USING GIS TO HELP INTEGRATE BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYTEM SERVICES INTO REDD+ DECISION MAKING



STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL: EXTRACTING AND PROCESSING IUCN RED LIST USING ARCGIS 10.0











Introduction

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) is an effort to create a financial value for the carbon stored in forests, offering incentives for developing countries to reduce emissions from forested lands and invest in low-carbon paths to sustainable development. "REDD+" goes beyond deforestation and forest degradation, to include the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks. This will involve changing the ways in which forests are used and managed, and may require many different actions, such as protecting forests from fire or illegal logging or rehabilitating degraded forest areas.

REDD+ has the potential to deliver multiple benefits beyond carbon. For example, it can promote biodiversity conservation and secure ecosystem services from forests such as water regulation, erosion control and non-timber forest products. Some of the potential benefits from REDD+, such as biodiversity conservation, can be enhanced through identifying areas where REDD+ actions might have the greatest impact using spatial analysis.

This tutorial demonstrates how a species richness grid could be created using species range data from the IUCN Red List (IUCN, 2013). It provides full instructions of how to select and analyze and export information from the non-spatial species data on the IUCN Red List website and how to further analyze the information along- side the IUCN spatial data using ArcGIS 10.0



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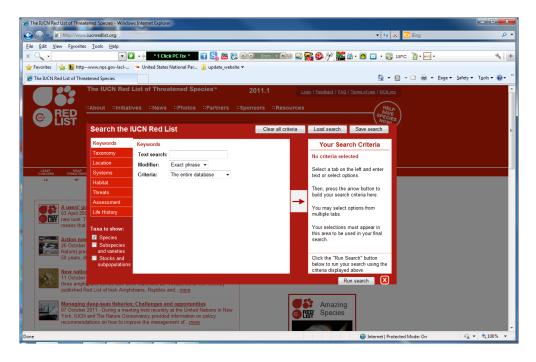
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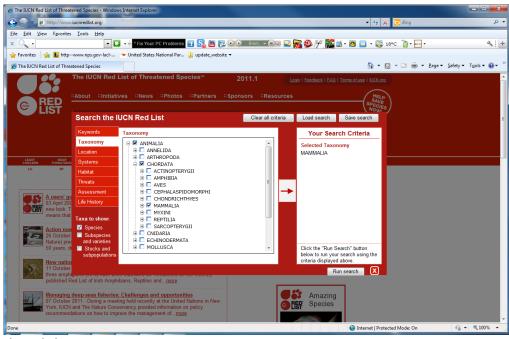
Step 1: - Selecting species of interest from the IUCN RedList website.

i.e. you may be interested in certain threat categories only. This example will select out mammals only with assessment CR or EN (you may want to include other taxonomy and criteria)

- a. Go to http://www.iucnredlist.org/
- b. Click on "other search options"



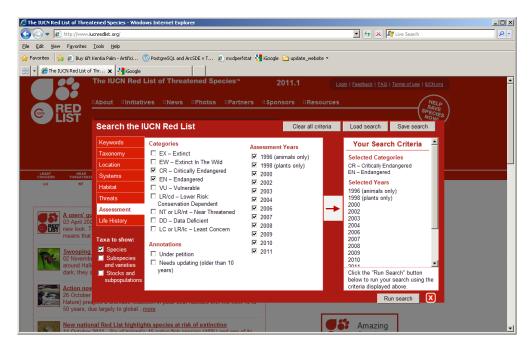
- c. Click on taxonomy, expand Animalia, expand Chordata and tick Mammalia
- d. Then **press the arrow key** to send your selection across



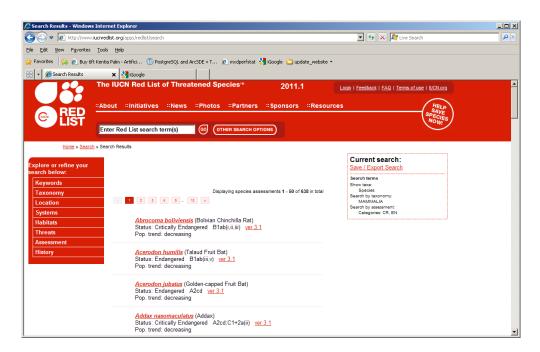
e. Then click on Assessment



- f. Untick those that you don't want to include
- g. Then click the arrow to send your selection across

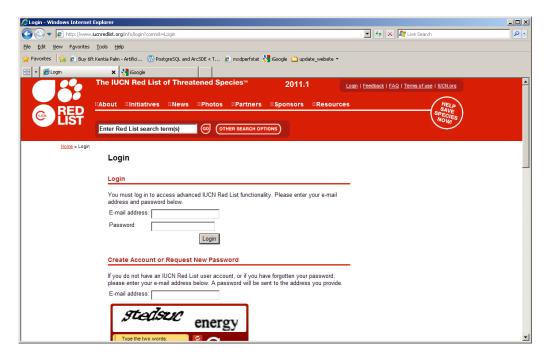


h. Click Run search



i. Click Save / Export Search



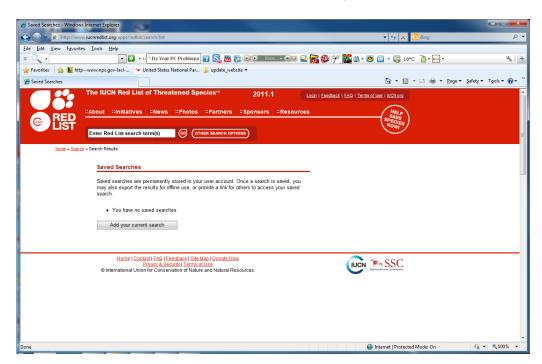


j. Click Login

Fill in your email address and password

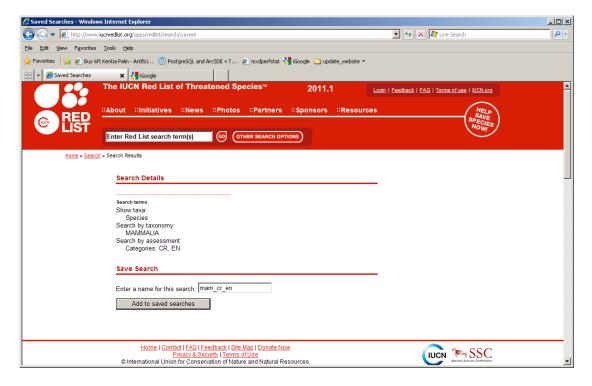
Or if you have not yet registered, Create Account.

You need to create an account in order to be able to export the results to a csv file.

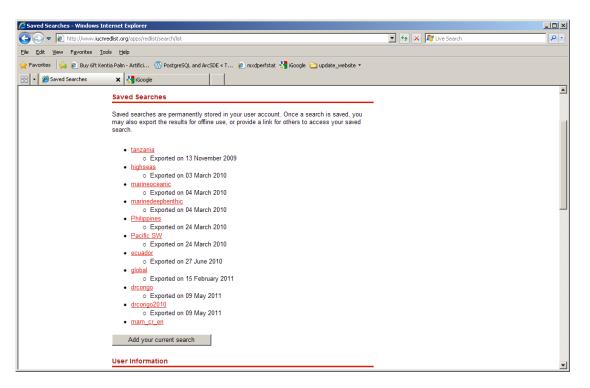


- k. Click Add your current search
- I. Give it a name e.g. mam_cr_en



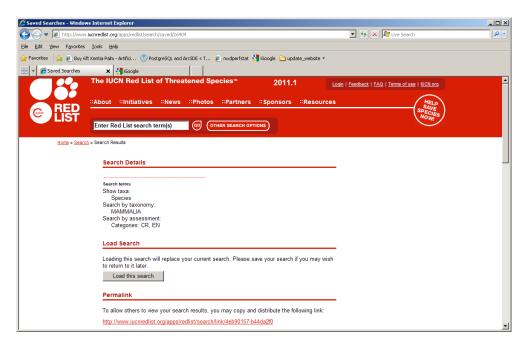


m. Click Add to saved searches



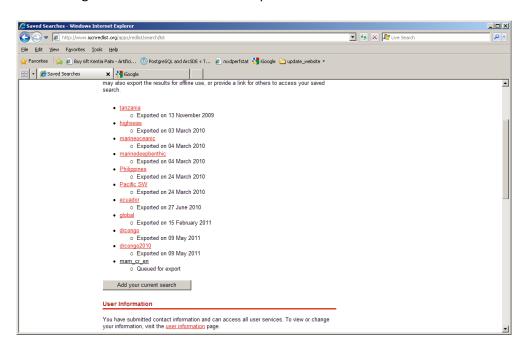
n. Click on your saved search e.g. mam_cr_en





o. Scroll down and click on Export results

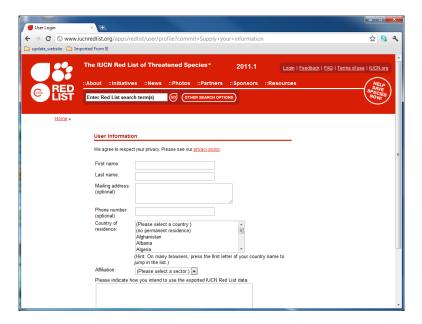
It will then give a status of Queued for export.



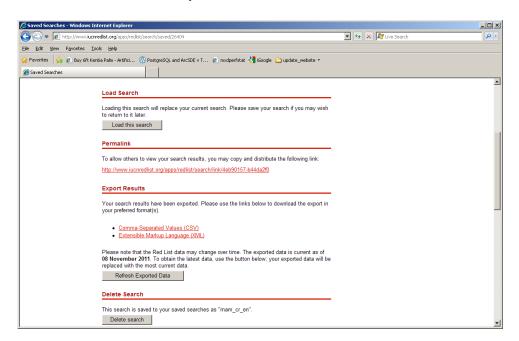
An email will be sent to you when it is exported.

- p. Once you have received your email, log in to the Red List website again.
- q. Click on mam_cr_en
- **r. Scroll down** to the **Export results section**, the first time you use this site you will need to click on **supply your information**





- s. Fill out the requested information and
- t. Click Submit
- u. Click on mam_cr_en again
- v. Scroll down to the section export results



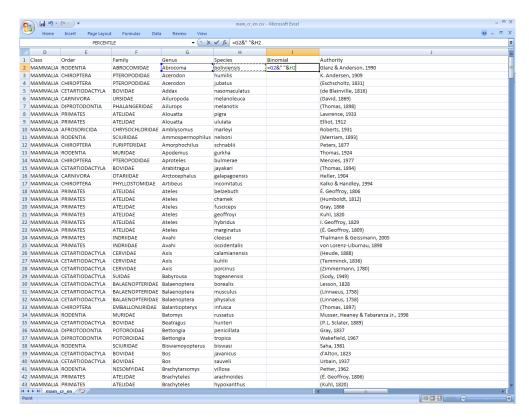
- w. Click on Comma-Separated Values (csv) and the zip file will download.
- x. Click on **Show all downloads** and click **Show in folder.**
- y. Copy the zip file to your project folder. You probably want to **rename it to mam_cr_en.zip**
- z. Right click on zip folder, then extract here. Rename the 'csv' file to mam_cr_en.csv



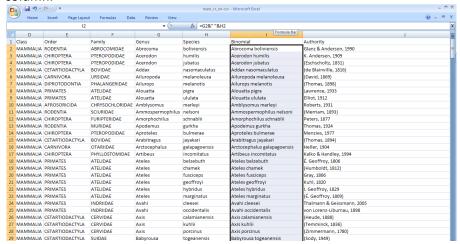
Step 2: - Open the .CSV file in Excel and format for joining with spatial data

This step will add a combined column for genus and species called 'binomial' to match with the column in the spatial data.

- a. Double click on mam_cr_en.csv to open in Excel.
- b. Insert a new column after species and name it binomial
- c. In the 1st cell type in =G2&" "&H2 and press Return



d. Click into the cell and move your cursor to the bottom right hand corner until it turns into a small black cross + double-click on the corner to extend the formula to all cells in the column.





e. **Scroll** along the column headings. Some will need to be changed as ArcMap will not support them so **change the ones in in red**.

Species ID	=	Species_ID
Kingdom	=	Kingdom
Phylum	=	Phylum
Class	=	Class
Order	=	Order
Family	=	Family
Genus	=	Genus
Species	=	Species
Binomial	=	Binomial
Authority	=	Authority
Infraspecific rank	=	Inf_nank
Infraspecific name	=	Inf_name
Infraspecific		
authority	=	inf_auth
Stock/subpopulation	=	stk_subpop
Synonyms	=	Synonyms
Common names		
(Eng)	=	com_eng
Common names		
(Fre)	=	com_fre
Common names		
(Spa)	=	com_spa
Red List status	=	rl_status
Red List criteria	=	rl_criteria
Red List criteria		
version	=	rl_version
Year assessed	=	year_ass
Population trend	=	poptrend
Petitioned	=	Petitioned

- f. Save the file as mam_cr_en.xlsx
- g. Close Excel

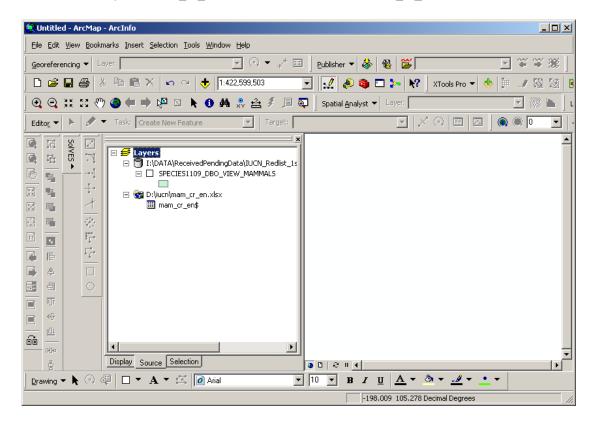
Step 3: - Join CSV to spatial data in ArcMap to create subset of selected data

Note: you should either have obtained spatial data from IUCN or have already downloaded the global version of the spatial data from http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/spatial-data

- a. Open ArcMap
- b. For example Add the mammals spatial data (e.g. species_dbo_view_mammals)



c. Add into ArcMap the mam_cr_en.xlsx. It will be added as mam_cr_en\$.

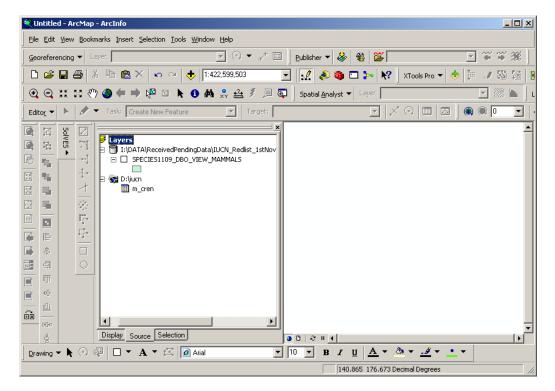


d. Right click on the mam_cr_en\$ and export the xls to a shortname e.g. m_cren.dbf



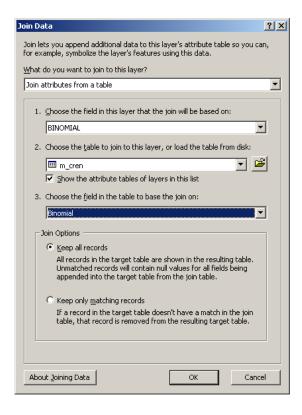
- e. Say Yes to add it to the current map. Open to check that the data are displaying properly.
- f. Remove the .xls file from Arcmap





IMPORTANT NOTE: As the IUCN spatial data files have increased in size. The instructions for steps g) to l) may need to be modified. Joining may not work or select out all of the species correctly. Instead you can use the species lists to create an SQL query to select out the group of species required (see separate document on using sublime text editor to create an sql query from the .csv file of required species). You will still need to double check that there is no data missing.

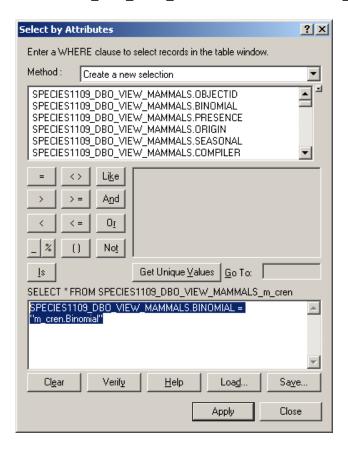
g. Join on the dbf to the spatial data by right clicking on mammals spatial data e.g. **species_dbo_view_mammals** and join to the dbf e.g. **m_cren.dbf**





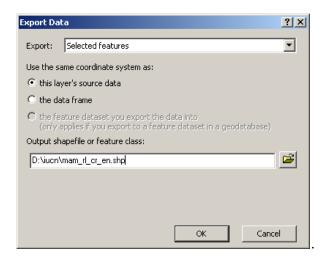
- h. Click OK
- i. Open attribute table of the mammals spatial data e.g. species_dbo_view_mammals
- j. Click on Options Select by attributes
- k. In the box select where binomial in the spatial data = binomial in the dbf file e.g. in the example:-

SPECIES1109_DBO_VIEW_MAMMALS.BINOMIAL = "m_cren.Binomial"



- I. Once selected, **close the attribute table** by clicking on the cross in the top right hand corner
- m. **Right click** on the **mammals spatial dataset** e.g. species_dbo_view_mammals and click on **Data Export data**
- n. Make sure it **says 'Selected features in the top box'**. Then click **OK** to export the selected features to a new shapefile. E.g. mam_rl_cr_en.shp

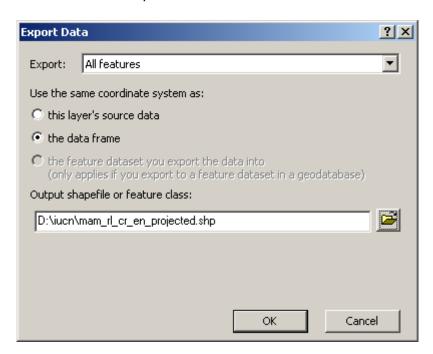




o. Click OK

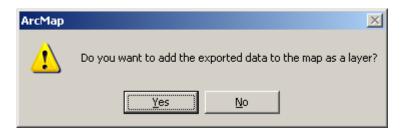


- p. Click yes
- q. Set the dataframe to **an equal area projection** (for example lambert_azimuthal equal area projection, or a UTM projection if your data falls within a single utm zone)
- r. Right click on mam_rl_cr_en.shp and data export data to mam_rl_cr_en_projected.shp with the coordinate system set to same as the dataframe



s. Click OK





t. Click OK

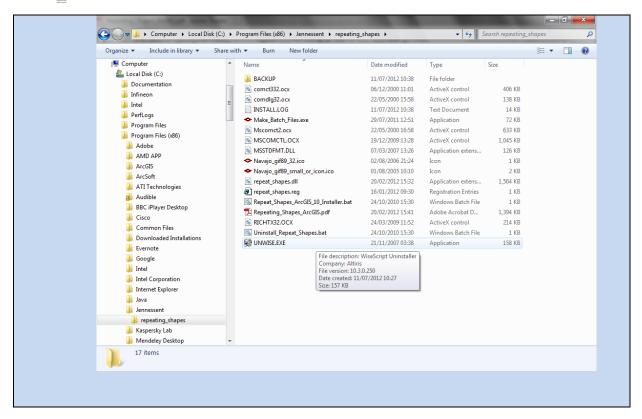
Step 4: - Generate a dataset of hexagons or squares.

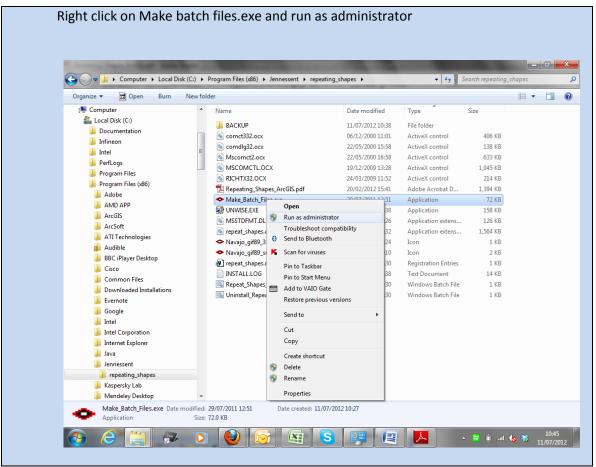
 a. Download the Repeating shapes 10 tool from http://www.jennessent.com/arcgis/repeat_shapes.htm and follow their instructions for installation.

Make sure you don't have any ArcGIS applications open on your machine while installing. Install on your machine by double clicking on repeat_shapes_10.exe

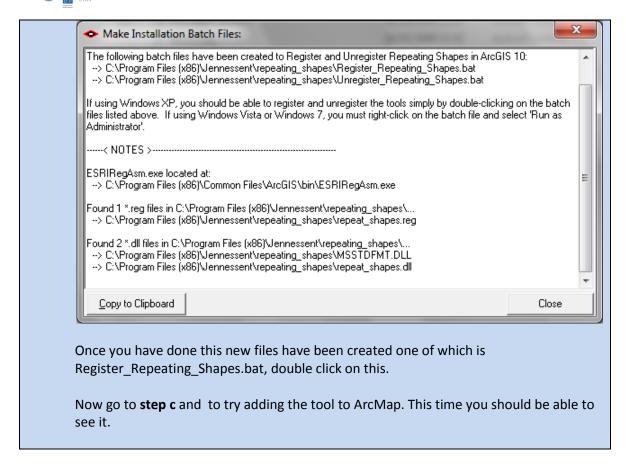










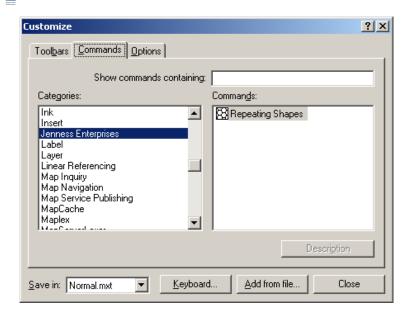


b. You should see:

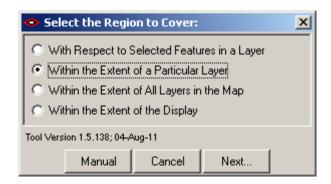


- c. Open ArcMap
- d. If you cannot see the Repeating shapes tool
- e. Click on Customize Toolbars Customize
- f. Click on Commands
- g. Scroll down and click on Jenness Entreprises





- h. Drag the repeating shapes tool and place it somewhere on your toolbars.
- i. Click Close
- j. Click on the repeating shapes tool button

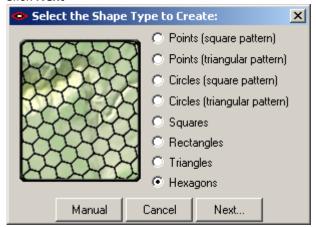


- k. Click the extent of a particular layer
- I. Click Next

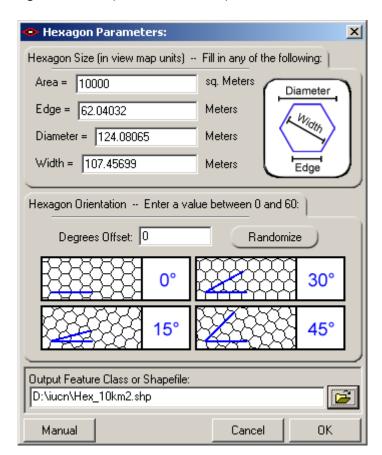




- m. Click on the **mammals spatial dataset** (i.e. the one that you saved in the equal area projection) e.g. spatial datamam_rl_cr_en_moll
- n. Click Next



- o. Choose the shapes you want to use e.g. hexagons.
- p. Choose size of hexagons (the units will be in map units i.e. meters) e.g. area 10000 (for 10km2 dataset)



q. Click OK



Step 5: - Use Hawths Analysis tools to generate species richness

a. Download Hawths Analysis tools from http://www.spatialecology.com/htools/tooldesc.php

***IMPORTANT NOTE: the documentation for Hawths tools states that it will not work for ArcGIS 10. However it will work. Install the tool as instructed. At the end it will say that it has not installed correctly. Ignore this message and continue to step b.

- b. Click on Customize Toolbars Customize
- c. Click on Add from file
- d. navigate to C:\Program Files\HawthsTools
- e.

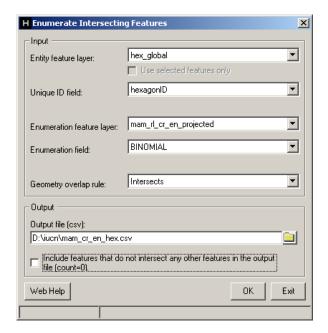


- f. Click on Hawthstools3.dll and click open
- g. Say **yes** to any messages asking if you want to allow it to install You should see then see following screen



- h. Click OK
- i. Click Close
- j. Click Customize Toolbars Hawths Tools
- k. From the Hawth's tools menu bar Click on Hawthstools Analysis Tools Enumerate Intersecting Features.





- The entity layer is the hexagons shapefile
- m. The **Enumeration feature layer** is the **mammals spatial data in equal area projection** e.g. mam_rl_cr_en_projected.shp
- n. Chose the **output location and new name** for the output **.csv** file
- o. Chose whether to tick to include hexagons containing 0 features or exclude them.
- p. Click OK

Be patient! - This will take a while to run but will eventually produce a new **output .csv** file containing a list of hexagon id's, the number of species it has intersected and which species.

- q. The output .CSV file can be opened in Excel.
- r. Make a copy of the sheet which just includes the hexagon id and number of species.
- s. Save as a new .xlsx file and close excel
- t. Add new .xlsx to your ArcMap session and join onto the hex_global dataset by HexagonID.
- u. You can now export the hexagons to a new shapefile to make the join permanent or add a field to the hexagons and calculate the values across.

You should now be able to shade the hexagons by species number.

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