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Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
metrics <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "tri"))
index <- derive_custom_metric(metrics, "slope_tri_index", expression = quote(slope_deg * tri))
add_metric_layers(metrics, index)
```

assign_process_groups *Assign metrics to process groups*

Description

Matches raster layer names or character metric names to the metric catalog.

Usage

```
assign_process_groups(
  x,
  catalog = metric_catalog(),
  groups = NULL,
  unmatched = "unassigned"
)
```

Arguments

x	A terra::SpatRaster, character vector, or data frame with metric columns.
catalog	Optional catalog table. Defaults to metric_catalog() .
groups	Optional named character vector mapping metric names to process groups. Supplied mappings override catalog matches for those metrics.
unmatched	Character value assigned to unmatched metrics.

Details

Matching uses standardized lower-case metric names. Unmatched metrics are returned with process_group = unmatched so users can inspect custom layers.

Value

A tibble with one row per supplied metric.

See Also

[metric_catalog\(\)](#), [summarize_process_groups\(\)](#)

Examples

```
terrain <- derive_terrain(read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy")))
assign_process_groups(terrain)
```

as_bathy

*Coerce common raster inputs to a bathymetry raster***Description**

Accepts a `terra::SpatRaster` or a local raster file path and returns a `terra::SpatRaster`.

Usage

```
as_bathy(x, ..., check = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>terra::SpatRaster</code> or local raster path.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to read_bathy() when <code>x</code> is a path.
<code>check</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , validate the raster before returning it.

Details

`as_bathy()` preserves raster values and metadata when possible. It does not flip signs, project CRS, or filter depths unless another function explicitly requests that behavior.

Value

A `terra::SpatRaster`.

See Also

[read_bathy\(\)](#), [validate_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
as_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
```

balance_samples

*Balance samples across groups***Description**

Down-samples or samples with replacement so each group has the same number of rows.

Usage

```
balance_samples(data, group, n = NULL, replace = FALSE, seed = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
group	Character name of the grouping column.
n	Optional number of rows per group. Defaults to the smallest group size when replace = FALSE.
replace	Logical. Sample with replacement.
seed	Optional random seed.

Value

A tibble.

See Also

[prepare_model_matrix\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(group = rep(c("a", "b"), c(2, 5)), value = seq_len(7))
balance_samples(df, group = "group")
```

bathy_info

Summarize a bathymetric or elevation raster

Description

Returns a compact table describing raster dimensions, extent, CRS, resolution, layer names, and value range.

Usage

```
bathy_info(x)
```

Arguments

x A raster-like object accepted by [as_bathy\(\)](#).

Value

A tibble with one row per raster layer.

See Also

[validate_bathy\(\)](#), [check_bathy_crs\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy_info(blueterra_example("bathy"))
```

blueterra_example	<i>Locate package example files</i>
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Description

Returns the path to a small file installed with blueterra.

Usage

```
blueterra_example(  
  name = c("hitw", "hoyo", "slope", "sampling_rectangles", "bathy", "zones", "sites",  
    "synthetic_bathy", "synthetic_zones")  
)  
  
blueterra_examples()  
  
blueterra_extdata(file = NULL)
```

Arguments

name	Example name. Use "hitw", "hoyo", or "slope" for reduced bathymetry rasters from the southwest Puerto Rico shelf margin near La Parguera; "sampling_rectangles" for the accompanying vector layer; "bathy" and "zones" as short aliases; or "synthetic_bathy" and "synthetic_zones" for test fixtures.
file	File name under inst/extdata.

Details

The primary examples are reduced analysis rasters and sampling rectangles from the southwest Puerto Rico shelf margin near La Parguera. The synthetic files are retained for numerical tests where a simple known surface is useful.

Value

A normalized local file path.

blueterra_examples() returns a tibble describing installed example files.

See Also

[read_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
hitw <- blueterra_example("hitw")
rectangles <- blueterra_example("sampling_rectangles")
file.exists(c(hitw, rectangles))
blueterra_examples()
```

blueterra_options	<i>Configure blueterra runtime options</i>
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Description

Returns or sets package options used by examples and helper functions.

Usage

```
blueterra_options(...)
```

Arguments

... Named option values. Currently supported options are `blueterra.progress` and `blueterra.max_plot_cells`.

Details

Options affect only local package behavior and do not write outside paths provided by the user.

Value

A named list with current option values, invisibly when setting.

Examples

```
blueterra_options()
old <- blueterra_options(blueterra.progress = FALSE)
blueterra_options(blueterra.progress = old$blueterra.progress)
```

check_bathy_crs	<i>Check raster CRS for geomorphometry</i>
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Description

Reports whether a bathymetric or elevation raster has a CRS and whether that CRS appears to be geographic longitude/latitude.

Usage

```
check_bathy_crs(x, require_projected = FALSE, warn_lonlat = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
require_projected	Logical. If TRUE, error when the CRS is missing or longitude/latitude.
warn_lonlat	Logical. If TRUE, warn when the raster is lon/lat.

Details

Many terrain metrics can be calculated on any numeric grid, but metric interpretation is usually strongest in projected coordinate systems with linear units. Buffers, distances, slope, surface-area ratios, and focal windows are all scale-sensitive.

Value

A tibble with CRS status fields.

See Also

[prepare_bathy\(\)](#), [project_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
check_bathy_crs(bathy)
```

check_bathy_units	<i>Check bathymetry value conventions</i>
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Description

Summarizes raster value ranges and records the intended depth convention when supplied by the user.

Usage

```
check_bathy_units(x, units = NULL, positive_depth = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
units	Optional character label for vertical units, such as "m".
positive_depth	Optional logical. Use TRUE when larger positive values mean deeper water, FALSE when bathymetry is stored as negative elevation, or NULL when unknown.

Details

This function does not infer or alter scientific meaning. It reports the observed range and the user-supplied convention so downstream workflows can be explicit.

Value

A tibble with value range and convention fields.

See Also

[set_depth_positive\(\)](#), [set_depth_negative\(\)](#)

Examples

```
check_bathy_units(blueterra_example("bathy"), units = "m", positive_depth = FALSE)
```

create_metric_catalog *Create and validate metric catalog rows*

Description

Builds catalog rows for custom metrics and checks that metric catalogs follow the schema used by `metric_catalog()`.

Usage

```
create_metric_catalog(  
  metric,  
  label = metric,  
  process_group,  
  description = NA_character_,  
  units = NA_character_,  
  source_function = NA_character_,  
  requires_optional_dependency = FALSE,  
  scale_sensitive = TRUE,  
  interpretation_notes = NA_character_  
)  
  
extend_metric_catalog(catalog = metric_catalog(), ...)  
  
validate_metric_catalog(catalog)
```

Arguments

<code>metric</code>	Metric layer name.
<code>label</code>	Human-readable metric label.
<code>process_group</code>	Process-group label.
<code>description</code>	Metric description.
<code>units</code>	Metric units.
<code>source_function</code>	Function or workflow that produced the metric.
<code>requires_optional_dependency</code>	Logical. Whether the metric requires an optional package.
<code>scale_sensitive</code>	Logical. Whether the metric is sensitive to grid resolution or focal scale.
<code>interpretation_notes</code>	Notes on interpretation.
<code>catalog</code>	Existing metric catalog.
<code>...</code>	One or more catalog rows or tibbles to append.

Details

Custom process groups are user-defined terrain-form categories. The catalog records how custom layers should be grouped and interpreted without changing raster values.

Value

A tibble with the same columns as `metric_catalog()`.

See Also

`assign_process_groups()`, `summarize_process_groups()`

Examples

```
row <- create_metric_catalog(
  metric = "slope_tri_index",
  process_group = "custom_relief",
  description = "Product of local slope and terrain ruggedness index."
)
validate_metric_catalog(row)
extend_metric_catalog(metric_catalog(), row)
```

crop_bathy

Crop, mask, resample, and project bathymetry

Description

Small wrappers around terra raster-preparation operations with bathymetry input validation.

Usage

```
crop_bathy(x, extent, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

mask_bathy(x, mask, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

resample_bathy(x, y, method = "bilinear", filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

project_bathy(x, crs, method = "bilinear", filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by <code>as_bathy()</code> .
extent	Crop extent.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.
mask	Polygon/vector mask.

y	Template raster used for resampling.
method	Interpolation method passed to terra.
crs	Target CRS.

Details

These helpers preserve depth sign and raster values except for interpolation effects introduced by resampling or projection.

Value

A terra::SpatRaster.

See Also

[prepare_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
crop_bathy(bathy, terra::ext(zones[zones$site_id == "slope", ]))
```

depth_filter	<i>Filter or convert bathymetric depth values</i>
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Description

Keeps raster values within a depth or elevation range, or explicitly changes sign convention.

Usage

```
depth_filter(
  x,
  depth_range,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE
)

invert_depth(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

set_depth_positive(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

set_depth_negative(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
depth_range	Numeric length-two retained range.
positive_depth	Optional logical. If TRUE, filtering is applied to absolute depth values. If FALSE or NULL, filtering is applied to the stored raster values.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.

Details

`depth_filter()` does not flip signs. Use [set_depth_positive\(\)](#), [set_depth_negative\(\)](#), or [invert_depth\(\)](#) for explicit sign changes.

Value

A `terra::SpatRaster`.

See Also

[check_bathy_units\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
depth_filter(bathy, c(-80, -30))
set_depth_positive(bathy)
```

derive_bpi	<i>Derive bathymetric position index</i>
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Description

Computes a local bathymetric position index from the difference between each cell and its focal-neighborhood mean.

Usage

```
derive_bpi(
  x,
  inner_radius = NULL,
  outer_radius = NULL,
  window = NULL,
  scale = c("fine", "broad", "custom"),
  normalize = FALSE,
  filename = "",
```

```

    overwrite = FALSE,
    ...
)

derive_multiscale_bpi(
  x,
  windows = c(3, 11),
  normalize = FALSE,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
<code>inner_radius</code>	Optional inner radius for an annulus window in map units.
<code>outer_radius</code>	Optional outer radius for an annulus window in map units.
<code>window</code>	Optional odd integer square window size in cells.
<code>scale</code>	Preset scale when <code>window</code> and <code>outer_radius</code> are not supplied.
<code>normalize</code>	Logical. If TRUE, divide BPI by local focal standard deviation.
<code>filename</code>	Optional output raster path.
<code>overwrite</code>	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.
<code>...</code>	Reserved for future extensions.
<code>windows</code>	Integer vector of odd square window sizes.

Details

The calculation is `cell value - focal mean`. Positive values therefore mean higher-than-neighborhood values when the raster is elevation-like. For positive-depth rasters, interpretation is reversed unless users convert the sign convention first.

Value

A single-layer `terra::SpatRaster`.

See Also

[derive_multiscale_bpi\(\)](#), [derive_tpi\(\)](#)

Examples

```

bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
derive_bpi(bathy, window = 5)

```

derive_custom_metric *Derive a custom metric from raster layers*

Description

Creates a single custom metric layer from an expression or a user-supplied R function.

Usage

```
derive_custom_metric(  
  metrics,  
  name,  
  expression = NULL,  
  fun = NULL,  
  ...,  
  overwrite = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

metrics	A terra::SpatRaster metric stack.
name	Output layer name.
expression	Optional quoted R expression evaluated with raster layers available by name.
fun	Optional function called as fun(metrics, ...). The function must return a single-layer terra::SpatRaster.
...	Additional arguments passed to fun.
overwrite	Logical. Allow name to match an existing layer in metrics.

Details

Expressions must be quoted, for example quote(slope_deg * rugosity_vrm_3x3). Character strings are not evaluated. This keeps the workflow explicit and avoids treating text as code.

Value

A single-layer terra::SpatRaster named name.

See Also

[add_metric_layers\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
metrics <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "tri", "bpi"))
derive_custom_metric(metrics, "slope_tri_index", expression = quote(slope_deg * tri))

relief <- derive_custom_metric(metrics, "relief_index", fun = function(r) {
  out <- r[["tri"]] + abs(r[["bpi_3x3"]])
  names(out) <- "relief_index"
  out
})
relief
```

derive_metric_stack	<i>Build a stack of terrain metrics</i>
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Description

Computes selected metrics and returns them as a named raster stack.

Usage

```
derive_metric_stack(
  x,
  metrics = "default",
  scales = NULL,
  units = c("degrees", "radians"),
  neighbors = 8,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  progress = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
metrics	Character vector of metrics, or "default".
scales	Optional BPI/TPI window sizes used when multiscale BPI is requested.
units	Slope and aspect units, "degrees" or "radians".
neighbors	Neighborhood passed to <code>terra::terrain()</code> .
positive_depth	Optional logical documenting the input sign convention. Metric values are not sign-flipped unless a specific function says so.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.
progress	Logical. Reserved for long-running workflows.

Details

"default" currently expands to bathymetry, slope, aspect, northness, eastness, hillshade, roughness, TRI, TPI, fine BPI, broad BPI, curvature, and surface-area ratio. All metrics are derived locally from the supplied raster.

Value

A terra::SpatRaster.

See Also

[derive_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
derive_metric_stack(bathy, metrics = "default")
```

derive_slope

Derive individual terrain metrics

Description

Convenience wrappers around terra terrain functions and lightweight geomorphometry formulas.

Usage

```
derive_slope(
  x,
  units = c("degrees", "radians"),
  neighbors = 8,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE
)

derive_aspect(
  x,
  units = c("degrees", "radians"),
  neighbors = 8,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE
)

derive_northness(x, neighbors = 8, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_eastness(x, neighbors = 8, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)
```

```

derive_hillshade(
  x,
  angle = 45,
  direction = 315,
  neighbors = 8,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE
)

derive_roughness(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_tri(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_tpi(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_rugosity(x, window = 3, neighbors = 8, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_curvature(x, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

derive_surface_area_ratio(x, neighbors = 8, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)

```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
units	Units for slope or aspect: "degrees" or "radians".
neighbors	Neighborhood size passed to <code>terra::terrain()</code> .
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.
angle	Illumination angle for hillshade.
direction	Illumination direction for hillshade.
window	Odd integer focal-window size for local metrics.

Details

Functions preserve the input raster sign. For example, slope depends on the magnitude of local gradients, while BPI/TPI interpretation depends on whether the raster stores elevation-like values or positive depth.

`derive_curvature()` computes a simple Laplacian-style local curvature index using a four-neighbor focal kernel. It is not profile curvature or plan curvature. `derive_surface_area_ratio()` uses $1 / \cos(\text{slope})$ from the terrain slope layer and clamps near-zero cosine values to avoid pathological ratios at extreme slopes.

Value

A single-layer `terra::SpatRaster`, except where documented otherwise.

See Also

[derive_terrain\(\)](#), [derive_bpi\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
derive_slope(bathy)
derive_northness(bathy)
```

derive_terrain	<i>Derive bathymetric terrain metrics</i>
----------------	---

Description

Computes one or more terrain metrics from a user-supplied bathymetric or elevation raster.

Usage

```
derive_terrain(
  x,
  metrics = "default",
  scales = NULL,
  units = c("degrees", "radians"),
  neighbors = 8,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  progress = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
metrics	Character vector of metrics, or "default".
scales	Optional BPI/TPI window sizes used when multiscale BPI is requested.
units	Slope and aspect units, "degrees" or "radians".
neighbors	Neighborhood passed to <code>terra::terrain()</code> .
positive_depth	Optional logical documenting the input sign convention. Metric values are not sign-flipped unless a specific function says so.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.
progress	Logical. Reserved for long-running workflows.

Details

Terrain metrics are scale-sensitive. Slope, curvature, rugosity, TPI, BPI, roughness, and surface-area style metrics depend on grid resolution, smoothing, and focal-window size. Use projected coordinate systems when distances or slopes are interpreted in real linear units.

Value

A `terra::SpatRaster` containing named metric layers.

See Also

`derive_metric_stack()`, `derive_bpi()`, `metric_catalog()`

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "aspect", "bpi"))
names(terrain)
```

estimate_surface_orientation

Estimate mean surface orientation from a bathymetric raster

Description

Estimates the mean aspect direction of a raster surface and converts that compass bearing to the line-angle convention used by `make_transects()`.

Usage

```
estimate_surface_orientation(
  bathy,
  area = NULL,
  orientation_weight = c("slope", "none"),
  min_slope = 0,
  return = c("transect_angle", "bearing", "both")
)
```

Arguments

bathy	A single-layer bathymetric or elevation raster, or a raster input accepted by <code>as_bathy()</code> .
area	Optional polygon area used to crop and mask bathy before estimating orientation.
orientation_weight	Weighting method. "slope" weights aspect components by slope magnitude; "none" averages finite aspect cells equally.

min_slope	Minimum slope in degrees retained when orientation_weight = "slope".
return	Return type: "transect_angle" for the mathematical line angle used by make_transects() , "bearing" for the mean compass aspect, or "both" for a tibble containing both values and the number of cells used.

Details

Aspect is treated as a compass bearing where northness is $\cos(\text{aspect})$ and eastness is $\sin(\text{aspect})$. Mean circular components are converted to a compass bearing with $\text{atan2}(\text{eastness}, \text{northness})$. Transect lines are undirected, so the line angle is normalized to $[0, 180)$. A south-facing mean aspect near 180 degrees therefore produces a transect angle near 90 degrees.

Value

A numeric angle for "transect_angle" or "bearing", or a tibble with bearing_deg, transect_angle_deg, orientation_weight, min_slope, and n_orientation_cells when return = "both".

See Also

[make_transects\(\)](#), [derive_aspect\(\)](#), [derive_slope\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("hitw"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
hitw <- zones[zones$site_id == "hitw", ]
estimate_surface_orientation(bathy, hitw)
```

extract_isobaths	<i>Extract isobaths from a raster</i>
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Description

Converts raster contour levels to line features.

Usage

```
extract_isobaths(
  x,
  depths,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  as = c("SpatVector", "sf"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
depths	Numeric contour levels.
positive_depth	Optional logical. If TRUE, depths are converted to positive values. If FALSE, they are converted to negative values. If NULL, depths are used exactly as supplied.
as	Output type: "SpatVector" or "sf".
...	Additional arguments reserved for future extensions.

Details

Depth convention is explicit. For rasters stored as negative elevation, either pass negative depths or set `positive_depth = FALSE` when passing positive depth labels.

Value

Isobath line features as `terra::SpatVector` by default.

See Also

[make_isobath_corridors\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
extract_isobaths(bathy, depths = c(-40, -60))
```

extract_isobath_corridors

Extract terrain cells in isobath corridors

Description

Extracts raster cell values under corridor polygons.

Usage

```
extract_isobath_corridors(metrics, corridors, ...)
```

Arguments

metrics	A metric raster stack.
corridors	Corridor polygons from make_isobath_corridors() or another polygon source.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>terra::extract()</code> .

Value

A tibble with corridor identifiers and extracted raster values.

See Also

[summarize_isobath_terrain\(\)](#), [summarize_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "bpi"))
corridors <- make_isobath_corridors(bathy, depths = -50, width = 5)
extract_isobath_corridors(terrain, corridors)
```

extract_terrain_points

Extract terrain values at points

Description

Extracts raster values at point locations.

Usage

```
extract_terrain_points(metrics, points, method = "bilinear", ...)
```

Arguments

metrics	A metric raster stack.
points	Points as sf, terra::SpatVector, or a local vector path.
method	Extraction method passed to terra::extract().
...	Additional arguments passed to terra::extract().

Value

A tibble with point attributes and raster values.

See Also

[sample_terrain_cells\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
pts <- terra::centroids(zones)
extract_terrain_points(bathy, pts)
```

`make_isobath_corridors`*Build isobath corridors*

Description

Buffers isobath contour lines to create depth-following corridor polygons.

Usage

```
make_isobath_corridors(  
  x,  
  depths,  
  width,  
  smooth = FALSE,  
  as = c("SpatVector", "sf"),  
  positive_depth = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
<code>depths</code>	Numeric contour levels.
<code>width</code>	Buffer width in map units.
<code>smooth</code>	Logical. If TRUE, apply a zero-width buffer after buffering to clean polygon topology.
<code>as</code>	Output type: "SpatVector" or "sf".
<code>positive_depth</code>	Optional logical. If TRUE, depths are converted to positive values. If FALSE, they are converted to negative values. If NULL, depths are used exactly as supplied.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments reserved for future extensions.

Details

`width` is interpreted in the CRS map units. Projected CRS are strongly recommended. If the raster uses longitude/latitude, the function warns before buffering because distance interpretation may be misleading.

Value

Isobath corridor polygons as `terra::SpatVector` by default.

See Also

[extract_isobaths\(\)](#), [summarize_isobath_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
make_isobath_corridors(bathy, depths = c(-40, -60), width = 5)
```

make_transects

Create transects across polygon zones

Description

Builds regularly spaced straight transects through polygon features.

Usage

```
make_transects(
  area,
  spacing,
  angle = NULL,
  bathy = NULL,
  orientation = c("auto", "surface", "bbox", "manual"),
  orientation_weight = c("slope", "none"),
  min_slope = 0,
  length = NULL,
  id_field = NULL,
  as = c("SpatVector", "sf")
)
```

Arguments

area	A terra::SpatVector, local vector path, or optional sf polygon object.
spacing	Distance between transects in map units.
angle	Optional transect direction in degrees counterclockwise from the projected x axis. When supplied, this manual value overrides orientation estimation.
bathy	Optional bathymetry raster used to estimate a terrain-based transect orientation when angle = NULL.
orientation	Orientation strategy. "auto" uses surface orientation when bathy is supplied and otherwise falls back to the historical horizontal line angle with a warning. "surface" requires bathy, "bbox" uses the polygon bounding-box axis, and "manual" requires angle.
orientation_weight	Weighting for surface orientation. "slope" gives steeper cells more influence; "none" averages aspect components equally.
min_slope	Minimum slope, in degrees, used when orientation_weight = "slope".
length	Optional transect length in map units. If NULL, a length based on the polygon bounding box is used.
id_field	Optional field in area used as the zone identifier.
as	Output type: "SpatVector" or "sf".

Details

Transect spacing and length are interpreted in map units. Use a projected CRS for metric distances. Candidate lines are created through each polygon bounding box and clipped to the polygon with `terra::intersect()`.

With `angle = NULL` and a supplied bathy raster, the default transect direction is estimated from the mean surface aspect within each polygon. Aspect is converted to northness and eastness, averaged as circular components, and converted to the mathematical line angle used for transect generation. For example, a south-facing mean aspect near 180 degrees yields a transect angle near 90 degrees, producing north-south transects in projected coordinates. The estimated angle and source metadata are stored on the output lines so the orientation can be inspected.

Value

A `terra::SpatVector` by default. If `as = "sf"`, an `sf` object is returned and the optional `sf` package must be installed.

See Also

[estimate_surface_orientation\(\)](#), [sample_transects\(\)](#), [extract_cross_sections\(\)](#)

Examples

```
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
transects <- make_transects(zones[1, ], spacing = 50, bathy = bathy)
transects

manual <- make_transects(zones[1, ], spacing = 50, angle = 90)
manual[, c("angle_deg", "angle_source")]
```

metric_catalog

Terrain metric catalog

Description

Returns a catalog of terrain metrics, labels, process groups, assumptions, and source functions used by `blueterra`.

Usage

```
metric_catalog()

process_groups()
```

Details

The catalog is an interpretation aid, not a claim that terrain metrics directly measure ecological or oceanographic processes. Groups such as seafloor aspect, slope gradient, accumulation potential, seafloor position, seafloor rugosity, downslope pathway proximity, transport potential, and curvature describe terrain form and terrain-routing proxies. Accumulation, pathway, and transport interpretations require separate validation and are not direct current or sediment-flux measurements.

Value

A tibble with columns `metric`, `label`, `process_group`, `description`, `units`, `source_function`, `requires_optional_dependency`, `scale_sensitive`, and `interpretation_notes`.

See Also

`derive_terrain()`, `assign_process_groups()`

Examples

```
metric_catalog()
process_groups()
```

metric_catalog_data	<i>Terrain metric catalog data</i>
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Description

A compact table describing the metrics returned by core blueterra functions and their process-oriented interpretation groups.

Usage

```
metric_catalog_data
```

Format

A tibble with columns:

metric Stable metric name.

label Human-readable label.

process_group Process-oriented terrain group.

description Metric description.

units Expected units.

source_function Function that derives the metric.

requires_optional_dependency Whether an optional dependency is needed.

scale_sensitive Whether interpretation depends on raster scale.

interpretation_notes Important interpretation notes.

Details

Use `metric_catalog()` to retrieve this table in normal workflows.

pca_axis_labels	<i>Label PCA axes with variance and dominant loadings</i>
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Description

Builds axis labels for `plot_process_pca()` from a `terrain_pca()` object.

Usage

```
pca_axis_labels(
  pca,
  components = c("PC1", "PC2"),
  top_n = 2,
  unique = TRUE,
  include_variance = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

pca	Output from <code>terrain_pca()</code> .
components	Components to label.
top_n	Number of high-loading variables included per component.
unique	Logical. Avoid repeating the same dominant variable across component labels when possible.
include_variance	Logical. Include percent variance explained.

Details

Variables are ranked by absolute loading for each component. These labels are descriptive aids for ordination plots; they do not replace inspection of the full loading table.

Value

A named character vector of axis labels.

See Also

`terrain_pca()`, `plot_process_pca()`

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(a = rnorm(10), b = rnorm(10), c = rnorm(10))
pca_axis_labels(terrain_pca(df))
```

`plot_bathy`*Plot bathymetry and terrain rasters*

Description

Creates ggplot2 maps for bathymetry and derived terrain metrics using terra rasters and vectors. Hillshade can be drawn as a semitransparent visual relief layer, and bathymetric contours, sampling rectangles, transects, or other `terra::SpatVector` geometries can be overlaid.

Usage

```
plot_bathy(  
  x,  
  hillshade = TRUE,  
  hillshade_alpha = 0.3,  
  contours = TRUE,  
  contour_interval = NULL,  
  contour_color = "white",  
  contour_linewidth = 0.25,  
  vectors = NULL,  
  vector_color = "white",  
  vector_linewidth = 0.5,  
  labels = NULL,  
  label_field = NULL,  
  title = NULL,  
  subtitle = NULL,  
  caption = NULL,  
  legend_title = "Bathymetry",  
  max_cells = getOption("bluetera.max_plot_cells", 10000)  
)  
  
plot_metric(  
  x,  
  metric = NULL,  
  bathy = NULL,  
  hillshade = TRUE,  
  hillshade_alpha = 0.3,  
  contours = FALSE,  
  contour_interval = NULL,  
  contour_color = "white",  
  contour_linewidth = 0.25,  
  vectors = NULL,  
  vector_color = "white",  
  vector_linewidth = 0.5,  
  labels = NULL,  
  label_field = NULL,  
  title = NULL,
```

```

    subtitle = NULL,
    caption = NULL,
    legend_title = NULL,
    max_cells = getOption("bluetera.max_plot_cells", 10000)
  )

plot_terrain_map(
  bathy,
  metric = NULL,
  vectors = NULL,
  contours = TRUE,
  contour_interval = 20,
  hillshade = TRUE,
  title = NULL,
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL,
  ...
)

plot_hillshade(x, max_cells = getOption("bluetera.max_plot_cells", 10000))

plot_sampling_rectangles(bathy, rectangles, label_field = "site_id", ...)

plot_transects(bathy, transects, color_by = NULL, show_legend = FALSE, ...)

plot_metric_stack(x, max_cells = getOption("bluetera.max_plot_cells", 10000))

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
<code>hillshade</code>	Logical. Draw hillshade as a visual relief layer.
<code>hillshade_alpha</code>	Maximum alpha for the hillshade shadow overlay.
<code>contours</code>	Logical. Draw contour lines from bathy or x.
<code>contour_interval</code>	Optional contour interval in raster units.
<code>contour_color</code>	Contour line color.
<code>contour_linewidth</code>	Contour line width.
<code>vectors</code>	Optional <code>terra::SpatVector</code> , <code>sf</code> object, or local vector path drawn over the raster.
<code>vector_color</code>	Vector outline color.
<code>vector_linewidth</code>	Vector outline width.
<code>labels</code>	Optional label source. Use <code>TRUE</code> to label vectors, or supply a vector object/path.

label_field	Optional field used for vector labels.
title, subtitle, caption	Plot text passed to <code>ggplot2::labs()</code> .
legend_title	Optional raster legend title.
max_cells	Maximum raster cells used for plotting.
metric	Optional metric raster or a layer name/index in bathy.
bathy	Optional bathymetry raster used to derive hillshade and contours when <code>x</code> is a metric raster.
...	Additional plotting options passed from convenience wrappers to <code>plot_bathy()</code> or <code>plot_metric()</code> .
rectangles	Sampling rectangles or polygon zones.
transects	Transect line geometry.
color_by	Optional transect attribute used to color lines, such as <code>"transect_id"</code> .
show_legend	Logical. Show a legend when <code>color_by</code> is supplied.

Details

Plotting functions require `ggplot2`, which is suggested rather than imported. Large rasters are regularly sampled before plotting to keep examples and interactive work responsive. Hillshade is used only as a visual relief layer; it is not a terrain predictor unless a user explicitly derives and analyzes it as one.

Value

A `ggplot` object.

See Also

[derive_terrain\(\)](#), [plot_metric_stack\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
  zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
  plot_bathy(bathy, vectors = zones, labels = TRUE, label_field = "site_id")
}
```

plot_cross_sections	<i>Plot sampled cross-sections</i>
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Description

Plots raster values against transect distance.

Usage

```
plot_cross_sections(
  samples,
  value_col = NULL,
  group_col = "transect_id",
  color_col = NULL,
  show_legend = TRUE,
  points = FALSE,
  mean_profile = FALSE,
  mean_profile_na_rm = TRUE,
  normalize_distance = FALSE,
  profile_direction = c("top_to_bottom", "bottom_to_top", "as_sampled", "max_to_min",
    "min_to_max", "high_to_low", "low_to_high"),
  positive_depth = NULL,
  depth_increases_down = TRUE,
  title = NULL,
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>samples</code>	Output from <code>sample_transects()</code> .
<code>value_col</code>	Optional value column.
<code>group_col</code>	Grouping column for transect lines.
<code>color_col</code>	Optional column used to color profiles. Defaults to <code>group_col</code> .
<code>show_legend</code>	Logical. Show the line-color legend.
<code>points</code>	Logical. Draw sample points over profile lines.
<code>mean_profile</code>	Logical. Overlay an interpolated mean profile across transects.
<code>mean_profile_na_rm</code>	Logical. Remove missing interpolated profile values when averaging the mean profile. The default, TRUE, lets the mean profile use the full available distance range rather than stopping where the shortest transect ends. Set to FALSE to require every profile to contribute at each distance.
<code>normalize_distance</code>	Logical. Plot distance as 0-1 normalized position along each transect.

profile_direction

Direction used to orient distance before plotting. "top_to_bottom" (the default) orients bathymetric or elevation profiles from the shallow or top endpoint toward the deeper or bottom endpoint. With negative-elevation bathymetry this means higher numeric values to lower numeric values. With positive-depth bathymetry, set `positive_depth = TRUE` so the profile runs from lower depth values to higher depth values. "bottom_to_top" reverses that convention. "max_to_min" and "min_to_max" provide explicit numeric endpoint controls for metrics, and "as_sampled" preserves the sampled line order. Legacy values "high_to_low" and "low_to_high" are accepted as aliases for "top_to_bottom" and "bottom_to_top".

positive_depth Logical depth convention for `value_col`. This affects top-to-bottom profile orientation for depth-like variables and y-axis display for positive-depth values.

depth_increases_down

Logical. If TRUE, positive-depth profiles are plotted with a reversed y-axis so larger depths appear lower in the panel.

title, subtitle, caption

Plot text.

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[sample_transects\(\)](#), [plot_depth_profile\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
  zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
  transects <- make_transects(zones[1, ], spacing = 100, bathy = bathy)
  samples <- sample_transects(transects, bathy, n = 5)
  plot_cross_sections(samples)
}
```

`plot_depth_profile` *Plot a depth profile*

Description

Plots sampled raster values along a transect profile or against depth.

Usage

```

plot_depth_profile(
  data,
  distance_col = "distance",
  depth_col = NULL,
  value_col = NULL,
  group_col = NULL,
  points = TRUE,
  line = TRUE,
  profile_layout = c("auto", "distance", "metric_by_depth"),
  profile_direction = c("top_to_bottom", "bottom_to_top", "as_sampled", "max_to_min",
    "min_to_max", "high_to_low", "low_to_high"),
  positive_depth = NULL,
  depth_increases_down = TRUE,
  title = NULL,
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL
)

```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame.
<code>distance_col</code>	Distance column name.
<code>depth_col</code>	Depth or elevation column name. If <code>NULL</code> , a depth-like column is inferred where needed.
<code>value_col</code>	Value column to plot. Use this for sampled variables such as bathymetry, slope, rugosity, BPI, or curvature.
<code>group_col</code>	Optional grouping column.
<code>points</code>	Logical. Draw profile points.
<code>line</code>	Logical. Draw profile lines when at least two finite samples are available.
<code>profile_layout</code>	Plot layout. "auto" uses a distance profile when only one value column is supplied and uses a metric-by-depth profile when both <code>depth_col</code> and <code>value_col</code> identify different columns. "distance" plots distance on x and the selected value on y. "metric_by_depth" plots the selected metric on x and depth or elevation on y.
<code>profile_direction</code>	Direction used to orient distance before plotting. "top_to_bottom" (the default) orients bathymetric or elevation profiles from the shallow or top endpoint toward the deeper or bottom endpoint. With negative-elevation bathymetry this means higher numeric values to lower numeric values. With positive-depth bathymetry, set <code>positive_depth = TRUE</code> so the profile runs from lower depth values to higher depth values. "bottom_to_top" reverses that convention. "max_to_min" and "min_to_max" provide explicit numeric endpoint controls for metrics, and "as_sampled" preserves the sampled line order. Legacy values "high_to_low" and "low_to_high" are accepted as aliases for "top_to_bottom" and "bottom_to_top".

`positive_depth` Logical depth convention for `value_col`. This affects top-to-bottom profile orientation for depth-like variables and y-axis display for positive-depth values.

`depth_increases_down` Logical. If TRUE, positive-depth profiles are plotted with a reversed y-axis so larger depths appear lower in the panel.

`title, subtitle, caption` Plot text.

Details

With `profile_layout = "distance"`, the y-axis can be any sampled raster variable: elevation, depth, slope, rugosity, BPI, curvature, or a custom metric. With `profile_layout = "metric_by_depth"`, depth or elevation is placed on the y-axis and the selected terrain metric is placed on the x-axis. Metadata columns such as transect angle, offset, width, and height are ignored during automatic value-column inference.

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[sample_transects\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  df <- data.frame(distance = 1:5, depth = -c(10, 12, 20, 25, 30))
  plot_depth_profile(df, depth_col = "depth")

  metric_df <- data.frame(
    distance = 1:5,
    bathy_m = -c(10, 12, 20, 25, 30),
    slope_deg = c(4, 6, 9, 12, 15)
  )
  plot_depth_profile(metric_df, depth_col = "bathy_m", value_col = "slope_deg")
}
```

plot_isobath_corridors

Plot isobath corridors

Description

Plots isobath corridor polygons, optionally over hillshaded bathymetry with contour lines. The hillshade layer is visual context only.

Usage

```
plot_isobath_corridors(
  corridors,
  bathy = NULL,
  isobaths = NULL,
  hillshade = TRUE,
  background_contours = FALSE,
  source_isobaths = TRUE,
  isobath_color = "black",
  isobath_linewidth = 0.6,
  corridor_color = "white",
  corridor_linewidth = 0.45,
  corridor_fill = NA,
  corridor_alpha = 0.2,
  labels = TRUE,
  label_field = NULL,
  title = "Isobath Corridors",
  subtitle = NULL,
  caption = NULL,
  contours = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>corridors</code>	Corridor polygons.
<code>bathy</code>	Optional raster background.
<code>isobaths</code>	Optional source isobath lines to draw over the corridors.
<code>hillshade</code>	Logical. Draw hillshade from <code>bathy</code> when available.
<code>background_contours</code>	Logical. Draw general bathymetric background contours. Defaults to FALSE to keep corridor figures readable.
<code>source_isobaths</code>	Logical. Draw the source isobaths used to create the corridors.
<code>isobath_color, isobath_linewidth</code>	Source-isobath line styling.
<code>corridor_color, corridor_linewidth, corridor_fill, corridor_alpha</code>	Corridor polygon styling.
<code>labels</code>	Logical. Label corridors with <code>label_field</code> .
<code>label_field</code>	Attribute used for labels. Defaults to <code>depth_label</code> when present, otherwise <code>contour_value</code> .
<code>title, subtitle, caption</code>	Plot text.
<code>contours</code>	Deprecated alias for <code>background_contours</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to plot_bathy() .

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[make_isobath_corridors\(\)](#), [plot_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
  corridors <- make_isobath_corridors(bathy, depths = -50, width = 5)
  isobaths <- extract_isobaths(bathy, depths = -50)
  plot_isobath_corridors(corridors, bathy, isobaths = isobaths)
}
```

plot_process_density *Plot process density*

Description

Plots density curves for one or more process-group metrics.

Usage

```
plot_process_density(data, value, group = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame of terrain values.
value	Character name of the numeric value column.
group	Optional grouping column.

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[assign_process_groups\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
  df <- data.frame(value = rnorm(20), process = rep(c("a", "b"), each = 10))
  plot_process_density(df, value = "value", group = "process")
}
```

plot_process_pca	<i>Plot terrain PCA</i>
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Description

Plots the first two principal component score axes from [terrain_pca\(\)](#).

Usage

```
plot_process_pca(  
  pca,  
  color_col = NULL,  
  shape_col = NULL,  
  label_loadings = TRUE,  
  loading_arrows = TRUE,  
  top_loadings = 3,  
  axis_labels = c("loadings", "variance", "plain"),  
  title = NULL,  
  subtitle = NULL,  
  caption = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

pca	Output from terrain_pca() .
color_col	Optional score metadata column used for point color.
shape_col	Optional score metadata column used for point shape.
label_loadings	Logical. Label the largest loading vectors.
loading_arrows	Logical. Draw loading arrows scaled into score space.
top_loadings	Number of high-magnitude loading vectors to draw or label.
axis_labels	Axis label style: include dominant loadings and variance, variance only, or plain component names.
title, subtitle, caption	Plot text.

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[terrain_pca\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {  
  df <- data.frame(a = rnorm(20), b = rnorm(20), c = rnorm(20))  
  plot_process_pca(terrain_pca(df))  
}
```

plot_terrain_summary *Plot terrain summaries*

Description

Plots a summary column from [summarize_terrain\(\)](#) or related functions.

Usage

```
plot_terrain_summary(summary, value, group = NULL)
```

Arguments

summary	A summary data frame.
value	Summary value column.
group	Optional x-axis grouping column. Defaults to zone_id when present.

Value

A ggplot object.

See Also

[summarize_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {  
  df <- data.frame(zone_id = 1:3, slope_mean = c(5, 7, 2))  
  plot_terrain_summary(df, value = "slope_mean")  
}
```

prepare_bathy

*Prepare a bathymetric or elevation raster***Description**

Applies common preprocessing steps for terrain analysis: optional projection, resampling, cropping, masking, depth filtering, sign conversion, smoothing, and optional file-backed output.

Usage

```
prepare_bathy(
  x,
  crs = NULL,
  resolution = NULL,
  extent = NULL,
  mask = NULL,
  depth_range = NULL,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  method = "bilinear",
  smooth = FALSE,
  smooth_window = 3,
  filename = "",
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
crs	Optional target CRS passed to project_bathy() .
resolution	Optional target cell size. A single value is used for both axes; two values are used as x and y resolution.
extent	Optional crop extent: SpatExtent, numeric xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, raster, or vector object.
mask	Optional polygon/vector mask.
depth_range	Optional numeric length-two range of retained depths or elevations.
positive_depth	Optional logical. If TRUE, convert output to positive depth. If FALSE, convert output to negative depth/elevation. If NULL, preserve sign convention.
method	Resampling and projection method passed to terra.
smooth	Logical. If TRUE, apply smooth_bathy() .
smooth_window	Odd integer focal-window size for smoothing.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.

Details

prepare_bathy() never automatically reprojects or flips depth signs. Those operations occur only when crs or positive_depth are supplied. Distance- based geomorphometry should generally be performed in a projected CRS with linear units.

Value

A terra::SpatRaster.

See Also

[crop_bathy\(\)](#), [mask_bathy\(\)](#), [depth_filter\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
prepared <- prepare_bathy(bathy, depth_range = c(-90, -20), smooth = TRUE)
prepared
```

prepare_model_matrix *Prepare a model matrix from terrain data*

Description

Converts a terrain table to a numeric predictor matrix and optional response vector.

Usage

```
prepare_model_matrix(
  data,
  vars = NULL,
  response = NULL,
  scale = FALSE,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
vars	Optional predictor variable names.
response	Optional response column name.
scale	Logical. If TRUE, center and scale predictors.
na.rm	Logical. Remove incomplete rows.

Value

A list with x, y, and data.

See Also

[sample_terrain_cells\(\)](#), [terrain_pca\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(y = c(0, 1, 0), slope = c(1, 2, 3), bpi = c(0.2, 0.1, 0.4))
prepare_model_matrix(df, response = "y")
```

read_bathy

Read a bathymetric or elevation raster

Description

Reads a local raster file with `terra::rast()` and optionally validates that the result is usable as a bathymetric or elevation surface.

Usage

```
read_bathy(path, ..., check = TRUE)
```

Arguments

path	Local raster file path.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>terra::rast()</code> .
check	Logical. If TRUE, validate the raster before returning it.

Details

`read_bathy()` is data-source agnostic. The input can be any local raster format supported by `terra`, including GeoTIFF and many GDAL-readable files. The function treats the raster as a user-supplied terrain surface and preserves its values, CRS, resolution, and vertical sign convention.

Value

A `terra::SpatRaster`.

See Also

[as_bathy\(\)](#), [validate_bathy\(\)](#), [prepare_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
path <- blueterra_example("bathy")
bathy <- read_bathy(path)
bathy
```

sample_terrain_cells *Sample terrain raster cells*

Description

Draws random or regular samples from raster cells and returns a table.

Usage

```
sample_terrain_cells(
  metrics,
  size,
  method = c("random", "regular"),
  na.rm = TRUE,
  xy = TRUE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

metrics	A metric raster stack.
size	Number of cells to sample.
method	Sampling method, "random" or "regular".
na.rm	Logical. Omit rows with missing values.
xy	Logical. Include cell coordinates.
seed	Optional random seed used before sampling.

Value

A tibble of sampled cell values.

See Also

[extract_terrain_points\(\)](#), [prepare_model_matrix\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
sample_terrain_cells(bathy, size = 10)
```

sample_transects	<i>Sample rasters along transects</i>
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Description

Extracts raster values along transect lines at regular distances.

Usage

```
sample_transects(
  transects,
  x,
  spacing = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  method = "bilinear",
  drop_na = FALSE
)

extract_cross_sections(
  transects,
  x,
  spacing = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  method = "bilinear"
)
```

Arguments

transects	Line geometry from make_transects() or another source.
x	A <code>terra::SpatRaster</code> or local raster path. Multi-layer rasters are accepted when sampling bathymetry together with derived terrain metrics.
spacing	Optional sample spacing in map units.
n	Optional number of sample points per transect.
method	Extraction method passed to <code>terra::extract()</code> .
drop_na	Logical. If TRUE, remove sample rows where all raster value columns are missing.

Details

If spacing and n are both NULL, twenty points are sampled per transect. Distances are measured from the first line vertex and are in map units. Transect attribute columns, including orientation metadata created by [make_transects\(\)](#), are preserved in the sampled table.

Value

A tibble with transect identifiers, distances, coordinates, and raster values.

See Also

[make_transects\(\)](#), [summarize_cross_sections\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
transects <- make_transects(zones[1, ], spacing = 100, bathy = bathy)
sample_transects(transects, bathy, n = 5)
```

select_process_representatives

Select representative metrics for each process group

Description

Chooses a small set of catalog metrics for process-oriented summaries.

Usage

```
select_process_representatives(
  catalog = metric_catalog(),
  groups = NULL,
  metrics_available = NULL,
  representatives = NULL
)
```

Arguments

catalog	Optional catalog table. Defaults to metric_catalog() .
groups	Optional process groups to retain.
metrics_available	Optional vector of available metric names.
representatives	Optional named character vector mapping process-group names to representative metric names.

Details

The default representative is the first implemented metric in the catalog for each process group. Users should review and override representatives based on their raster resolution, focal scales, and scientific question.

Value

A tibble with one representative metric per process group.

See Also

[metric_catalog\(\)](#), [assign_process_groups\(\)](#)

Examples

```
select_process_representatives()
```

smooth_bathy

Smooth a bathymetric or elevation raster

Description

Applies a square moving-window mean filter.

Usage

```
smooth_bathy(x, window = 3, na.rm = TRUE, filename = "", overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A raster-like object accepted by as_bathy() .
window	Odd integer focal-window size.
na.rm	Logical. Remove missing values inside the focal window.
filename	Optional output raster path.
overwrite	Logical. Allow overwriting filename.

Details

Smoothing changes local gradients and can strongly affect slope, curvature, rugosity, TPI, and BPI. Use it deliberately and report the window size.

Value

A `terra::SpatRaster`.

See Also

[prepare_bathy\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
smooth_bathy(bathy, window = 3)
```

`standardize_metric_names`*Standardize or rename metric layers*

Description

Converts metric names to stable snake-case names or applies a user-supplied dictionary.

Usage

```
standardize_metric_names(x)
```

```
rename_metric_layers(x, dictionary = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>terra::SpatRaster</code> , character vector, or data frame.
<code>dictionary</code>	Optional named character vector. Names are old metric names; values are new metric names.

Details

Standardization is conservative and does not change raster values. Use this helper to make layer names predictable before joining to the metric catalog or exporting model-ready tables.

Value

An object of the same broad type as `x`.

See Also

[metric_catalog\(\)](#)

Examples

```
standardize_metric_names(c("Slope (deg)", "Broad BPI"))
```

summarize_cross_sections

Summarize sampled cross-sections

Description

Summarizes raster values sampled along transects.

Usage

```
summarize_cross_sections(
  samples,
  value_col = NULL,
  group_col = "transect_id",
  fun = c("mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median"),
  na.rm = TRUE,
  normalize_distance = FALSE,
  n_bins = 50
)
```

Arguments

<code>samples</code>	Output from sample_transects() or extract_cross_sections() .
<code>value_col</code>	Optional value column. Defaults to the first numeric column that is not an identifier or coordinate.
<code>group_col</code>	Column used to group cross-section samples.
<code>fun</code>	Summary functions.
<code>na.rm</code>	Logical. Remove missing values.
<code>normalize_distance</code>	Logical. If TRUE, summarize values by normalized position along each transect.
<code>n_bins</code>	Number of normalized-distance bins when <code>normalize_distance = TRUE</code> .

Value

A tibble with one row per group.

See Also

[sample_transects\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
transects <- make_transects(zones[1, ], spacing = 100, bathy = bathy)
samples <- sample_transects(transects, bathy, n = 5)
summarize_cross_sections(samples)
```

summarize_depth_bands *Summarize terrain by depth bands*

Description

Groups raster cells into depth or elevation bands and summarizes metric values within each band.

Usage

```
summarize_depth_bands(
  bathy,
  metrics = NULL,
  breaks,
  positive_depth = NULL,
  fun = c("mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median"),
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

bathy	A bathymetric or elevation raster.
metrics	Optional metric raster stack. If NULL, bathy is summarized.
breaks	Numeric band breaks.
positive_depth	Optional logical. If TRUE, bands are applied to absolute depth. If FALSE or NULL, bands are applied to stored values.
fun	Summary functions.
na.rm	Logical. Remove missing values.

Details

Depth bands are sensitive to vertical sign convention. For negative-elevation bathymetry, use negative breaks or set `positive_depth = TRUE` with positive depth breaks.

Value

A tibble with one row per depth band and metric.

See Also

[depth_filter\(\)](#), [summarize_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
summarize_depth_bands(bathy, breaks = c(-90, -60, -30, 0))
```

`summarize_isobath_terrain`*Summarize terrain by isobath corridor*

Description

Computes summary statistics for metric rasters inside corridor polygons.

Usage

```
summarize_isobath_terrain(  
  metrics,  
  corridors,  
  fun = c("mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median"),  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  exact = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

<code>metrics</code>	A metric raster stack.
<code>corridors</code>	Corridor polygons.
<code>fun</code>	Summary functions.
<code>na.rm</code>	Logical. Remove missing values.
<code>exact</code>	Logical. Use <code>exactextractr</code> when available.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>summarize_terrain()</code> .

Value

A tibble with one row per corridor.

See Also

[make_isobath_corridors\(\)](#), [summarize_terrain\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))  
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "bpi"))  
corridors <- make_isobath_corridors(bathy, depths = -50, width = 5)  
summarize_isobath_terrain(terrain, corridors)
```

`summarize_process_groups`*Summarize process group representation*

Description

Counts available metrics by process group.

Usage

```
summarize_process_groups(x, catalog = metric_catalog(), groups = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>terra::SpatRaster</code> , character vector, or data frame with metric columns.
<code>catalog</code>	Optional catalog table. Defaults to <code>metric_catalog()</code> .
<code>groups</code>	Optional named character vector passed to <code>assign_process_groups()</code> .

Details

This function summarizes which process groups are represented by a metric stack. It does not compute raster statistics; use `summarize_terrain()` for spatial summaries.

Value

A tibble with process group counts.

See Also

`assign_process_groups()`, `summarize_terrain()`

Examples

```
terrain <- derive_terrain(read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy")))
summarize_process_groups(terrain)
```

summarize_terrain	<i>Summarize terrain metrics by polygon zones</i>
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Description

Computes summary statistics for raster metrics inside polygons, buffers, or corridor features.

Usage

```
summarize_terrain(
  metrics,
  zones,
  fun = c("mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median"),
  na.rm = TRUE,
  exact = FALSE,
  ...
)

summarize_terrain_by_zone(
  metrics,
  zones,
  fun = c("mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median"),
  na.rm = TRUE,
  exact = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>metrics</code>	A metric raster stack.
<code>zones</code>	Polygon zones as <code>sf</code> , <code>terra::SpatVector</code> , or a local vector path.
<code>fun</code>	Summary functions. Supported values are "mean", "sd", "min", "max", "median", "sum", and "count".
<code>na.rm</code>	Logical. Remove missing values before summarizing.
<code>exact</code>	Logical. If TRUE, use <code>exactextractr</code> for extraction. The optional package must be installed.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to extraction functions.

Details

`summarize_terrain()` does not assume specific zones, depth ranges, or ecological labels. For distance-sensitive summaries, use zones and rasters in a projected CRS.

Value

A tibble with zone identifiers, zone attributes, and wide summary columns named `metric_function`.

See Also

[summarize_depth_bands\(\)](#), [extract_terrain_points\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "bpi"))
zones <- terra::vect(blueterra_example("zones"))
summarize_terrain(terrain, zones)
```

terrain_correlation	<i>Correlation table for terrain variables</i>
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Description

Computes pairwise correlations among numeric terrain variables.

Usage

```
terrain_correlation(
  data,
  vars = NULL,
  method = "pearson",
  use = "pairwise.complete.obs"
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
vars	Optional character vector of numeric variables.
method	Correlation method passed to <code>stats::cor()</code> .
use	Missing-value handling passed to <code>stats::cor()</code> .

Value

A tibble with variable pairs and correlation coefficients.

See Also

[terrain_pca\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "bpi", "roughness"))
cells <- sample_terrain_cells(terrain, size = 30)
terrain_correlation(cells)
```

terrain_effect_size	<i>Terrain effect sizes</i>
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Description

Computes standardized differences between two groups for numeric terrain variables.

Usage

```
terrain_effect_size(data, group, vars = NULL, method = "cohens_d", ...)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
group	Character name of the grouping column.
vars	Optional character vector of numeric variables.
method	Effect-size method. Currently "cohens_d".
...	Reserved for future methods.

Details

Cohen's d is computed as the difference in group means divided by pooled standard deviation. Exactly two non-missing groups are required.

Value

A tibble with one row per variable.

See Also

[terrain_pca\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(group = rep(c("a", "b"), each = 5), slope = 1:10)
terrain_effect_size(df, group = "group", vars = "slope")
```

terrain_pca*Principal components analysis for terrain tables*

Description

Runs PCA on numeric terrain variables and returns tidy scores, loadings, variance explained, and the fitted model.

Usage

```
terrain_pca(  
  data,  
  vars = NULL,  
  center = TRUE,  
  scale. = TRUE,  
  metadata_cols = NULL,  
  keep_metadata = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
vars	Optional character vector of numeric variables.
center	Logical passed to <code>stats::prcomp()</code> .
scale.	Logical passed to <code>stats::prcomp()</code> .
metadata_cols	Optional non-PCA columns appended to the score table.
keep_metadata	Logical. Preserve non-PCA columns in scores.
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>stats::prcomp()</code> .

Details

Rows with incomplete values in selected variables are omitted before PCA. PCA is descriptive and should be interpreted with scale, CRS, and sampling design in mind.

Value

A list with scores, loadings, variance, model, vars, and complete_rows.

See Also

[prepare_model_matrix\(\)](#), [terrain_correlation\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
terrain <- derive_terrain(bathy, metrics = c("slope", "bpi", "roughness"))
cells <- sample_terrain_cells(terrain, size = 30)
terrain_pca(cells)
```

terrain_pca_by_group	<i>Run PCA overall and within groups</i>
----------------------	--

Description

Fits one terrain PCA across all rows and one PCA within each group level.

Usage

```
terrain_pca_by_group(
  data,
  group,
  vars = NULL,
  center = TRUE,
  scale. = TRUE,
  min_rows = 5,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame.
group	Character name of the grouping column.
vars	Optional numeric variables used in PCA.
center, scale.	Logical values passed to terrain_pca() .
min_rows	Minimum rows required for a group-specific PCA.
...	Additional arguments passed to terrain_pca() .

Details

Group-specific PCA is useful for checking whether ordination structure is dominated by one site or sampling frame. Groups with fewer than `min_rows` rows are omitted with a warning.

Value

A named list with `overall` and `groups`. `groups` is a named list of PCA objects.

See Also

[terrain_pca\(\)](#), [plot_process_pca\(\)](#)

Examples

```
df <- data.frame(site = rep(c("a", "b"), each = 8), slope = rnorm(16),
                  tri = rnorm(16), bpi = rnorm(16))
terrain_pca_by_group(df, group = "site")
```

 validate_bathy

Validate a bathymetric or elevation raster

Description

Checks that an object is a readable `terra::SpatRaster` with dimensions, layers, and values suitable for terrain analysis.

Usage

```
validate_bathy(
  x,
  require_crs = FALSE,
  require_values = TRUE,
  allow_multi = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

`x` A raster-like object accepted by [as_bathy\(\)](#).
`require_crs` Logical. If TRUE, require a declared CRS.
`require_values` Logical. If TRUE, require raster values.
`allow_multi` Logical. If FALSE, warn when more than one layer is supplied.

Details

Validation does not decide whether values represent positive depth or negative elevation. Use [check_bathy_units\(\)](#), [set_depth_positive\(\)](#), or [set_depth_negative\(\)](#) when sign convention matters.

Value

Invisibly returns the input raster.

See Also

[check_bathy_crs\(\)](#), [check_bathy_units\(\)](#)

Examples

```
bathy <- read_bathy(blueterra_example("bathy"))
validate_bathy(bathy)
```

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