come from <code>GIFT_checklists_conditional()</code> .
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to <code>beta</code> , the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Value

A data frame with 3 columns: *entity_ID* the identification number of a polygon, *geo_entity_ref* its name, and *coverage* which indicates the percentage of overlap between the provided shape and the different polygons of GIFT.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# With a shapefile
data("western_mediterranean")
ex <- GIFT_spatial(shp = western_mediterranean, overlap = "centroid_inside")

# With a shapefile coming from GIFT
spain <- GIFT_shapes(entity_ID = 10071)
ex_spain <- GIFT_spatial(shp = spain)

# With a point
custom_point <- cbind(9.9, 51)
ex2 <- GIFT_spatial(coordinates = custom_point,
overlap = "extent_intersect")

# With an extent
custom_extent <- cbind(c(-13, -18), c(27.5, 29.3))
ex3 <- GIFT_spatial(coordinates = custom_extent,
overlap = "extent_intersect")

# With a custom polygon
custom_polygon <- cbind(c(-18, -16.9, -13, -13, -18, -18),
c(29.3, 33, 29.3, 27.5, 27.5, 29.3))
ex4 <- GIFT_spatial(coordinates = custom_polygon,
overlap = "extent_intersect")

#With a linestring
custom_linestring <- rbind(c(9.9, 51), c(2.35, 48.9))
custom_linestring <- sf::st_as_sf(as.data.frame(custom_linestring),
coords = c("V1", "V2"))
custom_linestring <- dplyr::summarise(custom_linestring,
geometry = sf::st_combine(geometry))
sf::st_crs(custom_linestring) <- sf::st_crs(western_mediterranean)
ex5 <- GIFT_spatial(shp = custom_linestring, overlap = "extent_intersect")
```

GIFT_species

*Species list in GIFT***Description**

Retrieve the whole set of plant species available in GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_species(
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

api character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

GIFT_version character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

work_ID - Identification number of the species

genus_ID - Identification number of the genus

work_genus - Genus name after taxonomic harmonization

work_species - Species name after taxonomic harmonization

work_author - Author who described the species (after taxonomic harmonization)

Value

A data frame with 5 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_species()
```

```
GIFT_species_distribution
      GIFT species distribution
```

Description

Retrieve the distribution of one species from GIFT checklists.

Usage

```
GIFT_species_distribution(
  genus = "Fagus",
  epithet = "sylvatica",
  namesmatched = FALSE,
  remove_overlap = FALSE,
  area_th_island = 0,
  area_th_mainland = 100,
  overlap_th = 0.1,
  by_ref_ID = FALSE,
  aggregation = FALSE,
  GIFT_version = "latest",
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"
)
```

Arguments

<code>genus</code>	Character string corresponding to the genus of the species of interest.
<code>epithet</code>	Character string corresponding to the epithet of the species of interest.
<code>namesmatched</code>	Logical FALSE by default, set to TRUE if you want to look for the species not only in the standardized species names but also in the original species names as they came in the original resources.
<code>remove_overlap</code>	a logical stating whether you want to retrieve checklists that overlap or not. FALSE by default.
<code>area_th_island</code>	A number stating from which surface the smallest overlapping polygon is kept. By default set to 0 square kilometer (meaning that by default the smallest islands will be conserved).
<code>area_th_mainland</code>	When two polygons overlap, the smallest or the biggest one can be kept. When the surface of the smallest polygon exceeds this number, the smallest polygon is kept. Otherwise, we keep the bigger one. Set by default 100 square-kilometers.

overlap_th	A number ranging from 0 to 1, indicating at what percentage of overlap, partially overlapping polygons should be kept.
by_ref_ID	logical indicating whether the removal of overlapping regions shall be applied by ref_ID only. Note that regions overlapping with other regions from the same resource will be removed even if there are other references available for those regions.
aggregation	A logical stating whether you want to aggregate in a simpler way the floristic status of species per entity_ID. For example, two lists associated to the same entity_ID could describe a species both as native and non-native. In that case, the aggregation would consider the species to be native. Reverse for naturalized and alien.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

Here is the detail of each data.frame and their columns: *ref_ID* - Identification number of the reference

list_ID - Identification number of the list

entity_ID - Identification number of the polygon

name_ID - Identification number of the genus before taxonomic harmonization

cf_genus - Whether the genus name is uncertain

cf_species - Whether the species' epithet is uncertain

aff_species - Species' epithet uncertain

questionable - Whether the species name is questionable

native - Is the species native

quest_native - Is the native status questionable

naturalized - Is the species naturalized

endemic_ref - Is the species endemic at the reference level

quest_end_ref - Is the endemic_ref status questionable

endemic_list - Is the species endemic at the list level

quest_end_list - Is the endemic_list status questionable

genus - Genus name before taxonomic harmonization

species_epithet - Epithet before taxonomic harmonization

subtaxon - Subtaxon name before taxonomic harmonization

author - Author who described the species before taxonomic harmonization

matched - Is the species name matched in the taxonomic backbone

epithetscore - Matching score for the epithet

overallscore - Overall matching score for the species

resolved - Is the species name resolved in the taxonomic backbone

synonym - Is the species a synonym in the taxonomic backbone

matched_subtaxon - Is the sub-species name matched in the taxonomic backbone

accepted - Is the species name accepted in the taxonomic backbone

service - Service use for the taxonomic harmonization

work_ID - Identification number of the species after taxonomic harmonization

taxon_ID - Identification number of the taxonomic group

work_genus - Identification number of the genus after taxonomic harmonization
work_species_epithet - Identification number of the species epithet after taxonomic harmonization
work_species - Species name (after taxonomic harmonization)
work_author - Author who described the species (after taxonomic harmonization)

Value

A data frame with 33 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_species_lookup\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_species_distribution()
```

GIFT_species_lookup	<i>Species list in GIFT</i>
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Description

Retrieve all name matching information for one taxonomic name. All results are returned, where the name is either found in the unstandardized or taxonomically standardized names.

Usage

```
GIFT_species_lookup(  
  genus = "",  
  epithet = "",  
  namesmatched = FALSE,  
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",  
  GIFT_version = "latest"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>genus</code>	character string defining the genus name to be looked for.
<code>epithet</code>	character string defining the specific epithet to be looked for.
<code>namesmatched</code>	Logical FALSE by default, set to TRUE if you want to look for the species not only in the standardized species names but also in the original species names as they came in the original resources.
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is what each column refers to: *orig_ID* - Identification number of the species before taxonomic harmonization

orig_genus - Genus before taxonomic harmonization

name_ID - Identification number of the genus before taxonomic harmonization

cf_genus- Whether the genus name is uncertain

genus- Genus before taxonomic harmonization

cf_species- Whether the species' epithet is uncertain

aff_species- Species' epithet uncertain

species_epithet- Epithet of the species before taxonomic harmonization

subtaxon- Subtaxon of the species before taxonomic harmonization

author- Author who described the species (before taxonomic harmonization)

matched- Is the species matched in the taxonomic backbone

epithetscore- Matching score for the epithet

overallscore- Overall matching score for the species

resolved- Is the species name resolved in the taxonomic backbone

synonym- Is the species name a synonym in the taxonomic backbone

matched_subtaxon- Is the subtaxon matched in the taxonomic backbone

accepted- Is the species name accepted in the taxonomic backbone

service- Service use for the taxonomic harmonization

work_ID- Identification number of the species after taxonomic harmonization

taxon_ID- Identification number of the taxonomic group

work_genus- Identification number of the genus after taxonomic harmonization

work_species_epithet- Identification number of the species epithet after taxonomic harmonization

work_species - Species name (after taxonomic harmonization)

work_author- Author who described the species (after taxonomic harmonization)

Value

A data frame with 19 columns (or 24 if `namesmatched = TRUE`).

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology*

and Evolution, 14, 2738-2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_species_lookup(genus = "Fagus", epithet = "sylvatica")
```

GIFT_taxgroup	<i>Taxonomic group of species</i>
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Description

Assign taxonomic groups of various hierarchical level to species from GIFT (work_ID).

Usage

```
GIFT_taxgroup(  
  work_ID = NULL,  
  taxon_lvl = c("family", "order", "higher_lvl")[1],  
  return_ID = FALSE,  
  GIFT_version = "latest",  
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",  
  taxonomy = NULL,  
  species = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

work_ID	A vector defining the IDs of the species to retrieve taxonomic groups for. NULL by default.
taxon_lvl	taxonomic level to retrieve names for. family by default. Check GIFT_taxonomy() for available levels. In addition to the available levels one can put higher_lvl to retrieve the higher level groups "Anthocerotophyta", "Marchantiophyta", "Bryophyta", "Lycopodiophyta", "Monilophyta", "Gymnospermae", and "Angiospermae".
return_ID	logical indicating whether to give back taxon_IDs instead of names.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
taxonomy	option to supply taxonomy object here if loaded already to avoid double loading. For internal use within GIFT functions. If NULL (default) taxonomy will be loaded within this function.
species	option to supply species names object here if loaded already to avoid double loading. For internal use within GIFT functions. If NULL (default) species will be loaded within this function.

Value

A vector with the taxonomic group of the species used as input.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_taxonomy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_taxgroup(work_ID = c(1, 4, 7, 8), taxon_lvl = "family")
```

GIFT_taxonomy

Taxonomy of GIFT

Description

Retrieves the taxonomy of GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_taxonomy(  
  GIFT_version = "latest",  
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

taxon_ID - the identification number of each taxonomic entry.

taxon_name - names describing taxa.

taxon_author - author name for a given taxon.

taxon_lvl - splits every taxon in genus, family, order or superior orders. Taxonomy is a linear sequence of left and right borders for each taxon. This is nested, for example left and right borders of a genus would fall between the left and right borders of the corresponding family.

lft - left border of one taxon in the taxonomic sequence.

rgt - right border of one taxon in the taxonomic sequence.

Value

A data frame with 6 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_taxonomy()
```

GIFT_traits	<i>Trait values at the species level</i>
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Description

Retrieve specific trait values.

Usage

```
GIFT_traits(
  trait_IDs = "",
  agreement = 0.66,
  bias_ref = TRUE,
  bias_deriv = TRUE,
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

trait_IDs	a character string indicating which trait you want to retrieve. Traits must belong to the available list of traits.
agreement	Percentage of resources that agree on an aggregated trait value, entries below this threshold will be omitted.
bias_ref	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a resource that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. a resource only including trees).
bias_deriv	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a derivation that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. all phanerophytes being woody but some life forms being ambiguous).
api	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is the detail of each column:

trait_ID - Identification number of the trait

work_ID - Identification number of the taxonomically harmonized species

species - Species name

trait_value - Value of the trait

agreement - Agreement score between the different sources for that trait value, only for categorical traits

cv - Coefficient of variation for the different sources for that trait value, only for numeric traits

n - Number of sources leading to the trait value

references - ref_ID from which we got the trait information

Value

A long-format data frame with 6 columns: trait_ID, work_ID, species, trait_value, agreement and references.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_traits_meta\(\)](#)

Examples

```
self_fertilization <- GIFT_traits(trait_IDs = "3.1.1", agreement = 0.66,
bias_ref = FALSE, bias_deriv = FALSE)
```

GIFT_traits_meta	<i>Trait metadata</i>
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Description

Retrieve metadata of the functional traits coming from GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_traits_meta(
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

api	Character string corresponding to the API.
GIFT_version	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the most up-to-date version.

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

Lvl1 - First level of the trait classification
Category - Name of the first level of classification
Lvl2 - Second level of the trait classification
Trait1 - Name of the second level of classification
Lvl3 - Identification number of the trait
Trait2 - Trait name
Units - Trait unit
type - Trait type
comment - Comment
count - How many entries for that traits are in the database

Value

A data frame with 10 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_traits\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_traits_meta()
```

GIFT_traits_raw	<i>Raw trait values</i>
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Description

Retrieve non-aggregated trait values at the level of the bibliographic references and un-standardized species names in GIFT.

Usage

```
GIFT_traits_raw(
  trait_IDs = "",
  derived = TRUE,
  bias_ref = TRUE,
  bias_deriv = TRUE,
  api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
  GIFT_version = "latest"
)
```

Arguments

<code>trait_IDs</code>	a character string indicating which traits you want to retrieve. Traits must belong to the available list of traits. See GIFT_traits_meta() .
<code>derived</code>	include logically derived traits.
<code>bias_ref</code>	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a resource that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. a resource only including trees).
<code>bias_deriv</code>	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a derivation that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. all phanerophytes being woody but some life forms being ambiguous).
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is the detail of each column:

trait_derived_ID - Identification number of the trait record in the database

ref_ID - Identification number of the reference

orig_ID - Identification number of the species, as it came in the source

trait_ID - Identification number of the trait

trait_value - Value of the trait (coded as character, even for continuous trait)

derived - Is the trait value derived from another information (e.g. phanerophytes are woody)

bias_deriv - Is the derivation potentially introducing a bias

bias_ref - Is the resource potentially introducing a bias

name_ID - Identification number of the species before being resolved

cf_genus - Whether the genus name is uncertain

genus - Genus of the species

cf_species - Whether the species' epithet is uncertain

aff_species - Species' epithet uncertain

species_epithet - Epithet of the species

subtaxon - Sub-taxon name

author - Author who described the species

matched - Was the species name matched in the taxonomic backbone

epithetscore - Matching score for the epithet

overallscore - Overall matching score

resolved - Was the species name resolved in the taxonomic backbone
service - Taxonomic backbone used for taxonomic harmonization
work_ID - Identification number of the taxonomically harmonized species
genus_ID - Identification number of the taxonomically harmonized genus
work_genus - Genus name (after taxonomic harmonization)
work_species - Species name (after taxonomic harmonization)
work_author - Name of the author who described the species
geo_entity_ref - Name of the region of the reference
ref_long - Full reference to cite

Value

A data.frame with 28 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_traits_meta\(\)](#) and [GIFT_traits\(\)](#)

Examples

```
succulence <- GIFT_traits_raw(trait_IDs = c("4.10.1"))
```

GIFT_traits_tax	<i>Traits at the taxonomic level</i>
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Description

Retrieve specific trait values at a high taxonomic level.

Usage

```
GIFT_traits_tax(  
  trait_IDs = "",  
  agreement = 0.66,  
  bias_ref = TRUE,
```

```

    bias_deriv = TRUE,
    api = "https://gift.uni-goettingen.de/api/extended/",
    GIFT_version = "latest"
  )

```

Arguments

<code>trait_IDs</code>	a character string indicating which trait you want to retrieve. Traits must belong to the available list of traits.
<code>agreement</code>	Percentage of resources that agree on an aggregated trait value, entries below this threshold will be omitted.
<code>bias_ref</code>	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a resource that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. a resource only including trees).
<code>bias_deriv</code>	When FALSE, exclude entries that are only based on a derivation that potentially introduces a bias (e.g. all phanerophytes being woody but some life forms being ambiguous).
<code>api</code>	character string defining from which API the data will be retrieved.
<code>GIFT_version</code>	character string defining the version of the GIFT database to use. The function retrieves by default the latest stable version. If set to beta, the most up-to-date version which is still subject to changes and edits is used.

Details

Here is the detail of each column:

taxon_ID - Identification number of the taxon

taxon_name - Name of the taxon

agreement - Agreement score between the different sources for that trait value, only for categorical traits

references - Source of the trait values (ref_ID)

negative - Does the record indicate the absence of trait value in taxon_ID

and then one column per trait with the respective trait values

Value

A long-format data frame with 7 columns: `taxon_ID`, `taxon_name`, `trait_value`, `agreement`, `references` and `negative`.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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<https://doi.org/10.1111/jbi.13623>

See Also

[GIFT_traits_meta\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_traits_tax(trait_IDs = c("1.2.1", "1.4.1"),
  bias_ref = FALSE, bias_deriv = FALSE)
```

GIFT_versions	<i>Versions of GIFT available</i>
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Description

Returns a table with information on the different versions of the database

Usage

```
GIFT_versions()
```

Details

Here is what each column refers to:

ID - Identification number of the version

version - Version number

description - What were the major updates about

Value

A data frame with 4 columns.

References

Denelle, P., Weigelt, P., & Kreft, H. (2023). GIFT—An R package to access the Global Inventory of Floras and Traits. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 14, 2738–2748.
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See Also

[GIFT_checklists\(\)](#)

Examples

```
ex <- GIFT_versions()
```

western_mediterranean *Shape file of the western Mediterranean basin*

Description

Shape file encompassing the western part of the Mediterranean basin. CRS is WGS84.

Usage

```
data("western_mediterranean")
```

Format

An object of class "sf"

Examples

```
data(western_mediterranean)
```

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