# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND DIVERSITY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BRAZILIAN FISH

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the past twenty five years, the concept of species diversity has been much used by ecologists and it suggests something more than the notion of the effective number of species present in a sample (Lloyd et al., 1968; Hill, 1973). A community (or collection) in which all the individuals belong to one species has no diversity, while one in which every individual belongs to a different species has the maximum possible diversity (Pielou, 1966a). This can be thought as something analogous to statistical variance. In the same way that a variance provides a measurement of the variability of some quantitative variable, a diversity index measures the variability of the species identity. Many indices of diversity have been introduced in ecological literature: for example, the proportion of the i-th species in a community p; or logarithms of this quantity, Simpson's (1949) index.  $1 - \Sigma p_i^2$  (actually  $\Sigma p_i^2$  in his paper - this modification was proposed by Pielou, 1969); the "information content" as a measure of diversity, (Shannon's (1949) index,  $-\Sigma p_i \log p_i$ ; the jackknife method proposed by Que

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nouille (1959) as a means of reducing bias; the Brillouin's (1962) index, useful when a collection is not too large for all its members to be identified and counted (Pielou, 1966a); and Pielou's index, which estimates the community's species diversity based on a sequence of randomly selected sampling units (or quadrats).

Quantitative analysis of the structure of a community, for example, the community of animals living in the area of the fish-weirs at Almofala Beach (Ceará-Brazil), required the measurement of some parameters which can be feasibly tested and inferred. However, in dealing with biological populations, and particularly with fish communities containing many different species, the investigator faces some sampling problems, the greatest of which is the difficulty of collecting necessary information in such a way that it may be deemed to be representative of the population. In this investigation, we have tried to avoid some of these problems, since in our sampling system we used a type of fishing gear which can be considered non-selective in regard to animal size.

There were also other difficulties, for instance, not knowing the true number of species in the community, or how to study the community's structure. These difficulties have led to the development of models that fit species-abun-

dance distributions. In an attempt to find a probability model to fit such data, Fisher et al. (1943) suggested that frequency distributions of species can best be specified by a logarithmic series. Subsequently, many diverse models have been proposed to describe species abundance distributions, but Preston (1948) was the first to use the log-normal distribution to summarize such data.

The purpose of this investigation is to estimate fish diversity utilizing various techniques described in the literature and also an attempt is made to find a suitable model to fit the data of species abundance distributions.

The sampling procedures and the fishing gear utilized to collect the necessary data are described. In an attempt to investigate as many individuals as possible, to minimize the possibility of non-sampled species, the aid of commercial fishery operations was required. The data are summarized in tables and classified into taxonomic levels.

The frequency distributions of the species are summarized in species abundance distributions and truncated lognormal distributions are fitted to the data, in order to investigate any consistent interrelation among species caught by different fish-weirs. This procedure is shown, step by step, and illustrated with empirical data.

The diversity indices proposed by Shannon (1949), Quenouille (1956), and Pielou (1966a) were shown how to be estimated and making use of them, three types of parameters were estimated: the first was the community's species diversity index; the second was the species diversity index for each of the sampled fish-weirs; and the third was the community's species diversity index divided into hierarchical components. In some cases, more than one index was used to allow the comparison among the estimators.

The analysis of all estimates allows drawing some conclusions about the community under study and it also indicates a possible direction for further research in this area.

# DATA COLLECTION METHODOLOGY

Sampling design

In studying species diversity of marine biological communities, the investigator faces the problem of getting unbiased samples from these communities in such a way that they can be assumed to be representative of each biological population living in an area. In large open sea areas, not feasible for impounding, it is very difficult to obtain such samples, particularly because of the nonrandom individual distributions. Thus, in order to collect the necessary data, the aid of commercial fishery operations is required, in which case, dependence on catch data is obligatory.

In our sampling system, we used a type of gear which can be considered nonselective in regard to animal size, namely the fish-weir, which will be described in the next section. Because of the natural entry of the fish into the weirs with the movement of the tide, the catch species composition may be safely assumed to be representative of that of the community living in the surrounding area.

Pielou (1977) uses the word "community" and suggests that "it means all the organisms in a chosen area that belong to the taxonomic group the ecologist is studying". Thus, the community to be studied in this investigation is comprised of all the animal species that come inshore and make themselves vulnerable to catching by fish-weirs.

A single line of six fish-weirs was chosen for investigation of its commercial catch. This particular line was chosen mainly because of the ease of getting the data when boats arrived at the beach. Since the gear is lined up from the shore to the sea and since its depth varies with the distance from the coast,

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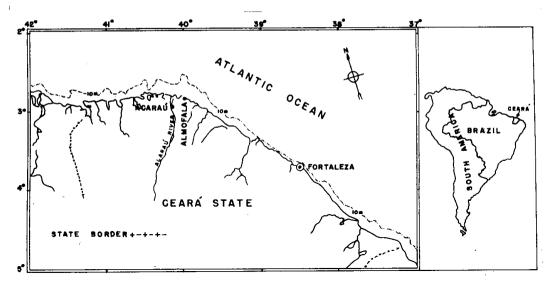


Figure 1 - Location of Almofala Beach, in Acaraú County, State of Ceará - Brazil.

each fish-weir can be taken as a stratum covering different depths and distances. Since the animals are collected at least once per day, when the tide is low during the daylight hours, the commercial catch from each weir is considered to be a sampling unit. For each unit, observations both in number and diversity were made for a ten-day period in June, 1980. The area covered by this fish-weir line is bounded by the coast and a five-meter deep isobath, which is approximately 13,500 meters from shore. Despite the narrowness of this strip, the community of individuals that occur there is assumed to be representative of the species, in both number and diversity, that are found over the whole of the continental shelf.

# Description of the fishing gear

The fish-weir is a common fishing implement used along the coast of Ceará State (Brazil), with major concentration at Almofala Beach, in Acaraú County, latitude 02°50'S, longitude 40°09'W (figure 1). It is a coastal trap-line gear, composed of a guide fence and three compartments, which is arranged in such a manner as to allow the entry of animals

deep into the back-end. The fence, the "espia", made of liane netting, runs obliquely to the coast and parallel with the movement of the tide. The animals move with the tide along the espia into the "sala grande", a heart-shaped enclosure, also of liane netting, attached to wooden stakes. The sides of this compartment are rounded inwards and backwards to prevent the animals from escaping once they move in. The second compartment, the "salinha", is a smaller version of the "sala grande", but with a wire netting fence, to enhance the trapping capability of the gear. The third and last compartment, the "chiqueiro" is round-shaped and also made of wire netting fence. This is the most important section because it is where the animals are finally trapped. A scheme of this gear is given in figure 2. The size of each compartment, the length of the net of each fish-weir chosen in this investigation, the depth at which the fish were harvested as well as the distance of each weir from the coast are shown in table L

The "espia" size is taken as the total length of the fence; for the other sections, the round measurement of each fence between their tips has been taken. A peculiar aspect of the fish-weir is that

the east side of the "sala grande" is shorter than the other side. The traps are imbedded in shallow water areas and set in a straight line to the seaward, with a distance of about 150 meters between each. They are identified by numbers, assigned in crescent order from the coast. The fish-weirs sampled in this investigation were numbers 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 16, because they were in operation at the time of this study (figure 3).

For the fishing operations, the fishermen use a small sail boat to enter the "chiqueiro", and a small meshed net, which operates as a double stick-net to

harvest all the trapped animals. The length of this net, which is made of a vegetable fibre known as "tucum" (Bactris setosa), varies for each fish-weir and its height is proportional to the depth inside the "chiqueiro". It has a 3.5 cm mesh size.

The importance of the weir from the socio-economic point of view has been discussed by Seraine (1958). Considerations about the fishery production and indices of productivity of different species have been made by Paiva & Nomura (1965), Paiva & Fonteles-Filho (1968), Collyer & Aguiar (1972) and Almeida (1974).

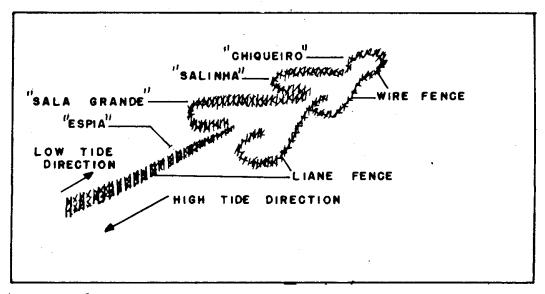


Figure 2 — Scheme of a fish-weir used at Almofala Beach (Acaraú — Ceará — Brazil).

TABLE I

Characteristics of six fish-weirs at Almofala Beach (Acaraú - Ceará - Brazil)

	İ		Si	zes (meters)					
Number of fish- -weirs	F	Sala g	rande	Salinha	OL:		Depth of	Distance	
	Espia	east fence	west fence		Chiqueiro	Length of the net	harvest (meters)	from the coast (km)	
5	53	33	40	9	16	6,90	4.40	1.3	
6	48	33	43	10	17	8.40	4.90	1.5	
8	47	27	33	9	17	8.20	4.90	1.9	
9	40	13	13	9	16	7.36	4.00	2.1	
10	53	16	-30	9	15	6.70	4.00	2.3	
16	60	13	13	9	15	7.18	4.70	3.5	

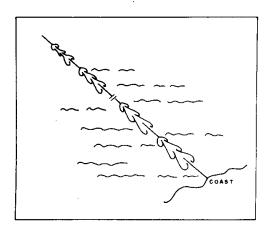


Figure 3 — Scheme of a line of fish-weirs used on the coast of the State of Ceará.

#### Data collected

The estimates of diversity and related statistical analysis in this investigation are based on sixty sampling units, which resulted from observations of the commercial daylight catch of a single line of six fish-weirs, from Almofala Beach (Ceará - Brazil), during ten days in June, 1980. The distribution of the Sampling units are shown in the Appendix.

A total catch of 161,173 individuals caught during this period of study has been classified into three taxonomic levels: 4 classes, 24 families and 44 spe-

Classification of the species, with respective identification number and quantity of individuals per species, recorded on a line of six fish-weirs, at

Almofala Beach (Acaraú-Ceará-Brazil), during ten days of observations in June. 1980.

Class	Family	Species Name	Identi- fication number	Common species name	Individuals
Crustacea	Palinuridae	Panulirus argus (Latreille) Panulirus laevicauda (Latreille)	41 42	spiny lobster spiny lobster	14 2
Chondrichthyes	Orectolobidae	Ginglymastoma cirratum (Bonnaterre)	44	nurse shark	1
Osteichthyes	Elopidae	Tarpon atlanticus (Valenciennes)	20	tarpon	11
	Clupeidae	Opistonema oglinum (Le Sueur)	8	thread herring	110,905
	Engraulidae	Anchoa spinifer (Valenciennes) Anchovia clupeoides (Swainson) Lycengraulis grossidens (Cuvier)	21 9 10 snake mouthed sardine		1 35 65
	Ariidae	Tachysurus herzbergii (Block)	5		500
		Tachysurus sp. Tachysurus spixii (Agassiz)	6 7	catfish	294 32
	Exocoetidae	Hemirhanphus brasiliensis (Linnaeus)	22	ballyhoo	17
	1 '	Ablennes hians (Valenciennes)		1 ·	
	Belonidae Pomatomidae	Pomatomus saltatrix (Linnaeus)	23 24	flat needlefish bluefish	222 15
	Carangidae	Alectis ciliaris (Block)	14	threadfish	2
		Caranx crysos (Mitchill)	25	Gluerunner hardtail	80
		Caranx hippos (Linnaeus)	3	crevalle jack	176
		Caranx latus (Agassiz)	27	horse-eye jack	1
	Į.	Caranx sp.	26		23
	i	Chloroscombrus chrysurus (Linnaeus)	11	bumper	44,965
	.1	Hemicaranx amblyrhynchus (Cuvier)	12	1	· 1
		Oligoplites palombeta (Cuvier)	28	1	15
		Selene vomer (Linnaeus)	13	lookdown	2,124
		Trachinotus carolinus (Linnaeus)	29	florida pempano	6
		Trachinotus falcatus (Linnaeus)	30	permit	1
	Lutjanidae	Lutjanus jocu (Block & Schneider)	31	dog snapper	1
	Lobotidae	Lobotes surinamensis (Block)	32	tripletail	4
	Pomadasydae	Genyatremus luteus (Block)	33		196
	Sciaenidae	Cynoscion acoupe (Lacépède)	17	sea trout	5
		Cynoscion leiarchus (Cuvier)	15	sea trout	113
	Į.	Cynoscion microlepidotus (Cuvier)	16	i	6
		Micropogon furnieri (Desmarest)	34		4
	Ephippidae	Chaetodipterus faber (Broussonet)	18	spadefish	45
	Chaetodontidae	Holacanthus ciliaris (Linnaeus)	19	queen anglefish	1 2
	Scaridae	Sparisoma swainson	37	1	_
	Sphyraenidae	Sphyraena barracuda (Walbaum)	36	great barracuda	58
	Trichiuridae	Trichiurus lepturus (Linnaeus)	4	cutlassfish	371
	Scombridae	Euthynnus elleteratus (Rafinesque)	35	little tuna	28
	i	Scomberomorus cavalla (Cuvier)	2	king mackerel	24
	1	Scomberomorus maculatus (Mitchill)	1	spanish mackerel	792
	Rachycentridae	Rechycentron canadus (Linnaeus)	40		9
	Ostraciontidae	Lectophrys trigonus (Linnaeus)	38	common trunkfish	2
	Tetradontidae	Lego cephelus leevigatus (Linnaeus)	39	smooth puffer	1
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Reptilia	Chaelonidae	Chelonia mydas	43	green turtle	5

cies. For the sake of simplicity, we have assigned species identification numbers. In the remainder of this investigation, each species will be referred to by its number. These were assigned at the time the species appeared in the catch but they are presented as a natural or phyletic sequence of families, with the species of each family alphabetized by specific names (table II).

# SPECIES ABUNDANCE DISTRIBUTION

#### Introduction

The sampling units taken from the community of animals living in the area of the fish-weirs at Almofala Beach have exhibited a property common to most ecological communities, in that the inhabitants belong to several species, and the abundance of each species varies greatly (Appendix). Thus, it will be useful to summarize such data on frequency distribution charts, where the number of species, f(r), containing r representatives (r = 1, 2, ...) are plotted against the number of representatives per species (figures 4 to 9). Customarily, this frequency distribution represents speciesabundance distributions (Poole, 1974; Pielou, 1975; and Slocomb et al., 1977).

In order to investigate any consistent interrelation among species caught by different fish-weirs (strata) it will be required that some form of probability distribution fit those species-abundance distributions with only the parameter values varying from one stratum to another, in such a way as to allow the comparison among the values. In an attempt to find a probability distribution to fit such data, Fisher et al. (1943) suggested that those frequency distributions can best be specified by a logarithmic series. Subsequently, many diverse models have been proposed to describe species-abundance distributions, but Preston (1948) was the first to use the lognormal distribution to summarize such data.

Species-abundance curves have been fitted to observed frequency distribution using the truncated lognormal distribution.

# Truncated lognormal distribution

Preston (1948) found that in a large and diverse community, the frequency distribution of the individuals will follow a normal law after the individuals are grouped on a logarithmic scale. The probability density function for the lognormal distribution is:

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{2}{2\sigma^2} (r-\alpha)^2\right], -\infty < r < \infty,$$

where  $\lambda$  is the species-abundance. Let  $r - \ell n \lambda$ , then  $\frac{d\lambda}{dr} = \lambda$ , so that

$$f(r) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (r - \ln m)^2 \right].$$

Now, make  $\alpha = \ln m$ , thus,

$$f(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda \sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\ln \frac{\lambda}{m})^2 \right], \ 0 < \lambda < \infty$$

where  $\sigma$  is the logarithmic standard deviation,

α is the position of the mode, and
 r is the position of an observed number of species.

It is both natural and convenient to plot r, the number of individuals belonging to a given species on a logarithmic scale, since an observed species abundance histogram is usually L-shaped (figures 4 to 9), with very few high frequencies for low values of r and a long tail representing the few abundant species.

It is generally agreed that in ecological work, and particularly with fishery data, it is very difficult to ensure that the sample collected represents the entire community. Pielou (1977) remarked that there are some species so rare that they are not expected to be found in a sample of the size at hand.

Thus, the truncation of the curve on the left is inevitable. Consequently, the number of species in the community, s, is unknown and must be estimated. Preston called this point of truncation the "veil line". If every species in the community has been sampled, no difficulty arises in the estimation of the location and scale parameters. Since this is not the case, the fitting of a lognor-

mal distribution will be described in "recipe form" (Pielou, 1975) and illustrated with field data from fish-weir number 10.

The procedure consists of converting the observed variate, r to logarithmics of base 10 and then fitting a normal distribution to the r's. Since we are treating r as a continuous variate, we should substitute the discrete values

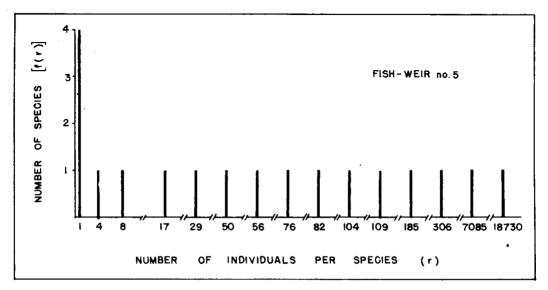


Figure 4 — Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 5.

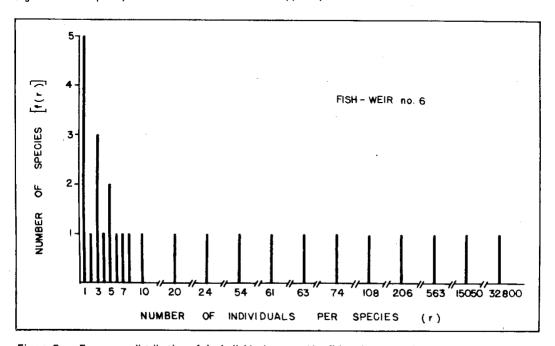


Figure 5 - Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 6.

0, 1, 2, ..., r, ..., for the intervals  $(0, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]$ ,  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{2}]$ , ...,  $(r - \frac{1}{2}, r + \frac{1}{2}]$ ... Since the distribution is zero-truncated and the "empty" (unrepresented) species are unobservable, the value r = 0 is missing from the discrete data, and the interval  $(0, \frac{1}{2}]$  is missing

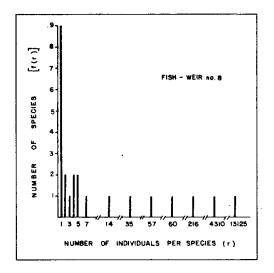


Figure 6 — Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 8.

from its continuous representation. Hence the normal distribution to be fitted to the r's is truncated on the left at  $r_0 = \log 0.5$ .

The procedure, step by step, and the numerical results (table III) are as follows:

- 1) make  $x^* = \log r + \frac{1}{2}$ ;
- 2) obtain the mean of the number of individuals in each species sample  $(\bar{x}^*)$  and the sampled variance  $(V^2)$  given by

$$\bar{x}^* = \frac{\sum x^* f(r)}{s}$$

and

$$V^{2} = \frac{\sum (x^{*} - \bar{x}^{*})^{2} f(r)}{s}$$

where s is the total number of species in the sample:

3) calculate 
$$\gamma = \frac{V^2}{(\vec{x}^* - r_0)}$$

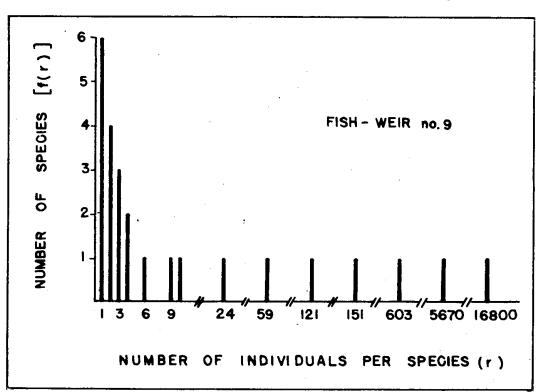


Figure 7 - Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 9.

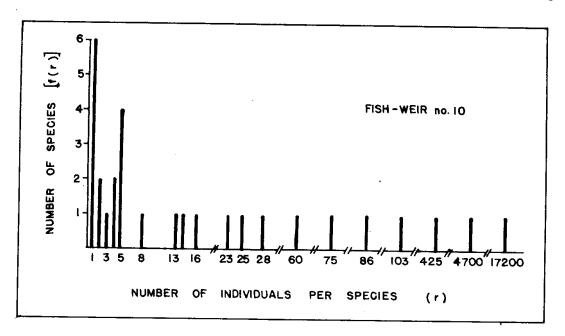


Figure 8 - Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 10.

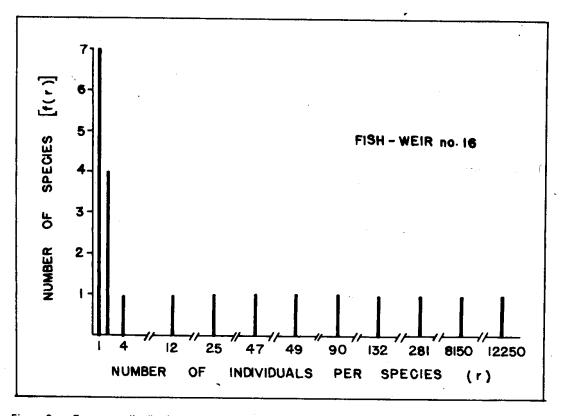


Figure 9 - Frequency distribution of the individuals trapped by fish-weir number 16.

where  $r_0 = \log 0.5 = -0.30103$ ;

- 4) from table I in Cohen (1961) obtain the "auxiliary estimation function"  $\bar{\theta}$  corresponding to this  $\gamma$ ;
- 5) obtain estimates  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  of the mean and variance of r, from

$$\hat{\mu} = \overline{\mathbf{x}}^* - \theta (\overline{\mathbf{x}}^* - \mathbf{r}_0)$$

and

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = V^2 + \hat{\theta} (\bar{x}^* - r_0)^2;$$

6) obtain the standardized normal variate, say  $Z_0$ , corresponding to the truncation point  $r_0$  by making

$$Z_0 = \frac{r_0 - \hat{\mu}}{\sigma}$$

7) from the standard normal tables, find  $P_O = P_r$  ( $Z \le Z_O$ ), the area under the normal curve to the left of  $Z_O$ ;

8) hence, obtain

$$\tilde{S}^* = \frac{s}{1 - p_0}$$

the estimated number of species in the community:

- 9) compile table III as indicated the Roman numerals refer to the columns in the table which show:
  - (i) the value of r,
  - (ii)  $\log (r + \frac{1}{2})$  the upper boundary of each class-interval,
  - (iii) the number of species, that is, the observed frequencies f(r),
  - (iv) and (v) computations used to obtain the mean and variance of the samples,
  - (vi) the variate value in (ii) in standardized form — thus

$$(vi) = \frac{x^* - \hat{\mu}}{\sigma}$$

(vii) the area under the normal curve,

TABLE III

The fitting of a truncated lognormal distribution and estimation of the needed parameters to the data of fish-weir number 10

i i	• 11	iii	iv	٧	vi	vii	viii	ix	goodne	ss-of-fit
r	log(r + ½) = x*	f(r)	x*f(r)	$(x^* - \bar{x}^*)^2 f(r)$	$(x^* - \hat{u})/\sigma = z$	φ(z)	ŝ* φ(z)	fe	fe	f(r)
0	-0.30103	0	0	0	-1.41110	0.0793	2.50	(2.50)		
1 [	0.17609	6	1.05654	2.78649	-0.75248	0.2266	7.14	4.64		
2	0.39794	2	0.79588	0.42252	0.44623	0.3264	10.28	3.14	7.78	8
2 - 4	0.65321	3	1.95963	0.12529	-0.09385	0.4641	14 62	4.34		
4 – 8	0.92942	5	4.64710	0.02581	0.28743	0.6141	19.34	4.72	9.06	8
8 - 16	1.21748	3	3.65244	0.38860	0.68507	0.7549	23.78	4.44		
16 - 32	1.51188	3	1.80956	1.28436	1.09147	0.8621	27.16	3.38	7.82	6
32 - 64	1.80956	1	6.32670	0.90628	1.50239	0.9332	29.40	2.24	ļ	ļ
64 - 128	2.10890	3	- :	4.69748	1.91560	0.9726	30.64	1.24		_
128 - 256	2.40909	-	-	-	2.32999	0.9901	31.19	0.55	4.34	7
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TABLE IV

The fitting of a truncated lognormal distribution for the community of animals living in the area of fish-weirs at Almofala Beach (Ceará - Brazil)

	ii ii	iii	iv	v	vi	vii	viii	ix	goodness-of-fit	
r	log(r + ½) = x*	log(r + ½) = x* f(r) x*f(		$(x^*-x^*)^2$ f(r)	$(x^* - \hat{u})/\sigma = z$	φ(z) s φ(z)		fe	fe	f(r)
0	-0.30103	0	0	0	-0.7174	0.2358	13.58	(13.58)		
1	0.17609	8	1.40872	6.76443	0.3129	0.3783	21.78	8.20	8.20	8
2	0.39794	4	1.59176	1.94709	-0.1248	0.4562	26.27	4.49		
2 - 4	0.65321	3	1.95963	0.58721	0.0916	0.5359	30.86	4.59	9.8	_ ′
4 - 8	0.92942	3	2.78826	0.08288	0.3257	0.6255	36.01	5.15	5.15	3
8 - 16	1.21748	5	6.08740	0.07424	0.5699	0.7157	41.21	5.20	5.20	5
16 - 32	1.51188	5	7.55940	0.86632	0.8194	0.7939	45.71	4.50	4.50	5
32 - 64	1.80956	4	7.23824	2.03878	1.0718	0.8577	49.39	3.68		
64 - 128	2.10890	2	4.21780	2.05343	1.3255	0.9066	52.20	2.81		
128 - 256	2.40909	3	7.22727	5.17553	1.5800	0.9429	54.29	2.09	11.87	16
256 - 512	2.70969	3	8.12907	7.81557	1.8348	0.9644	55.65	1.36		
> 512	<b>aa</b>	4	_	-		1.0000	57.58	1.93		

- (viii) the accumulated expected frequencies.
- (ix) differences between successive entries in (viii).

Hence these are the desired expected frequencies (f<sub>e</sub>) of the (iii);

10) judge the goodness-of-fit of what is expected to the observed frequencies, using an  $\chi^2$  -test. The number of degrees of freedom (d.f.) is three less than the number of frequencies compared, since two d.f. were lost by using the estimates  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$ , and one additional was lost because of the fixed total number of species.

Estimated parameters based on data of the fish-weir number 10. The computations are led in table III.

$$\bar{x} = \frac{29}{\bar{x}^*} = \frac{\sum x^* f(r)}{s} = 0.85757$$

$$V^2 = \frac{\sum (x^* - \bar{x}^*)^2 f(r)}{s} = 0.36679$$

$$\gamma = \frac{v^2}{(\bar{x}^*) - x_0} = 0.31658$$

$$\tilde{\theta} = 0.1177$$

$$\tilde{\mu} = 0.72120$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^2 = 0.52479$$

$$\tilde{\sigma} = 0.72442$$

$$Z_0 = -1.4111$$

$$p_0 = P_r (Z \le Z_0) = P_r (Z \le -1.4111) = 0.0793$$

$$\bar{S}^* = \frac{s}{1 - p_0} = 31.5$$

$$\chi^2 = 2.17 < \chi^2 = 3.841$$

The  $\chi^2$ -value clearly shows that truncated lognormal distributions fit to the data of fish-weir number 10. For the communyty of animals in the area of fish-weirs at Almofala Beach, the goodness-of-fit of the truncated lognormal distributions are shown in table IV.

#### DIVERSITY INDICES CONSIDERED

#### Introduction

The models that have been devised to fit the species-abundance distributions can often be based on contrasting sets of initial premises; therefore, the same predictions can sometimes be yielded by two or more contrasting models. Thus, in this chapter, we will search for some form of descriptive statistics which can be used even when no theoretical model can be found to fit the data.

The community of individuals under investigation has exhibited a property in which both the number of species and the relative proportion of each play important roles. This property has led to the development of single statistics which are known as "indices of diversity". Three conditions, which we will describe, are desirable in such an index (Pielou, 1977). Let us suppose we are dealing with a community that can be classified into s species. Every individual belongs to one and only one species, and the probability that a randomly selected individual will belong to the species si is p<sub>i</sub>. Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i = 1.$$

As a measure of the diversity of the community, we wish to find a function of  $p_j$ ,  $H'(p_1, p_2, ..., p_s)$  say, that meets the following conditions:

Condition 1. For a given s, the function takes its greatest value when

$$p_i = \frac{1}{s}$$
 for all i.

Denoting this greatest value by L (s),

L (s) = H' (
$$\frac{1}{s}$$
,  $\frac{1}{s}$ , ...,  $\frac{1}{s}$ ).

Such a community is said to be completely even.

Condition 2. Given two completely even communities, one with s species and another with s + 1, the latter should have the greater diversity.

Condition 3. Suppose the community of individuals are subject to two separate classifications (not necessarily independent). Assume an A-classification with a classes, and a B-classification with b classes.

Let  $p_j$  be the probability that a randomly selected individual will belong to class  $A_i$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{a} p_{j} = 1.$$

Let  $q_k$  be the probability that a randomly selected individual will belong to class  $B_k$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{b} q_k = 1.$$

Then, the double classification yields  $a \times b$  different classes,  $A_j B_k$  (j = 1, 2, ..., a; k = 1, 2, ..., b), and the probability that a randomly selected individual will belong to the class  $A_j B_k$  may be written  $\pi_{jk}$ . Clearly, if the A- and B-classifications are independent,

$$\pi_{jk} = p_j q_k$$

Suppose that A- and B-classifications are mutually dependent, then

$$\pi_{kj} = p_j q_{jk'}$$

where  $\mathbf{q}_{jk}$  is the conditional probability that an individual will belong to  $\mathbf{B}_k$ , given that it belongs to  $\mathbf{A}_i$ .

For the diversity of the doubly classified community we may write

$$H'(AB) = H'(\pi_{11}, \ \pi_{12}, \ ..., \ \pi_{ab}).$$

For the diversity under the B-classification within the class A<sub>i</sub>, write

$$H'_{i}(B) = H'(q_{i1}, q_{i2}, ..., q_{ib}).$$

And now make

$$H'_{A}(B) = \sum_{j=1}^{a} p_{j} H'_{j}(B)$$

for the mean diversity index under the B-classification within all the A- classes. Hence, we get

$$H'(AB) = H'(A) + H'_{A}(B).$$

Independence of A- and B-classifications implies  $q_{jk} = q_k$  for all j. Therefore, we have

$$H'(AB) = H'(A) + H'(B).$$

This condition is needed, for instance, when the individuals in a community are classified into taxonomic levels.

In a ecological context, condition(1) should have the following interpretation: for a community with a given number of species, the measure of diversity will be maximum when all the species are present in equal proportions. The usefulness of condition (3) will be discussed ahead.

Based on these conditions, several indices of diversity have been introducted in ecological literature and three of them are applied in this investigation: the Shannon-Wiener, or simply Shannon (1949); the Pielou's sequencial estimate (1966a); and the so-called "Jackknife Method", proposed by Quenouille (1956). These indices will be described in the following sections.

Using these indices, and the data in the Appendix, three types of parameters were estimated. The first was the community's species diversity index; the second was the species diversity index for each of the sampled fish-weirs (stratum); and the third was the community's species diversity index divided into hierarchical components.

The community's species diversity was estimated using both Pielou's (1966a), and Shannon's (1949) indices. The Jackknife Method on Shannon's index was also considered. The diversity index for each weir was estimated using both Shannon's (1949), and the Jackknife Method. This parameter was estimated in order to investigate the spatial differences in the diversity index in the area of the fish-weir. The hierarchical diversity was measured by Shannon's index, after the community was classified into three taxonomic levels, by class, family and species.

### Shannon-Wiener index of diversity

Having specified the three conditions that H' is to satisfy, Khinchin (1957) and Pielou (1969 and 1977) have shown that the only function of the p; values having these three conditions is:

$$H'(p_1, p_2, ..., p_s) = -C \sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i \log p_i$$

where C is a positive constant;

p<sub>i</sub> is the proportion of the community belonging to the ith species.

Making C = 1, we may, therefore, take as an index of diversity,

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^{s} p_i \log p_i.$$

This was originally proposed by Shannon (Shannon and Weaver, 1949).

Goldman (1953) has emphasized that Shannon's index H' is defined to estimate the average diversity from a sample, when the community is large enough for all its members to be identified and counted.

An estimate H' of H' may be given by

$$\hat{H}' = -\sum_{i=1}^{s} \hat{p}_i \log \hat{p}_{i'}$$
 (2)

where  $\hat{p}_{i}$  is the proportion of the ith species in the sample.

Basharin (1959) has shown that Â' is a biased estimation of H'. The magnitud of this bias depends on how close the number of species present in the sample is to the true number of species (s) in the community. He has also shown that Â' is consistent and asymptotically normal.

An estimator of its variance in large samples is given by

var 
$$(\hat{H}') = \frac{1}{N} [\Sigma \hat{p}_i (\ln \hat{p}_i)^2 - \hat{H}'^2],$$
 (3)

where ln is the natural logarithms.

Even though we do not know s, the total number of species that may occur in this community, the bias that eventually may occur in estimating H', can be disregarded if we take into consideration the type of fishing gear used for sampling this community and the size of the sample analyzed.

Thus, using equation 2, two types of parameters were estimated. The first, the community's species diversity, was estimated after the totals per species of each fish-weir (Appendix) had been gathered. For the second, equation 2 was applied for each total in the Appendix, to estimate the species diversity index for each fish-weir.

To estimate the variance of these parameters, equation 3 was used with the above procedure. The numerical results will be discussed ahead.

# Pielou's sequencial estimate

It is known that H' is a biased estimator of H' and that the use of the former requires the assumption that the sampling units (s.u.'s) examined constitute a random selection from the community whose diversity is being estimated. But in practice, and particularly with the kind of community being investigated, it is very difficult (perhaps impossible) to ensure a completely random selection. To deal with this diffi-

culty, Pielou (1966a) has proposed a method which estimates not only H' but also its standard error, from a series of randomly selected units.

Recall that from each one of the six fish-weirs observed for a ten-day period a total of n = 60 sampling units was yielded. These are now to be taken in random order and added, one after another, to a growing pool of s.u.'s.

Let  $N_{\chi i}$  be the number of individuals of the ith species in the  $\chi th$  s.u.

Let  $M_{ki} = \sum_{x=1}^{K} N_{xi}$  be the number of individuals of the ith species in the pool of the first k s.u.'s.

Let  $M_k = \sum_{i=1}^{s} M_{ki}$  be the number of individuals of all species in this pool. Also, let

TABLE V

Values of the  $H_{k'}$  computed for the growing pool of randomly ordered sampling unit  $(M_k)$ , taken from the community of animals living in the area of the fish-weirs at Almofala Beach (Ceará - Brazil).

Sampling units (k)	$H_{\mathbf{k}}$	M <sub>k</sub>	Sampling units (k)	H <sub>k</sub>	M <sub>k</sub>	
1	0.0183	3,509	31	0.7367	119,356	
2	0.2993	10,338	32	0.7441	120,024	
3	0.3502	14,708	33	0.7529	120,209	
4	0.4380	20,720	34	0.7549	120,516	
5	0.4935	25,746	35	0.7516	122,825	
6	0.5568	30,713	36	0.7532	122,903	
7	0.5641	35,948	37	0.7532	126,931	
8	0.5898	40,516	38	0.7560	128,051	
9	0.6071	43,411	39	0.7536	130,214	
10	0.6211	46,076	40	0.7553	131,425	
11	0.6435	59,945	41	0.7578	133,470	
12	0.6537	61,931	42	0.7635	137,519	
13	0.6522	65,877	43	0.7651	141,545	
14	0.6689	66,148	44	0.7631	142,658	
15	0.6655	68,759	45	0.7639	142,676	
16	0.6685	70.116	46	0.7642	143,223	
17	0.6543	74,117	47	0.7698	145,301	
18	0.6564	77,130	48	0.7675	146,558	
19	0.6712	87,690	49	0.7689	150,099	
20	0.6858	88,001	50	0.7718	150,223	
21	0.6893	88,658	51	0.7752	150,671	
22	0.6966	89,114	52	0.7788	151,160	
23	0.6993	90,356	53	0.7808	151,731	
24	0.7033	90,659	54	0.7838	152,514	
25	0.7051	92,460	55	0.7879	153,442	
26	0.7060	93,812	56	0.7880	154,683	
27	0.7076	96,428	57	0.7940	156,063	
28	0.7134	96,665	58	0.7974	157,413	
29	0.7177	99,767	59	0.7979	158,963	
30	0.7388	115,279	60	0.7963	161,173	

$$H_{k} = \frac{1}{M_{k}} \ell n \frac{M_{k}!}{\prod_{i=1}^{s} M_{ki}}$$
(4)

be the diversity, as measured by the Brillouin's index. For our data, the values of  $M_k$  and  $H_k$  are shown in table V.

For a general estimation problem, Brillouin's (1962) index should be used when a collection is not too large for all its members to be identified and counted. It is defined as

$$H = \frac{1}{N} \log \frac{N!}{N_1! N_2! ... N_s!}$$

where N is the total number of individuals, s the number of species, and  $N_i$  the number of individuals in the ith

species, so that 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{s} N_i = N$$

and log means logarithm of base 10. The index H gives the diversity per individual.

Now, returning to expression (4), if  $H_k$  is plotted against k, and if n is large enough, then it will be found that  $H_k$  increases (not necessarily monotonically) at first, and then levels off when the pool of s.u.'s has become large enough for its contents to provide an adequate representation of the community as a whole (figure 10).

Suppose the curve shows no upward trend, when k > t. Let

$$h_{k} = \frac{M_{k} H_{k} - M_{k-1} H_{k-1}}{M_{k} - M_{k-1}}$$
 (5)

and compute  $h_k$  where k = t + 1, t + 2, ..., n. In our case we choose the value of t = 54, because at this point, figure 10 shows the curve to be leveling off. The values of  $h_k$  are given in the following table.

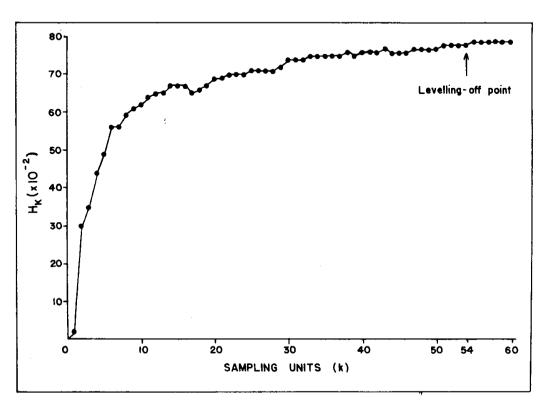


Figure 10 - Plots of  $H_k$  versus k.

k	h <sub>k</sub>
55	1.486900
56	0.790394
57	1.469701
58	1.191897
59	0.844476
60	0.687698

It can be shown that an estimate of H' is given by

$$\tilde{H}' = \frac{1}{n-t} \sum_{k=t+1}^{n} h_k = \overline{h}; (6)$$

the sampling variance of this estimate is given by

$$\operatorname{var}(\widetilde{H}') = \operatorname{var}(\widetilde{h}) = \frac{1}{\operatorname{n}(n-1)} \left( \sum_{k=t+1}^{n} h_{k}^{2} - \operatorname{n}(\overline{h}^{2}) \right). \tag{7}$$

The numerical results will be discussed ahead.

## Jackknife estimate of diversity

The following jackknife technique was introduced by Quenouille (1956) as a means for reducing the bias of an estimator.

TABLE VI

Pseudovalues of jackknife estimates of the Shannon's index, for the community of animals living in the area of the fish-weirs at Almofala Beach (Acaraú - Ceará - Brazil)

Sampling units (k)	Kth sampling unit omitted	Pseudovalues Ĥ' <sub>k</sub> *	Sampling units (k)	Kth sampling unit omitted	Pseudovalues Ĥ' <sub>k</sub> *
1	0.806066	0.264999	31	0.799829	0.632950
2	0.809892	0.039230	32	0.792147	1.086197
3	0.803459	0.418808	33	0.790428	1.187592
4	0.804218	0.373993	34	0.795669	0.878372
5	0.799869	0.630569	35	0.800050	0.619888
6	0.796821	0.810410	36	0.795914	0.863937
7	0.802969	0.447693	37	0.798195	0.729355
8	0.798527	0.709778	38	0.795229	0.904358
9	0.796493	0.829773	39	0.799319	0.663071
10	0.796082	0.854019	40	0.795959	0.861313
11	0.805495	0.298676	41	0.795534	0.886368
12	0.795287	0.900925	42	0.793395	1.012543
13	0.800812	0.574936	43	0.796502	0.829224
14	0.791282	1.137238	44	0.798987	0.682632
15	0,800233	0.609100	45	0.796376	0.836670
16	0.796807	0.811279	46	0.796823	0.810318
17	0.805397	0.304443	47	0.792609	1.058929
18	0.798872	0.689392	48	0.799226	0.668564
19	0.798786	0.694519	49	0.796415	0.834381
20	0.789933	1.216827	50	0.794367	0.955200
21	0.795801	0.870621	51	0.793931	0.980942
22	0.793571	1.002182	52	0.793822	0.987350
23	0.796362	0.837540	53	0.795242	0.903564
24	0.795119	0.910828	54	0.794312	0.958450
25	0.797064	0.796082	55	0.793158	1.026550
26	0.797313	0.781418	56	0.797045	0.797226
27	0.797812	0.751938	57	0.791280	1.137329
28	0.793870	0.751938	58	0.793731	0.992737
29	0.790157	0.849609	59	0.796581	0.824127
· 30	0.790297	1.195343	60	0.798569	0.707275

Let  $y_1, y_2, ..., y_N$  be N independent observations with distribution depending on a parameter  $\theta$ . Divide the observations into g groups of k observations (sampling units) with N = gk. Let  $\theta_g$  be an estimate of  $\theta$  based on all N observations and  $\theta^k$  be the sub-estimate g-1 obtained after deleting the kth group of observations. If  $\theta^*$ , called a pseudovalue, is defined as

$$\theta_{\mathbf{k}}^* = \mathbf{g} \,\hat{\theta}_{\mathbf{g}} - (\mathbf{g} - 1) \,\hat{\theta}_{\mathbf{g}}^{\mathbf{k}} - 1$$

then the jackknife estimate of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_{J} = \frac{1}{g} \sum_{k=1}^{g} \theta_{k}^{*}$$

and an estimate of the variance of  $\bar{\theta} g$  is

$$\operatorname{var}(\hat{\theta_g}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{g} (\theta_k^* - \hat{\theta_J})^2}{N(N-1)}$$

Now consider Shannon's (1949) index in estimating the diversity per fishweir.

Let  $p_i$  be the proportion of the *i*th species in the kth s.u.;  $1 \le i \le s$  and  $1 \le k \le g$ , where s may vary for each s.u., and g = 10.

Let  $\hat{H}'_J$  be an estimate of H' based on all s.u.s, then

$$\hat{H}_J = -\sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{k=1}^g p_{ik} \ell_n p_{ik}$$

For the estimate with the kth s.u. omitted, let k' have the same range as the index k and let

TABLE VII

Pseudovalues of jackknife estimates of the Shannon's index, for fish-weirs numbers 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 16, at Almofala Beach (Acaraú - Ceará - Brazil)

Sampling	Fish-we	ir no. 5	Fish-we	ir no. 6	Fish-wei	ir no. 8	
units (k)	kth sampling unit omitted	Pseudovalues Ĥ'* k	kth sampling unit omitted	Pseudovalues Ĥ' * k	kth sampling unit omitted	Pseudovalues H' * k	
1	0.776897	1.088591	0.766541	0.815370 1	0.668678	0.961486	
2	0.772863	1.124896	0.767269	0.808815	0.680980	0.850769	
3	0.794330	0.931693	0.774211	0.746335	0.671675	0.934515	
4	0.881242	0.149488	0.728844	1.154643	0.644170	1.182064	
5	0.817967	0.718956	0.774231	0.746161	0.694755	0.726796	
.6	0.829610	0.614171	0.788777	0.615247	0.691484	0.756236	
7	0.823808	0.666386	0.768566	0.797146	0.716364	0.532311	
8	0.791298	0.958979	0.765569	0.824113	0.698676	0.691509	
9	0.810778	0.783660	0.750611	0.958739	0.779802	0.038627	
10	0.804944	0.836164	0.809183	0.431590	0.712698	0.565311	
	Fish-we	Fish-weir no. 9		r no. 10	Fish-weir no. 16		
1	0.744000	1.189503	0.738349	0.831789	0.827564	0.988685	
2	0.769997	0.955526	0.746919	0.754659	0.846313	0.819945	
3	0.771727	0.939960	0.699352	1.182765	0.858246	0.712545	
4	0.782162	0.846045	0.765946	0.583422	0.874927	0.562414	
5	0.844331	0.286521	0.766840	0.575375	0.860570	0.691625	
6	0.839820	0.327117	0.815862	0.134171	0.832246	0.946541	
7	0.789375	0.781126	0.735181	0.860303	0.817148	1.082430	
8	0.782514	0.842876	0.728835	0.917418	0.835059	0.921225	
9	0.759256	1.052200	0.742927	0.790593	0.841196	0.865993	
10	0.804498	0.645022	0.738257	0.832623	0.839202	0.883936	

$$\hat{H}_{J}^{\prime}(-k) = -\sum_{i}^{k} \sum_{j} p'_{ik} \ln p'_{ij}$$

k where  $\Sigma$  indicates summation over the range of k' but not k.

So the pseudovalues can be defined as

$$\hat{H}'_{k}^{*} = g \hat{H}'_{J} - (g-1) \hat{H}'_{J}^{(-k)}$$

The jackknife estimate is the average of these pseudovalues; so

$$\hat{H}'_{Jk} = \frac{1}{g} \sum_{k=1}^{g} \hat{H}'_{k}^{*}$$

and its estimated variance is

$$Var(\hat{H}'_{J}) = \frac{1}{g(g-1)} \sum_{k=1}^{g} (\hat{H}'_{K}^* - \hat{H}'_{Jk}).$$

For the estimate of the community's species diversity using Shannon's (1949) index, the procedure is the same, except that we should make g = 60. These estimates will be discussed ahead and the numerical results are shown in tables VI and VII.

## Hierarchical diversity

The diversity indices considered in the previous sections take no account of the hierarchical nature of biological classification. Since the community being investigated was partitioned hierarchically into class, family and species, the application of condition 3 is straightforward. The Shannon (1949) index (Ĥ') has been used to measure the community's total diversity, as well as its components — the class diversity, the family diversity within each class and the species diversity within each separate family and class.

Suppose that there are c classes and the number of individuals in the ith

class is 
$$N_i$$
 (i = 1, ..., c;  $\sum_{i=1}^{c} N_i = N$ );

that there are  $\mathbf{f}_{i}$  families in the /th class and  $\mathbf{N}_{ij}$  individuals in the /th family of

the *i*th class 
$$(j = 1, ..., f_i; \sum_{j=1}^{f_i} N_{ij} = N_i);$$

and that there are  $s_j$  species in the *j*th family and  $N_{ijk}$  individuals in the *k*th species of the *j*th family of the *i*th class

$$(k = 1, ..., s_j; k = 1 N_{ijk} = N_{ij})$$
. The fol-

lowing notations are used to denote total diversity, class diversity and family diversity, etc.:

 $\hat{H}'(SFC) \equiv$  the species diversity of the community — that is, the total diversity;

 $\hat{H}'(C) \equiv \text{the class diversity of the whole community;}$ 

 $\hat{H}'_{i}(F) \equiv$  the family diversity within the ith class;

$$\hat{H}'_{C}(F) = \sum_{i=1}^{C} \frac{N_{i}}{N} \hat{H}'_{i}(F)$$

is the weighted mean of the family diversity in all c classes;

 $\hat{H}_{ij}(S) \equiv$  the species diversity within the jth family of the ith class;

 $\hat{H}'_{CF}$  (S)  $\equiv$  the species diversity within the jth family of the ith class;

$$\hat{H}'_{CF}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{c} \sum_{j=1}^{t_i} \frac{N_{ij}}{N} \hat{H}'_{ij}(S)$$

is the weighted mean of the species diversity within the family in all c classes.

For a triply classified community the relationship is:

$$\hat{H}'(SFC) = \hat{H}'(C) + \hat{H}'_{C}(F) + \hat{H}_{CF}(S).$$

### ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

It was found that the lognormal model fitted to species abundance distributions (figures 4 to 9), in some cases, showed discrepancies, verified by using the  $\chi^2$ -test for goodness-of-fit, in the observed data. The following are the needed parameters, estimated to fit a

truncated lognormal distribution to the data of the community of animals living in the area of the fish-weirs at Almofala Beach, as well as the  $\chi^2$ -test for goodness-of-fit, which in this case showed a good fit. The computations have been been shown in table IV.

$$\bar{x}^* = 1.09563$$
  $\hat{u} = 0.54521$   $Z_0 = -0.7174$   $V^2 = 0.62285$   $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.39160$   $p_0 = 0.2358$   $\gamma = 0.44596$   $\hat{\sigma} = 1.17966$   $\hat{S}^* = 57.58 \approx 58$   $\theta = 0.3941$   $\chi^2 = 2.879$   $(P < 0.05)$ 

The figures 4 to 9 depict the consistency in the shape of the species abundance distributions. This is worth considering because it may be a contribution for further research in this area.

The estimates of the community's species diversity, arrived at by using

Pielou's  $(\vec{H}')$ , Shannons's  $(\vec{H}')$  and Jack-knife  $(\vec{H}_{Jk})$  indices, show very similar values for the last two indices and much smaller variance than Pielou's, whereas Shannon's estimate shows the smallest variance (table VIII).

The species diversity index, for each fish-weir, estimated by using both the Shannon and Jackknife indices, shows again similar estimates, whereas the Shannon index gives consistently much smaller variance (table IX).

The following t-test, proposed by Bowman et al. (1969), was used to see if there is a statistical difference in species diversity (estimated by Shannon's index) of fish-weirs number 8 and 16, since they showed the smallest and the biggest diversity, respectively. Let

Indices of diversity	$\hat{\sigma}^2$	95% confidence interval				
Ĥ' = 1.078526	0.124652	0.386526 < Ĥ' < 1.770525				
Ĥ' = 0.797048	0.00006	0.792247 < Ĥ' < 0.801849				
Ĥ <sub>JK</sub> = 0.798567	0.000947	$0.738261 < H_{Jk} < 0.858874$				

TABLE IX

Species diversity indices and respective sampled variances, estimated for each fish-weir, using both Shannon's and Jackknife indices.

F.ish-weir	Shannor	n's index	Jackknife index			
number	Ĥ	<sup>ĝ2</sup> н̂′	Ĥ <sub>Jk</sub>	σ̂ <sup>2</sup> HJk		
5	0.808076	0.000038	0.787298	0.007987		
6	0.771433	0.000015	0.789816	0.003674		
8	0.697978	0.000045	0.716237	0.010842		
9	0.788565	0.000042	0.786590	0.008588		
10	0.747718	0.000052	0.746312	0.007556		
16	0.843692	0.000032	0.847534	0.002409		

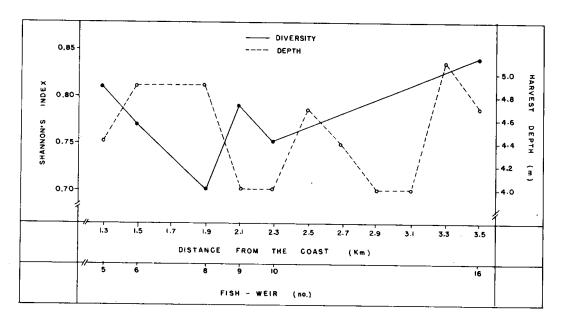


Figure 11 - Plots of the estimated Shannon's index of diversity versus distance from the coast and the harvesting depth of the "chiqueiro"

$$t = \frac{\hat{H}'_8 - \hat{H}'_{16}}{\left[ var(\hat{H}'_8) + var(\hat{H}'_{16}) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

The null hypothesis is:  $H_0$ :  $\hat{H}'_8 = \hat{H}'_{16}$ . The degrees of freedom of the test is

$$df = \frac{\frac{\left[\text{var}(\hat{H}'_{8}) + \text{var}(\hat{H}'_{16})\right]^{2}}{\text{var}(\hat{H}'_{8})^{2}} + \frac{\text{var}(\hat{H}'_{16})^{2}}{N_{16}}$$

where  $N_8$  and  $N_{16}$  are the number of individuals caught by fish-weirs 8 and 16, respectively. The value of t=16.5236 with 36,590 degrees of freedom exceeds the 5% probability level, thus showing a significant difference between estimated diversity indices of the two weirs.

The plotting of H' against the distance from the coast and the harvesting depth of the "chiqueiro" (figure 11) suggests that high depth implies a low diversity index and vice versa. The former result and this gradient suggests a

spatial difference in diversity indices between weirs located near the coast and those located farther out.

The hierarchical diversity, measured by Shannon's index, gives the following results:

$$\ddot{H}'(C) = 0.001316;$$
  $\ddot{H}'_{C}(F) = 0.721948;$   $\ddot{H}'_{CF}(S) = 0.073758.$ 

Hence,

$$\hat{H}'(SFC) = 0.797002.$$

It seems that it will be worthwhile to continue collecting basic data for this investigation for a whole year, or perhaps several years, and see how the parameters of the community behave with respect to a fitted species abundance model and diversity indices, when samples are progressively enlarged.

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### APPENDIX

Distribution of the sampling units, per species and individuals, trapped in fish-weirs numbers 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 16, during ten days in June, 1980.

					Fish — w	eir no. 5						
Species	Sampling units (*)											
number	17	18	19	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Total	
1	8	3	2	70	1	8	3	_	4	10	109	
2	2	3	_	2	_	_	_		1	_	8	
4	11	20	9	_	9		4	12	6	11	82	
5	15	84	21	_	6		8	90	30	52	306	
6	_	_	-	16	16	3	3	7	10	1	56	
8	80	100	50	9,200	3.000	2,000	2,000	300	1,000	1,000	18,730	
10	20	30	_	_	_	_	· —	_	_	_	50	
11	15	_	_	4,580	1,500	600	70	20	200	100	7,089	
13	50	15	_		30	_	50	20		20	185	
15	37	16	14	_	_		-	3	4	2	76	
18	3	_	3	_	2	_	15	_	2	4	29	
24	-	_	_		1		_	_	_	_	1	
28	_	-	3	_	_	_	1	_	_	-	4	
29	_	_	_	1	_		_		_		1	
32	_	_	1	_		_	_	_			1	
33	30	40	8		3	_	7	1	4	11	104	
36	_	_	13	_	****	_	1	3	_	_	17	
40	_	_	_	_		_	1	_	_	_	1	

Fish - weir no. 6

Species	Sampling units (*)										
number	17	18	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	Total
1	10	4	13	7	15	17	18	4	8	12	108
2	2	_	2	_		_	1	_	_	_	5
3	_		1	5	54	_	2	-	1	_	63
4	6	15	8	_	_	4	2	_	20	6	61
5	_	1	_	_	2	1		50		_	54
6	_	_		_	21	6	41	7	131	_	206
8	400		2,500	9,000	6,900	4,000	2,000	2,000	_	6,000	32,800
11	200	50	1,500	6,000	3,500	1,200	800	1,000	_	800	15,050
13	30	-	_	500	2	_	_	30	_	1	563
15	1	2	1	_	1	3	6	4	6	-	24
16	_		_		_	_	_	6	-		6
17	-	_		_	4	_	-	_	1	_	5
18	-	_	_	_	5	<del>-</del>	5	_	_	_	10
20	1		_	_		_	_	_	_	_	1
21	1	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	1
22	3	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	3
23	-	_	_	_		_	_	-	10	10	20
24	_	_	_	_	2	.3	_	1	. 1		7
28	1	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	1
29	-	_	-	_	1	1		_	_	_	2
32	-	_	1	_	_	-	-	_	_	-	1
33	1	_	1	-	51	_	15	_	6	_	74
34	-	_	1	_	1	_	_		1	-	3
35		_	_	_	-	_	3	_	_	_	3
36	1	6		_	_	_	1		_	_	8
40	-	_	_	_	1	_	3	_	_	_	4
43		_	_	_		_	1	_	_		1

fŧsh	_	weir	no.	8

Species	Sampling units (*)										
number	18	19	20	21	23	24	25	26	27	28	Total
1	8	4	_	12	• 7	4	4	5	7	6	57
2	_	2	_	2		1	_	_	_	_	5
3		-	2	1	_	4	_	_	_		7
4	15	6	12	7	_	4	4	3	2	7	60
5	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	_		1
6	-		2	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	2
8	75	150	900	2,200	2,000	_	1,800	1,500	3,500	1,000	13,125
9	15	20			_	_	-	_	_	· <u>-</u>	35
10	10	4	_		_	_	_	_		٠.	14
11	60	100	50	1,800	1,000	_	500	700	_	100	4,310
12	1	-	_		_	_		_	_		1
13	50	15	150	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	216
15	2	1		1	_	_	_	_	-	_	4
20	_	_		1	1	_	_	_	_		2
23		_	3	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	4
24	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	-	1
25		_		_	4	1	_	_		_	5
28	-	_	_	2	_	1		_	_	_	3
29	_	_	_	_	1		_	_	_		1
30	_			~	_	1	_		_	_	1
32			_	_	_	_	_	1	_		1
36	1	_	_		_	_	_		_	_	1
40	-	_	1	_			_	_	_	-	1
44		1		_	_	_		_	_	_	1

Fish - weir no. 9

Species	Sampling units (*)										
number	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Total
1	14	3	8	12	8	40	12	30	20	4	151
2	_	-	1	_	_	_	_	-1	_	_	1
3	_	_	_	1	_	1		1	_	_	3
4	2	15	6	_		1	30	_	5	_	59
5	_	_	_	_	_		1	_	120	_	121
6	_	_	2	2	_	13	4	3	_	_	24
7	_	1	_	_	3		-	_	_	_	4
8	400	300	500	3,200	4,500	3,800	1,400	1,000	600	1,100	16,800
10	1		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1
11	800	20	150	1,600	1,500	500	300	500	150	150	5,670
13	150	150	100	150	_	2	50		1	_	603
15	_	-	_	_	_	_	3	_	_		3
18	_		2	_	_	_		_	_	_	2
20		_	_	2	1	_	1	_	_		4
22	. 1	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	_	_	1
23	2	_	_	_	_	10		11	10	_	33
24	1	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1
25	_	-	_	_		_	_	3	_	-	3
27	_	_	-	_	_		_	_	_	1	1
28	2			_	_			_	_	_	2
33	6	-	3	_	_	<b>—</b>	_	1	_	_	10
34	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	_	_		1
35	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	_	2
36	_	_	_	_	_	2	_	_	2	2	6
41	_	_	9	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	9
42	_	_	2	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	2

	,				Fish – w	eir no. 10						
Species number		Sampling units (*)										
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Total	
1	15	10	13	15	11	_	3	_	10	9	86	
2	2	2	_		_	-	_	_	_	_	4	
3	-	2	_	4	_	_	9	80	2	6	103	
4	15	2		10	_		6	4	15	8	60	
5	2	1	_		_	_	6	4	3	_	16	
6	-	_	4	_	_	_	_	_	1	_	5	
7	10	_	_	2	6	_	10	_	_	_	28	
8	2,000	1,000	1,000	3,900	3,200	3,600	400	300	1,000	800	17,200	
11	500	300	900	950	800	400	100	50	300	400	4,700	
13	100	30	150	120	. 4		20	_	1	_	425	
15	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	2	1	2	5	
16	l –	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	_ `	_	1	
20	-		_	1	1	1	_	_	_	_	3	
22	10	_	_	_	_		_	_	3	_	13	
23	8		_	18	16	_	_	8	15	10	75	
24	_	2		1	_	_	_	_		1	4	
25	_	_	_	_	16	_	9	_	_	_'	25	
26	_		_	_	23	_	_		_		23	
28	l –	-	_	4	_	-	_	_	1	_	5	
29	_	_	_	1	_	_	_	_	_ '	1	2	
32	_	1	_	_	_		_	_		•	1	
33	2	_	_	_	_	_	_		5	1	8	
35	_	1	_		_	_	_	_		'	1	
36	1	1	10	_	_	_	1			1	14	
37	_	_	_			_	_ '		_			
39		_	_		_	_	_		_	2 1	2 1	
40			_	_	_	_	1	_	_	'		
41	_	_	_		_	_	5	_	_		1	
43	_	_	_	_	_	_	1	_		_	5 1	
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					Fish — we	ir no. 16					
Species number	Sampling units (*)										
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Total
1	28	27	19	17	13	18	55	35	22	47	281
2	_	_	1		_	_	_	-	_	_	1 1
4	5	_	8	12	_	6	_	6	_•	12	49
5	-	_	_	1	_	_	_	-	_	1	2
6	-	1	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	1
8	1,400	1,800	2,000	3,000	1,600	400	150	200	500	1,200	12,250
11	500	2,200	1,500	900	1,000	900	400	50	_	700	8,150
13	100	2	-	_	2	10	13	4	1	_	132
14	-	1	-		_	_	_	1	_	_	2
15	-		-	1	_	_	_	_	_	_	1 1
18	3	_		-	_	1	_	_	_	_	4
19	-	_	_	_	_	_		_	_	1	1
20	1	_		_		_	_	. —	_		1
23	-	7	8	10	_	_	15	8	20	22	90
24	-		_	_		_	1	_	_	_	1
25	8	9		3	-	8	12	3	3	1	47
35	-	_	5	_	_	1	19	_		_	25
36	-	2	_	2	_	5	2	_	1		12
38	-	_	-	_	_		_	_	_	2	2
40	–	_	_	-	1	1	_	_	_	_	2
43	-	_	_		_		1	_	_		1

<sup>(\*)</sup> Days in which the commercial catch was observed.