

1 Synthesizing multiple data types for biological conservation using integrated population models

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22 **Abstract**

23 Assessing the impacts of ongoing climate and anthropogenic-induced change on wildlife
24 populations requires understanding species distributions and abundances across large spatial and
25 temporal scales. For threatened or declining populations, collecting sufficient broad-scale data is
26 challenging as sample sizes tend to be low because many such species are rare and/or elusive. As
27 a result, demographic data are often piecemeal, leading to difficulties in determining causes of
28 population changes and developing strategies to mitigate the effects of environmental stressors.
29 Thus, the population dynamics of threatened species across spatio-temporal extents is typically
30 inferred through incomplete, independent, local-scale studies. Emerging integrative modeling
31 approaches, such as integrated population models (IPMs), combine multiple data types into a
32 single analysis and provide a foundation for overcoming problems of sparse or fragmentary data.
33 In this paper, we demonstrate how IPMs can be successfully implemented by synthesizing the
34 elements, advantages, and novel insights of this modeling approach. We highlight the latest
35 developments in IPMs that are explicitly relevant to the ecology and conservation of threatened
36 species, including capabilities to quantify the spatial scale of management, source-sink
37 dynamics, synchrony within metapopulations, and population density effects on demographic
38 rates. Adoption of IPMs has led to improved detection of population declines, adaptation of
39 targeted monitoring schemes, and refined management strategies. Continued methodological
40 advancements of IPMs, such as incorporation of a wider set of data types (e.g., citizen science
41 data) and coupled population-environmental models, will allow for broader applicability within
42 ecological and conservation sciences.

43 **1. Introduction: species in peril and data collection challenges**

44 Biodiversity loss is one of the most pressing environmental problems, impacting ecosystem
45 functions, community dynamics, and human and wildlife health (Cardinale *et al.* 2012; Lefcheck
46 *et al.* 2015). Understanding the impacts of anthropogenic change on wildlife populations
47 necessitates research at large spatial and temporal scales (e.g., Alroy 2015). Together with
48 traditional local-scale research, regional to range-wide data are fundamental for effective
49 conservation (Keith *et al.* 2012; Edgar *et al.* 2016), particularly because many relationships
50 between environmental variables and ecological patterns are only evident when broad-scale data
51 are considered (e.g., Mora *et al.* 2011; Pardikes *et al.* 2015). However, in an era when
52 macroscale conservation needs are not met due to limited research funding, it is not often
53 possible to obtain the necessary population-level and demographic data from a single collection
54 effort (Loss *et al.* 2015).

55 Even for threatened species that have restricted ranges, collecting data and estimating the
56 ecological reasons for declines are challenging because such species tend to be rare and/or
57 elusive, which makes obtaining sufficient data for standard population models difficult (Lomba
58 *et al.* 2010; Harris *et al.* 2015). Data on demographic parameters (i.e., survival, recruitment, and
59 immigration) are necessary to develop mechanistic models, which allow for a process-oriented
60 approach to evaluating population trends and determining causes of declines (Véran & Lebreton
61 2008). Yet, demographic data on small or declining populations are often scarce because
62 collection is intermittent and typically necessitates long study periods, sample sizes are low, and
63 researchers may hesitate to catch and mark individuals if doing so may cause harm (Lomba *et al.*
64 2010; Platts *et al.* 2014). These conditions result in limited longitudinal data to model population
65 viability, extrapolate inference at large scales, and detect significant changes in population trends

66 within time frames for appropriate management actions (Taylor *et al.* 2007; Mosnier *et al.* 2015).
67 As a result, understanding the population dynamics of threatened species, and indeed most
68 species, is typically either inferred through independent local-scale studies (Thogmartin *et al.*
69 2007; Rushing *et al.* 2016) or achieved through large-scale niche modeling of distribution data
70 that is correlative with limited power to elucidate underlying mechanisms (Kearney & Porter
71 2009; Buschke *et al.* 2015). Emerging integrative modeling approaches that combine multiple
72 data sources across spatio-temporal scales into a single analysis provide a foundation for
73 overcoming these problems and allow research to scale from local biological processes to
74 regional-level patterns, where management occurs (Pacifci *et al.* 2017).

75 In this paper, we review integrated population models (IPMs), an approach to combine
76 multiple data types in a unified analysis to study the dynamics of animal populations. We
77 compiled and collated peer-reviewed articles, textbook chapters, and government technical
78 reports on IPMs that were relevant to biological conservation. Our paper builds on reviews by
79 Schaub and Abadi (2011) and Maunder and Punt (2013), both of which focus on taxa-specific
80 IPMs. Literature was searched through Google Scholar and ISI Web of Knowledge, using terms
81 such as: ‘integrated population model’ and ‘integrative model’, coupled with ‘biological
82 conservation’ and ‘population management’. We also checked the bibliographies of relevant
83 papers to identify further pertinent literature. We outline the key components of IPMs, synthesize
84 the advantages of this approach for improved biological conservation and ecological inference,
85 and highlight the latest theoretical and technical developments in IPMs that are explicitly
86 relevant to the ecology and management of threatened species. We conclude with a perspective
87 on several potential avenues of IPM advancement related to the fields of ecology and
88 conservation science.

89 **2. The power of integrated population models**

90 Integrative modeling generally refers to the incorporation of multiple (1) data types on a single
91 target population, (2) analytical models or methods, or (3) predictions from multiple theories into
92 a model, thus ‘integrating’ several pieces of information into a single modeling framework. The
93 combined analysis of all available information allows for an understanding of processes
94 underlying ecological and demographic responses to environmental variability (Brown &
95 Collopy 2013; Grace *et al.* 2016; Fletcher *et al.* 2016). Conclusions that are inferred from
96 independent analyses can be hindered by an inability to accurately account for error in parameter
97 estimates (Schaub & Abadi 2011), spatio-temporal correlations in covariate effects (Lieury *et al.*
98 2015), and possible biases in trend estimates (Tempel & Gutiérrez 2014). Integrative modeling
99 has the potential to resolve these issues by incorporating all available data into a single analysis
100 and thus properly accounting for spatio-temporal variation and uncertainty in parameter
101 estimates (Dorazio 2014; Grace *et al.* 2016).

102 Integrated population models (IPMs) are a well-developed subset of integrative models in
103 which the analysis of the joint likelihood of two or more datasets allows for simultaneous
104 estimation of population abundance and the processes leading to population change. IPMs
105 provide an approach for addressing issues of sparse or fragmentary population data by
106 incorporating multiple data types (e.g., census, productivity, telemetry) into a single, dynamic
107 model of the target population (Fig. 1; Schaub & Abadi 2011). IPMs typically include the unified
108 analysis of data on population abundance, trajectory, or structure (e.g., census, count, and/or
109 occupancy data) and demographic parameters (e.g., productivity data, capture-recapture data,
110 dead recovery data; Besbeas *et al.* 2002; Abadi *et al.* 2010a; Schaub & Abadi 2011). The use of
111 IPMs in animal ecology began in the early 2000s (Besbeas *et al.* 2002; Besbeas *et al.* 2003;

112 Brooks *et al.* 2004; reviewed in Schaub & Abadi 2011), although variations of these models
113 were used in fisheries research and management as early as the 1980s (Fournier & Archibald
114 1982; reviewed in Maunder & Punt 2013). Fisheries IPMs have generally focused on stock
115 assessment to determine harvest quotas and are not examined here (except as they may pertain to
116 the conservation of a particular species). However, early work on integrated fisheries modeling
117 greatly advanced previous population assessment approaches, which relied on independent data
118 summaries of disparate stock data (Maunder & Punt 2013). These primary methodological
119 advances paved the way for subsequent inclusion of increasingly diverse data types and
120 development for additional taxa (Catchpole *et al.* 1998; Gauthier & Lebreton 2004).

121 A key feature of IPMs is the ability to model a population's underlying dynamics
122 including important life history elements by explicitly accounting for the processes that lead to
123 population changes over time (e.g., birth/death and immigration/emigration; Besbeas *et al.* 2002;
124 Brooks *et al.* 2004; Schaub *et al.* 2007). The objective of IPMs is to incorporate as much
125 mechanism as possible to estimate a population's trajectory and assess the primary factors
126 causing changes in abundance and demographic rates (Schaub & Abadi 2011). By incorporating
127 all available data on a population, IPMs overcome limitations of traditional independent analyses
128 (Véran & Lebreton 2008; Tempel *et al.* 2014; Hostetler *et al.* 2015) and allow for (1) the
129 simultaneous estimation of demographic parameters and population trajectories, while
130 standardizing the error structure across different data types and accounting for multiple sources
131 of uncertainty (Besbeas *et al.* 2002; Schaub & Abadi 2011); and (2) the direct linking of
132 variation in population abundance to changes in stage-specific vital rates and covariate effects
133 (Johnson *et al.* 2010; Mosnier *et al.* 2015).

134 The hierarchical structure of IPMs separates the underlying (and unobservable)
135 ecological mechanisms from the observation process, allowing for disentanglement of process
136 variation from sampling variation (Gould & Nichols 1998, Besbeas *et al.* 2002). This is typically
137 done in IPMs through a state-space formulation, which assumes that abundance may be over- or
138 under-counted (de Valpine & Hastings 2002; Schaub & Abadi 2011). The importance of
139 accounting for potential biases due to imperfect detection during sampling has been
140 demonstrated repeatedly in studies estimating the population dynamics and trends of species
141 (e.g., Royle *et al.* 2005; MacKenzie *et al.* 2009, Nichols *et al.* 2009). Failure to accurately
142 account for the sampling process can lead to misleading or even erroneous inferences on
143 population status (Ruiz-Gutiérrez & Zipkin 2011; Guillera-Arroita *et al.* 2014). It is especially
144 important to consider the sampling methodology for situations in which detection varies spatially
145 or through time, as well as in cases where it is important to know the absolute size of a
146 population, such as in conservation applications (e.g., population viability analysis).
147 Unfortunately, many data collection protocols do not allow for explicit estimation of detection
148 probabilities (e.g., non-replicated point counts, species checklist programs). IPMs provide an
149 approach for incorporating such data types even if it is not possible to estimate detection at every
150 site or with every data collection technique, leading to unbiased inference of both demographic
151 rates and population trends.

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153 **3. Components of integrated population models**

154 IPMs are built according to three general steps (Fig. 2; Brooks *et al.* 2004; Schaub *et al.* 2007;
155 Schaub & Abadi 2011). First, one develops a population model linking abundance and
156 demographic rates that captures the important life history features of the target species. This is

157 typically a stage- or age-structured matrix projection model (i.e., Lefkovich matrix or Leslie
158 matrix, respectively) where the population size of each stage/age class is assumed to be a
159 function of the population size in the previous year and the demographic rates (Caswell 2001).
160 The population model describes the relevant recruitment, survival, and immigration processes
161 that reflect dynamics and can include density-dependence and stochasticity in stage transitions.
162 Demographic stochasticity, which tends to be important in small populations, is modeled by
163 assuming that changes in abundance occur probabilistically rather than through deterministic
164 equations (e.g., using the binomial distribution to estimate the number of individuals that survive
165 between time steps; Melbourne & Hastings 2008). Environmental covariates (Rhodes *et al.*
166 2011) and/or random effects (Fieberg *et al.* 2010; Tempel & Guitiérrez 2014) can be added using
167 standard approaches and link functions. The complexity of the population model depends on the
168 questions of interest, the intricacies of the organism's life cycle, as well as the quality and
169 quantity of available data.

170 Next, the likelihoods of each dataset are formulated to estimate the parameters (e.g.,
171 survival, fecundity, and population size) defined in the population model. The likelihood
172 functions, which are specified independently for every data type, describe the probability of an
173 observed outcome (i.e., the data) conditional on particular parameter values. For example,
174 capture-recapture data can be analyzed using Cormack-Jolly-Seber models, which generally
175 utilize a multinomial likelihood to estimate survival and capture probabilities (Lebreton *et al.*
176 1992; Kéry & Schaub 2012; Schaub *et al.* 2015). A state-space likelihood, one in which the true
177 demographic process is modeled separately from the observation process, is often used for time-
178 series data types (e.g., count data) and can be specified using random sampling noise (de Valpine
179 & Hastings 2000) or through known sampling processes (e.g., imperfect detection; Péron *et al.*

180 2012). It is essential that the component likelihoods for the different data types have at least
181 some parameters in common (Fig. 1); this is the mechanism by which information is shared
182 across datasets in an IPM.

183 Finally, the joint likelihood of all datasets combined is specified, typically by multiplying
184 the individual component likelihoods defined in the second step. Thus, in addition to the
185 assumptions of each of the component likelihoods, an implicit assumption of IPMs is
186 independence among likelihoods and datasets (Mosnier *et al.* 2015; Weegman *et al.* 2016). In the
187 strictest sense, this implies that animals seen in one data type are not observed in other datasets,
188 although this rarely occurs in practice (Schaub & Abadi 2011). It is important to evaluate the
189 potential effects on parameter estimates if the independence assumption is violated. Lack of
190 independence among datasets can lead to overconfidence in parameter estimates in the form of
191 inflated precision. Abadi *et al.* (2010a) simulated data with varying levels of independence and
192 found that a lack of independence had minimal impacts on parameter accuracy in an IPM using
193 census, capture-recapture, and productivity data. Yet, this result may not hold true for every data
194 type combination and IPM structure. Recent IPM development has focused on approaches that
195 do not require independent datasets (Chandler & Clark 2014, Lee *et al.* 2015) and this remains an
196 area of active research.

197 Once the joint likelihood is specified, the IPM is analyzed to estimate parameter values.
198 The hierarchical structure of IPMs naturally lends them to Bayesian analysis (Lee *et al.* 2015),
199 although the joint likelihood can be analyzed using either frequentist (e.g., maximum likelihood)
200 or Bayesian frameworks (Schaub & Abadi 2011). Bayesian analysis has become a common
201 method for describing uncertainty in fisheries and wildlife management (Walsh *et al.* 2015) and
202 facilitates the inclusion of additional information in the form of prior distributions. Prior

203 distributions can be developed from previous studies on different populations or similar species,
204 as well as meta-analyses or expert opinion (Gelman *et al.* 2014; McCaffery & Lukacs 2016).
205 Using an IPM in a Bayesian framework allows for the most efficient use of the available data
206 and the best possible description of uncertainty, and is the most rigorous method for
207 incorporating parameter and demographic uncertainty in forward projections (Hoyle & Maunder
208 2004; Lee *et al.* 2015).

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210 **4. Integrated population models as a tool for conservation**

211 To successfully manage populations for conservation purposes, it is necessary to track changes in
212 demographic parameters, identify vital rates having the greatest influence on population growth,
213 as well as determine the factors driving spatial and temporal variation in those key rates and
214 whether or not those relationships are stationary (Nichols *et al.* 2011, Shoemaker & Akçakaya
215 2015). IPMs are especially valuable in the study of declining or small populations because gains
216 in accuracy and parameter precision are most apparent in complex models with large numbers of
217 parameters, as is often the case for conservation-focused projects encompassing multiple
218 interacting threatening processes (Rhodes *et al.* 2011). Increased precision is especially
219 important in cases where the objective is to evaluate temporal patterns in parameter estimates
220 and/or detect significant population trends, including subtle declines (Abadi *et al.* 2010a). As
221 such, IPMs are well-suited for wildlife conservation research, providing a powerful tool for
222 holistic analyses on threatened populations, as exemplified by a number of recent applications
223 (Supplementary material: Table A1). Below we discuss a number of conceptual and practical
224 advances made possible through the development of IPMs.

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226 *4.1. The spatial scale of conservation management*

227 By utilizing all available data that contain both direct and indirect information about
228 demographic rates, the IPM framework allows for estimation of parameters that would otherwise
229 be difficult or impossible to evaluate if data were analyzed separately (Abadi *et al.* 2012; Lee *et*
230 *al.* 2015; Wilson *et al.* 2016). In particular, IPMs can provide information on the sources of
231 population-level gains (i.e., immigration versus recruitment) without explicit movement data
232 (Altwegg *et al.* 2014; Lieury *et al.* 2015). Quantifying the relative contributions of immigration
233 versus reproduction to population growth facilitates identification of the relevant spatial scale for
234 effective conservation and appropriate action (Baillie *et al.* 2000). If local-level reproduction has
235 strong effects on population dynamics, the spatial scale of dynamics and required conservation
236 actions will also be local. Conversely, if population dynamics are more strongly influenced by
237 immigration, the scale of management depends on the extent to which local populations interact
238 and the rate at which individuals migrate, typically necessitating conservation planning at a much
239 broader spatial scale than that of the target population.

240 Immigration is one of the most difficult demographic parameters to measure empirically
241 because of challenges tracking individuals (Duarte *et al.* 2015; Szostek *et al.* 2014). Failure to
242 incorporate immigration in population models may conceal processes inherent in the target
243 population and potentially lead to erroneous conclusions about the effectiveness of management
244 (Brown & Collopy 2012; Altwegg *et al.* 2014). Estimation of immigration becomes possible
245 when count data are combined with productivity and capture-recapture data, as in the IPM
246 framework (Robinson *et al.* 2014, Schaub & Fletcher 2015). Count data intrinsically contain
247 information about all demographic processes in a population, allowing for extraction of
248 additional information on immigration rates when modeled with independent data sources

249 (Abadi *et al.* 2010b). However, estimates of immigration can also reflect any systematic biases in
250 other vital rates and should be interpreted with caution when explicit data on movement are
251 unavailable. Parametrizing an IPM such that the number of immigrants is a random number
252 (centered on an expected mean value) rather than as a rate (dependent on population size, which
253 can lead to unrealistically high estimates) may help with estimating immigration, particularly in
254 small populations (Schaub & Fletcher 2015). Assessing the amount of immigration into a
255 population can help identify whether a local population is a sink and how it might be managed
256 effectively. For example, Schaub *et al.* (2010) found that a population survey of eagle owls
257 (*Bubo bubo*) indicated that abundance was stable. However, using an IPM that combined the
258 survey data with data from radio-tracking, age-at-death, and productivity, the authors found that
259 the population was actually a sink, highly dependent on immigration for stability. Additional
260 studies have demonstrated a similar contribution of immigration to population stability and
261 temporal variation in population growth (Schaub *et al.* 2010; Brown & Collopy 2013; Schaub *et*
262 *al.* 2013; Altwegg *et al.* 2014; Tempel & Gutiérrez 2014), whereas other populations of
263 conservation concern are growing or maintaining stability without reliance on high immigration
264 rates (Demerdzhiev *et al.* 2015).

265 Extending IPMs to multi-state systems (e.g., multiple sites, disease states, breeding
266 conditions) can provide a more precise and nuanced understanding of results by enabling
267 inference on patterns of condition-dependent demographic rate parameters. In particular, multi-
268 site IPMs allow for estimation of dispersal at the landscape level, yet capture-recapture data need
269 only be collected at a subset of sites within the species' range (McCrea *et al.* 2010; Péron *et al.*
270 2010). This advancement has important implications for determining the optimal spatial scale for
271 conservation; understanding temporary emigration; and identifying locations with the highest

272 reproductive success and/or survival, information that can be used to prioritize locations for
273 management interventions.

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275 4.2. Population synchrony within metapopulations

276 Population synchrony, or coincident changes in the size of local populations, is a common
277 ecological phenomenon exhibited by many taxa including insects, molluscs, birds, amphibians,
278 and mammals (reviewed by Liebhold *et al.* 2004). Synchronous dynamics over a species' range
279 can be critical in conservation as it increases the extinction risk of spatially structured
280 populations (Harrison & Quinn 1989). However, little is known about the relative effects of
281 demographic rates on synchrony because of difficulties obtaining data, estimating rates
282 independently for all populations, and making spatial comparisons (Jorgensen *et al.* 2016). An
283 IPM framework is particularly advantageous for analyzing data from geographically-distinct
284 populations because it is possible to handle differing sampling protocols and survey periods
285 among sites (Schaub *et al.* 2015), enabling conservation management to scale from a single
286 population to an entire metapopulation or species. Using an IPM, relevant demographic rates
287 from all study areas within a metapopulation can be estimated concurrently by partitioning
288 sources of variation in population growth rates using covariates and random effects. In a
289 spatially-structured IPM of a barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*) metapopulation, Schaub *et al.*
290 (2015) decomposed the variation in population growth and demographic rates into global and
291 local temporal components using random effects and examined population synchrony in
292 parameters using post-hoc correlations. It is also possible to assess synchrony by explicitly
293 estimating the variance and covariance structure in vital rates among local populations to make
294 inferences on correlations directly within a model (Péron & Koons 2012). Determining both the

295 degree and causes (e.g., specific environmental and/or demographic drivers) of synchrony within
296 metapopulations provides an opportunity to adjust management strategies accordingly. Recent
297 IPM developments have expanded these approaches to a multi-species context, facilitating
298 enhanced understanding of how changing community dynamics, and synchrony among species,
299 may impact a target species (Lahoz-Monfort *et al.* 2017). Methodological approaches for
300 quantifying synchronous patterns in population parameters fill a significant knowledge gap in
301 understanding how metapopulations react to long-term changes in the environment and can be
302 used to improve predictions of future environmental scenarios.

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304 *4.3. Density effects on population dynamics*

305 Accurate understanding of how populations are regulated often requires evaluation of the effect
306 of density on different age or stage classes. Density dependence is an important ecological
307 concept and determining how it operates is crucial to evaluating how populations persist in
308 complex ecological systems and to developing effective management plans (Stubbs 1997).
309 Despite numerous methods for studying density dependence in wild populations (reviewed in
310 Lebreton & Gimenez 2013), many approaches do not assess the effect of density on multiple
311 demographic parameters simultaneously while accounting for errors incurred during the
312 sampling process. The state-space framework within IPMs can overcome this shortcoming
313 whereby the effects of density can be incorporated on individual parameters - not just on
314 population growth - while simultaneously accounting for uncertainty in the data due to
315 stochasticity and detection biases (Gamelon *et al.* 2016). The additional data included in the
316 model as a result of the IPM approach allow these parameters to become identifiable. Abadi *et*
317 *al.* (2012) developed an IPM to assess of the effect of density dependence on demographic

318 parameters (and thus overall population growth rate) and revealed negative effects of density on
319 adult survival of red-backed shrikes (*Lanius collurio*). Model simulations demonstrated
320 improved precision in estimates of density-dependent relationships as compared to a regression
321 model, providing a framework for understanding the mechanisms by which populations are
322 regulated. This approach could be further extended to assess non-linear density dependence,
323 delayed density dependence, Allee effects, as well as density dependence at the population level
324 using a derived population growth rate parameter.

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326 *4.4. Data collection priorities*

327 The charismatic nature of many threatened species (e.g., birds of prey, top predatory taxa, iconic
328 migrants) leads to disproportionate attention and monitoring by different entities, including
329 professional researchers, public administrators, and volunteers (Tenan *et al.* 2012). In some
330 cases, spatially-extensive data, typically in the form of population counts (e.g., aerial surveys,
331 regional censuses), are collected by conservation organizations or government programs (e.g.,
332 North American Breeding Bird Survey) while independent researchers simultaneously collect
333 more intensive (but spatially-limited) data types, such as capture-recapture and productivity data.
334 The involvement of multiple stakeholders with differing goals and protocols can lead to a
335 relative wealth of data, albeit with heterogeneous data types. For instance, regional-scale count
336 surveys (e.g., lek counts) are frequently the most extensive information available for sage-grouse
337 (*Centrocercus minimus*, *C. urophasianus*), a threatened species in the western United States;
338 however, these data are minimally informative of vital rates and do not account for imperfect
339 detection during sampling (Walsh *et al.* 2004; Kelling *et al.* 2015). Recent data collection efforts
340 on the sage-grouse have consequently focused on obtaining intensive, short-term demographic

341 data, allowing for development of an IPM to rigorously estimate population growth rates as well
342 as survival and fecundity (Davis *et al.* 2014). IPMs compensate for diversity in data collection by
343 reducing biases inherent in a single dataset and providing more precise estimates of demographic
344 rates than can be obtained from separate analyses (Hoyle & Maunder 2004; Oppel *et al.* 2014;
345 Harris *et al.* 2015). Yet, the caliber of individual datasets ultimately determines the quality of
346 inference, and integrated modeling techniques cannot remove inherent biases within a dataset. As
347 with all analyses, careful consideration of sampling protocols, potential biases of data collection,
348 and *a priori* biological hypotheses are necessary for high quality inference within an IPM
349 framework.

350 From a management perspective, the incorporation of multiple data types into a single
351 analysis can reveal data collection priorities that would otherwise be unclear from separate
352 analyses. For example, if population estimates from an IPM are substantially different than those
353 from annual census data, it is possible that count data alone may be unreliable for obtaining
354 accurate population estimates because of missing information. In such cases, allocating resources
355 to the supplementary collection of individual-based demographic data (e.g., capture-recapture,
356 productivity, and/or telemetry data) would likely contribute to more precise estimation of
357 population trends and critical parameters compared to an exhaustive population census (Lee *et*
358 *al.* 2015). Coupling IPMs with simulations of several data types can help in the assessment of the
359 relative inferential value of different data sources, a useful exercise for evaluating potential
360 adjustments in field data collection efforts.

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362 4.5. Conservation efficacy

363 IPMs can elucidate the efficacy of conservation actions relative to natural population processes.
364 Several studies have used IPMs to investigate the extent to which management actions (e.g., nest

365 box installation, predator control, supplementary feeding) have contributed to population
366 recovery through improvements in demographic rates (Altwegg *et al.* 2014; Demerdzhiev *et al.*
367 2015; Lieury *et al.* 2015). Distinguishing between various factors that contribute to population
368 change consequently allows for the prioritization of conservation actions. For example, Altwegg
369 *et al.* (2014) found through analysis of an IPM that immigration was the most important driver of
370 growth in an urban population of peregrine falcons (*Falco peregrinus*), more so than recruitment,
371 even with the aid of nest box deployment. These results revealed the critical importance of
372 protecting falcon populations in remote environments to the successful maintenance of the urban
373 population and the welfare of the species as a whole.

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375 **5. Areas of advancement: extensions of integrated population models**

376 Initial IPM development within wildlife ecology focused on combining annual census data with
377 capture-recapture data (Besbeas *et al.* 2002; Brooks *et al.* 2004). Over the last decade, IPMs have
378 expanded to include many additional data types. Although the foundations of IPMs are well
379 developed, novel uses continue to spur technical advancements and expand their applicability
380 within ecology. Below we highlight several advancements that are particularly relevant for
381 conservation applications of IPMs.

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383 *5.1. Retrospective and prospective analyses*

384 Estimates of demographic rates and population size and structure obtained from IPMs can be
385 used in subsequent analyses to gain a deeper understanding of the reasons for past population
386 changes (i.e., retrospective analyses; Szostek *et al.* 2014; Abadi *et al.* 2017) and to predict future
387 population trajectories (i.e., prospective analyses; Oppel *et al.* 2014). IPMs allow for correlation
388 assessment between annual estimates of demographic parameters with population growth rates to

389 quantify the impact of demography (Figure 3a&b; Schaub *et al.* 2013). The strength of the
390 correlation between population growth and demographic rates indicates the magnitude with
391 which temporal variation in a given demographic parameter contributes to the temporal variation
392 of population growth (Robinson *et al.* 2014; Schaub *et al.* 2013; Szostek *et al.* 2014; Tempel *et*
393 *al.* 2014). This approach is particularly useful in the study of populations that never reach a
394 stable steady state because of non-stationary environmental conditions, and can be combined
395 with formal methods for assessing transient dynamics (e.g., Koons *et al.* 2016, Koons *et al.*
396 2017). Evaluating the transient dynamics of populations is notoriously difficult, but it is
397 especially important for threatened species inhabiting areas that experience significant climate
398 and/or habitat changes (e.g., locations undergoing invasion; Ezard *et al.* 2010).

399 IPMs are particularly well-suited for enabling predictions of future population sizes
400 (Figure 3c&d). Analysis in a Bayesian framework aids predictions as posterior sampling can be
401 used to obtain a full assessment of all uncertainties involved in forecasts (Kéry & Schaub 2012;
402 Gelman *et al.* 2014; Servanty *et al.* 2014). The posterior distributions of the predicted future
403 population sizes can be used to compute population-level extinction probabilities or population
404 prediction intervals (i.e., intervals that include the projected unknown population size at a
405 specified future time with a given probability or confidence level), both typical components of
406 population viability analyses (Servanty *et al.* 2014). Model results generated from IPMs can be
407 adjusted to predict population sizes and extinction probabilities under different management
408 scenarios that may alter various demographic rates (Duarte *et al.* 2017, Saunders *et al.* In
409 review). In Figure 3d, we simulate results from an IPM of a hypothetical passerine population to
410 estimate changes in extinction probabilities under conditions that either increase productivity by
411 20% (e.g., through nest predation control) or reduce temporal variability in adult survival by

412 50% (e.g., through removal of competitors and/or primary predators), as compared to no
413 management (example and code taken from unpublished work by M. Schaub & M. Kéry).
414 Conducting this type of exercise helps identify the most practical strategy for maintaining
415 population persistence into the future.

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417 5.2. Spatially explicit IPMs

418 Development of IPMs using spatially explicit capture-recapture data (Efford *et al.* 2009; Royle *et*
419 *al.* 2013) extends the utility of conventional IPMs by (1) accounting for spatial variation in
420 demographic, movement, and detection parameters and (2) enabling the ability to make spatially-
421 explicit predictions of abundance or vital rates (Chandler & Clark 2014). The basis of the
422 spatially explicit IPM is a spatial point process describing the number and locations of
423 individuals in a population during the initial time period, and the variation in abundance (and
424 density) over time as a function of death, recruitment, and movement (i.e.,
425 immigration/emigration). Both capture-recapture and survey (either count or detection-
426 nondetection) data can be modelled conditional on the point process (Chandler & Royle 2013;
427 Royle *et al.* 2013), thus avoiding the conventional and restrictive requirement that these two
428 datasets be independent.

429 Like non-spatial IPMs, the spatially explicit IPM can account for process variation and
430 observer error when predicting population size under future environmental conditions. Unlike
431 classic IPMs, which are unable to account for individual heterogeneity in vital rates and
432 detection probability (Abadi *et al.* 2013), the spatially explicit IPM fully accommodates
433 spatially-induced individual heterogeneity in demographics and capture or detection
434 probabilities, increasing accuracy of parameter estimates and expanding the framework's utility

435 (Chandler & Clark 2014). The model provides a straightforward means of predicting abundance
436 or density in unsampled regions and time periods, and can be used to map and project species
437 distributions and vital rates at broad spatio-temporal scales. This spatial point process framework
438 avoids the problems associated with scaling up continuously-varying measures such as density or
439 movement, which can introduce bias in non-spatial models (Melbourne & Chesson 2005). These
440 advantages are particularly beneficial in conservation-related projects where logistical and
441 financial constraints frequently prevent survey coverage across a species' entire range (or over
442 long time periods), yet inference is required at a broad scale for range-wide management
443 decisions.

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445 *5.3. Environmental uncertainty*

446 Uncertainty surrounding ecological responses to environmental factors should be incorporated
447 into population assessments as environmental stochasticity can play a significant role in the
448 viability of a population, particularly for threatened species (Kanno *et al.* 2015). Existing
449 demographic projection models assess the effects of future environmental conditions on
450 population trends, but often fail to rigorously integrate uncertainty around both demographic and
451 environmental processes (Crone *et al.* 2013; but see Gauthier *et al.* 2016). This can lead to
452 erroneous predictions, particularly if there is uncertainty about how future environmental
453 scenarios may affect demographic parameters (Coulson *et al.* 2001). Oppel *et al.* (2014)
454 developed an approach to incorporate environmental variation into IPMs to explicitly account for
455 both environmental and demographic stochasticity in a single modeling framework, providing a
456 comparatively more realistic assessment of population viability under unknown future
457 environmental conditions. The fundamental idea is to draw future values of environmental

458 variables from probability distributions to simulate environmental uncertainty (Heard *et al.* 2013)
459 and to then use the results in combination with IPM parameter estimates (and their full
460 uncertainties) to project population trends (Oppel *et al.* 2014). Although incorporating both
461 demographic and environmental stochasticity into models can result in considerable uncertainty
462 surrounding population projections (Jenouvrier 2013), the wider credible (or confidence)
463 intervals represent a more realistic assessment of future population viability.

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465 5.4. *Two-sex IPMs*

466 Typical IPMs are female-based models (i.e., only female life history is specified for the state
467 process) that frequently do not account for mate availability, differing sex ratios, or polygamy
468 among individuals (Schaub & Abadi 2011; but see Véran & Lebreton 2008). Yet, two-sex
469 models are required when vital rates significantly differ between males and females, males are
470 the limiting sex in the population, or when life history characteristics vary by sex such that
471 modeling the dynamics of a single sex is inadequate (Gerber & White 2014; Shyu & Caswell
472 2016). Even in cases when demographic rates are similar between the two sexes, incorporating
473 data from males can lead to overall improved inference on female vital rates simply because of
474 the additional data (Péron & Koons 2012). Recent IPM advancements allow for the investigation
475 of population dynamics and quantification of cause-specific mortality rates in non-monogamous
476 species, enabling the use of IPMs in a new suite of mating systems (Tenan *et al.* 2016). In this
477 framework, the state process is specified using a two-sex population model, in which the annual
478 number of breeding individuals is determined by explicitly modeling the probability that males
479 and females breed (i.e., access to reproduction) as a function of the availability of opposite-sex
480 individuals (Jenouvrier *et al.* 2010). Many carnivores have polygamous mating systems and mate

481 availability can play an important role in population viability, especially when populations are
482 small (Gerber & White 2014). Large terrestrial carnivores are a highly endangered group of
483 species; the advent of the two-sex IPM extension, which contains a nonlinear mating function
484 (Tenan *et al.* 2016), offers an opportunity to expand the use of IPMs into a much broader set of
485 at-risk species.

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487 *5.5. Technical advancements: goodness-of-fit assessments*

488 Goodness-of-fit evaluations for IPMs are typically either not conducted or they are done in an *ad*
489 *hoc* fashion (Abadi *et al.* 2010b; Schaub & Abadi 2011). A newly proposed approach, motivated
490 by Bayesian *p*-values and using calibrated simulation, offers the first potential evaluation
491 procedure of IPMs (Besbeas & Morgan 2014). For each component dataset, a discrepancy
492 measure determines whether the model fits the data well, or either over- or under-predicts the
493 outcome as compared to simulated data generated from the estimated model parameters.

494 Different goodness-of-fit discrepancy measures can be used to highlight various aspects of fit
495 and multiple discrepancy measures can be used in tandem to evaluate more complex integrated
496 models, such as one that includes density dependence on productivity (i.e., the productivity
497 parameter is related to population size through a threshold dependence). Besbeas & Morgan
498 (2014) illustrate the performance of their goodness-of-fit metric using capture-recapture data and
499 count data, assessing the utility of different discrepancy measures (e.g., Freeman-Tukey
500 discrepancy measure, Pearson chi-square statistic) for each data type. Their comprehensive
501 approach adopts a common evaluation procedure for all components of an IPM and establishes a
502 consistent criterion that researchers can use when conducting model selection. Model fit is
503 notoriously difficult to assess in hierarchical models and remains an area of active research

504 (Hooten & Hobbs 2015). For example, Carvalho *et al.* (2016) evaluated the efficacy of several
505 recently-proposed diagnostic tests (e.g., residuals analysis, catch-curve analysis) in identifying
506 model misspecification in both the observation and system dynamics components of integrated
507 stock assessments. The authors found that residual analyses were the best detector of
508 misspecification of the observation model while age-structured production models were best at
509 detecting misspecification of the system dynamics model (Carvalho et al. 2016). A similar
510 comparison of commonly-used diagnostic tests (e.g., Bayesian p -values) for IPM component
511 models could help identify appropriate methods for assessing both model fit and model selection
512 within IPMs.

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514 **6. The future of integrated population models**

515 We foresee several potential avenues of IPM advancement related to the fields of ecology and
516 conservation science, which we highlight below while providing suggestions for future modeling
517 efforts.

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519 *6.1. Inclusion of citizen science data*

520 IPMs have the potential to address complex conservation questions at unprecedented scales using
521 widely-collected volunteer data. Citizen science data are well-suited to integrated modeling
522 because their wide geographic distributions of volunteers can provide much richer datasets than
523 are typically available (Sauermann & Franzoni 2015), and the prevalence of these programs has
524 surged in the last few years (Pimm *et al.* 2014). The full potential of citizen science has yet to be
525 realized as the vast majority of such data have not been included in any research (Theobald *et al.*
526 2015). Problems due to variable effort over time, lack of random sampling, and informal
527 protocols continue to present challenges. Several statistical techniques have recently been

528 employed to account for these biases, especially methods that use random effects and
529 hierarchical structures (Fink *et al.* 2010; Sauer & Link 2011; Kelling *et al.* 2015; Barrows *et al.*
530 2016; Saunders *et al.* 2017). IPMs have the potential to advance these methods even further by
531 appropriately combining datasets while accounting for errors across multiple citizen science
532 programs. For example, the use of eBird detection-nondetection data
533 (www.ebird.org/content/ebird) or count data from the Breeding Bird Survey
534 (www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbs/index.cfm) in an IPM framework (i.e., with local-scale capture-
535 recapture data) has the potential to reveal large-scale population trends, shifts in species niches,
536 and/or the varying importance of demographic processes across spatial and temporal scales
537 (Sauer & Link 2011; Sullivan *et al.* 2014). Ahrestani *et al.* (2016) recently used an IPM
538 framework to combine two broad-scale avian citizen science datasets (Breeding Bird Survey and
539 Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship) to assess population trends and latent
540 recruitment of gray catbird (*Dumetella carolinensis*) and wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*). It
541 is possible that other data types, including citizen-reported mortality data such as car collisions
542 with wildlife (RoadKill: www.adventurescience.org/roadkill.html) and bird-window collisions
543 (Project BirdSafe: www.mn.audubon.org/project-birdsafe; Project Safe Flight:
544 www.nycaudubon.org/project-safe-flight), can be used in conjunction with planned surveys to
545 help inform population dynamics (Loss *et al.* 2015), although additional model development is
546 needed.

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548 *6.2. Incorporation of unmarked data types into demographic estimates*

549 Capture-recapture or other “marked” data types (e.g., dead recovery data) are the typical sources
550 for demographic analyses (Lebreton *et al.* 1992). However, recently developed approaches for

551 modeling unmarked data within a population dynamics framework provide a promising avenue
552 for estimating parameters such as survival, fecundity, and even immigration from only count and
553 detection-nondetection data (Dail & Madsen 2011; Zipkin *et al.* 2014b; Rossman *et al.* 2016).
554 Time series data can be modeled according to a Markovian process whereby individuals remain
555 in the population through a stochastic survival process and are gained to the population either via
556 recruitment or immigration (Dail & Madsen 2011). A crucial feature of these data are repeated
557 observations at each step in the time series (i.e., repeated sampling during periods of closure),
558 which allow for estimation of the detection process separately from the underlying state process
559 (Royle 2004). Incorporating these new models for time series or census data within an IPM
560 framework would lead to greater accuracy and precision of demographic rates and population
561 trends (Zipkin *et al.* 2017). Stage-structured (Link *et al.* 2003) and seasonally segregated (Link
562 & Sauer 2007) count data are especially useful because they can allow for estimates of both
563 population abundance and demographic parameters, similar to those obtained from capture-
564 recapture data (Zipkin *et al.* 2014a, b). Many rare and/or threatened species have available only
565 limited capture-recapture data or none at all; the ability to estimate demographic parameters
566 using only unmarked data offers the potential to expand integrative modeling approaches to less
567 invasive and intensive sampling methodologies.

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569 *6.3. Coupled population-environment modeling*

570 Integrated population modeling is an ideal analytical platform for coupled population-
571 environment models that are designed to project population trajectories under forecasts of future
572 conditions (e.g., climate, land-use changes). Although a growing number of studies have linked
573 climate-dependent demographic models to climate simulations (Jenouvrier *et al.* 2012; van der

574 Meer *et al.* 2016; Gauthier *et al.* 2016), this has not yet been done using IPMs, likely because
575 most population models are parameterized from a single dataset. Uncertainties in climate
576 modeling scenarios have been described extensively (Hawkins & Sutton 2009), but methods for
577 combining uncertainties from both climate and integrated models have not yet been attempted
578 (other than with random environmental noise, e.g., Oppel *et al.* 2014). Developing an approach
579 that links future environmental scenarios with integrated models is crucial to deriving accurate
580 projections of population change (Ehrlén & Morris 2015), and properly accounting for sources of
581 uncertainty and potential variation.

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583 **7. Conclusions**

584 Monitoring the consequences of anthropogenic alterations is increasingly urgent as changing
585 environmental and climate conditions continue to modify the population dynamics of species
586 worldwide. Record species losses have hastened efforts to identify extinction risks and
587 ameliorate the ultimate causes of decline (Pimm *et al.* 2014), but methodological and statistical
588 advancements often lag behind the pace necessary to enact management decisions.
589 Characterizing population dynamics and trends at broad spatial scales can be challenging, as it is
590 difficult to measure all relevant parameters, and data on those that are measured may be
591 representative of only a sample of the population (Robinson *et al.* 2014). Yet the spatial and
592 temporal scope of ecological research and conservation efforts has expanded greatly over the last
593 few decades (e.g., Fink *et al.* 2010; Robinson *et al.* 2014; Loss *et al.* 2015), requiring ever more
594 efficient data collection and analytical methods. Collection of demographic data, which are
595 necessary to understand mechanistic changes in population dynamics, is complicated when the
596 population of conservation concern is rare, sparsely distributed, or includes life stages that are

597 difficult to observe in the field (Harris *et al.* 2015; Mosnier *et al.* 2015). The development of
598 IPMs and their recent application to threatened and declining populations overcomes many
599 drawbacks associated with classical modes of inference, and has advanced our ability to
600 investigate environmental and demographic drivers of population change as well as more
601 accurately estimate trends.

602 The key strength of IPMs is that each sub-model borrows information from other sub-
603 models, making use of all available data from a study system, leading to the best possible
604 inference on a target population (Schaub & Abadi 2011). Although IPMs can be complex and
605 beyond the expertise of some ecologists and conservation practitioners, the software for their
606 implementation is freely available (e.g., R, JAGS, BUGS, NIMBLE, Julia, C++, INLA, ADMB)
607 and example code for typical models can be found online (e.g., Kéry & Schaub 2012, Chapter
608 11). More user-friendly tutorials and how-to papers, especially within a Bayesian framework,
609 would enable a wider audience to become familiar with IPMs and their implementation. IPMs
610 should be broadly adopted for conservation-focused projects with multiple data sources,
611 including those with data types not typically incorporated (e.g., citizen science programs),
612 because IPMs can be used to better understand and detect population declines (Schaub *et al.*
613 2010; Mosnier *et al.* 2015), prioritize populations of conservation concern (Altwegg *et al.* 2014),
614 enhance monitoring schemes (Tempel *et al.* 2014), and adjust management strategies (Johnson *et*
615 *al.* 2010; Demerdzhiev *et al.* 2015). These capabilities are improving recovery for threatened and
616 declining species worldwide, and have the potential to continue to do so with further method
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967 **Figure Legends**

968 **Figure 1.** Graphical depiction of a hypothetical integrated population model showing the
969 potential for different data sources to contribute to shared inference on demographic parameters
970 and population abundance. Four common types of population data are shown; all data types
971 shown are not required in an IPM and other data types can be incorporated. Demographic
972 parameters are represented with purple rectangles, observation parameters with green rectangles,
973 and data are symbolized with blue diamonds. Arrows demonstrate the dependences between
974 nodes. Sub-models are represented by dotted yellow rectangles and titled with the typical data
975 type and model structure. Node notations: n_a = number of adults assessed for reproduction, n_o =
976 number of juveniles produced, f = per-capita recruitment rate, ω = immigration rate, s_l = first-
977 year survival probability, s_j = juvenile survival probability (for individuals older than one), s_a =
978 adult survival probability, y = population count data, σ^2 = observation error on count data, N =
979 true population abundance, t = telemetry data, p_t = encounter rate for telemetry data, d =
980 recovery rate of dead individuals, m = capture-recapture data, p_m = capture probability for
981 marked individuals. Figure adapted from Schaub & Abadi 2011.

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983 **Figure 2.** The process for developing an integrated population model for conservation
984 applications. IPMs jointly analyze data on population size and demographic parameters. A
985 variety of data input types can be used in IPMs, including (1) telemetry or radio-tracking data,
986 (2) productivity/fecundity data, (3) population survey/census data as collected through transects,
987 point counts, or ground counts, (4) dead recovery/carcass data, (5) occupancy (detection-
988 nondetection) data, and (6) capture-mark-recapture data as collected by tagging, banding, or
989 other external marking techniques (top panel). The modeling process includes (1) identifying the

990 relevant population model with the aid of a life cycle diagram, (2) determining the likelihoods
991 for individual datasets relative to the demographic rates identified with the population model and
992 the sampling processes, and (3) using the joint likelihood to estimate parameter values (middle
993 panel). Joint analysis of multiple datasets allows for more precise estimates of population
994 abundance and demographic rates, such as stage-specific survival and recruitment. Two outputs
995 of particular interest within a conservation context are estimation of immigration rate and trends
996 in population abundance (bottom panel).

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998 **Figure 3.** Examples of possible (a & b) retrospective and (c & d) prospective analyses using
999 results from an integrated population model incorporating three simulated 20-year datasets (i.e.,
1000 population counts, capture-recapture, productivity) from a hypothetical red-backed shrike
1001 (*Lanius collurio*) population (male shown in inset). Post-hoc correlations (r) between annual
1002 population growth rates and IPM-generated estimates of (a) immigration rate and (b) adult
1003 survival are plotted to demonstrate retrospective analyses that can elucidate the contribution of
1004 demographic rates to variation in population growth (adapted from Schaub *et al.* 2013, Tempel &
1005 Gutiérrez 2014). IPM-generated population abundance can be projected forward for prospective
1006 analyses to examine (c) the distribution of the time to extinction (of simulated populations that
1007 went extinct), as well as (d) cumulative extinction probabilities under different management
1008 strategies (e.g., increase productivity by 20%, reduce temporal variability in adult survival by
1009 50% shown; example and code taken from unpublished work by M. Schaub & M. Kéry).

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Figure 1.

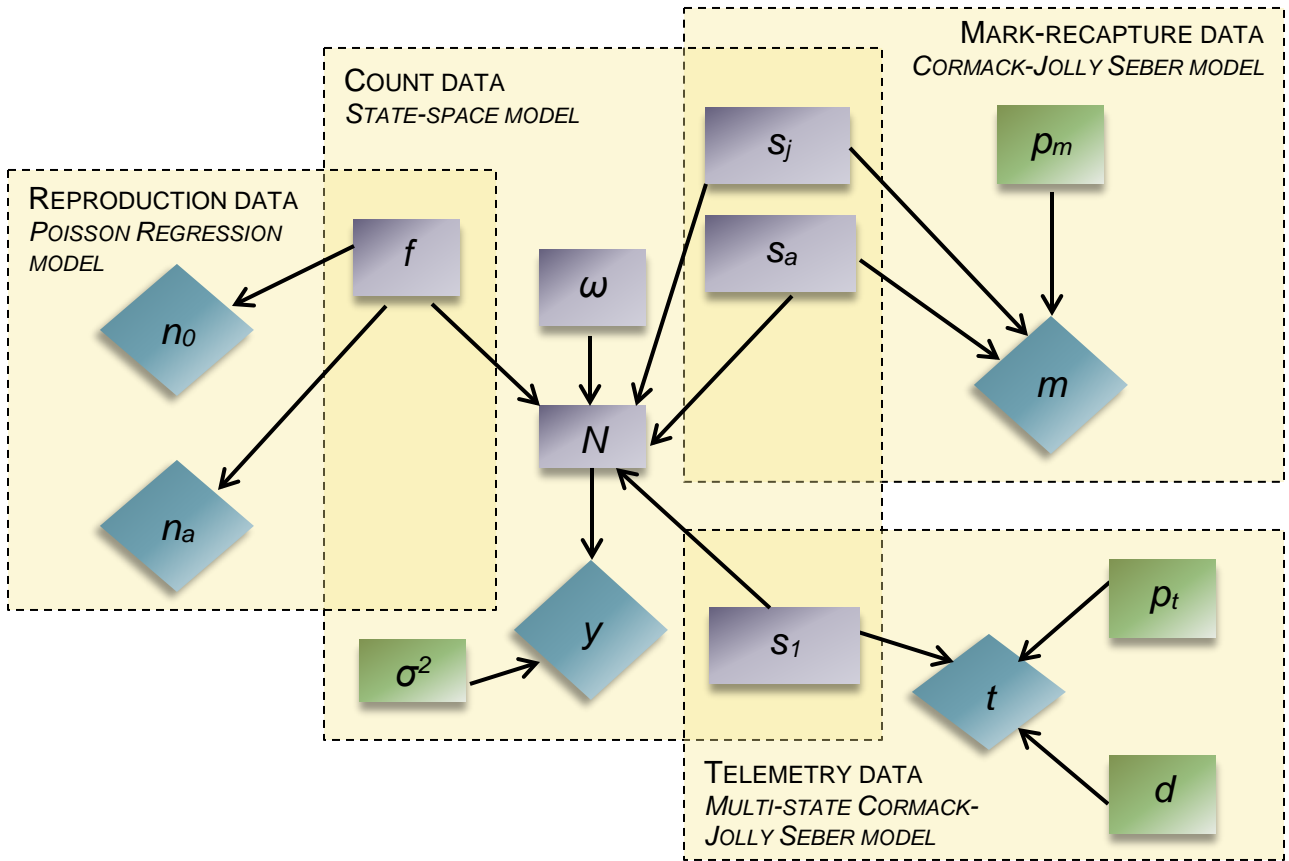
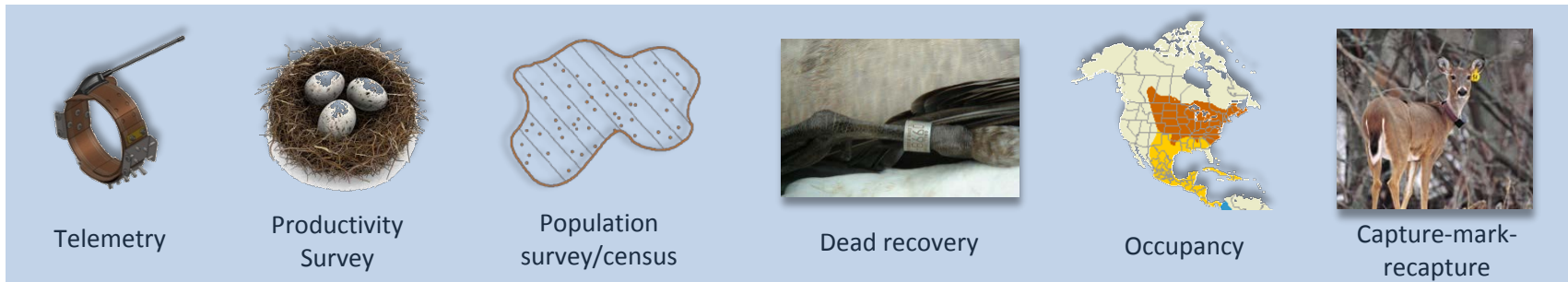
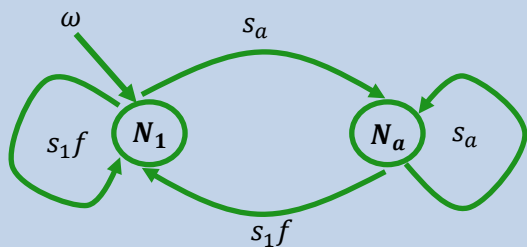


Figure 2. Data input types:



Steps in the modeling process:

Step 1: Specify the population model



Example life cycle diagram of a geographically open population assuming an annual pre-breeding census. The two stages are one-year-old adults (N_1) and older adults (N_a). Demographic parameters are survival (s_1, s_a), fecundity (f) and immigration (w). The model assumes that individuals reproduce starting at age one and only one-year-old adults can immigrate.

Step 2: Define individual likelihoods

$$L_{SS}(y|N, s_1, s_a, f, \omega, \sigma_y^2) =$$

$$L_{OBS}(y|N, \sigma_y^2) \cdot L_{SY}(N|s_1, s_a, f, \omega),$$

$$L_{CMR} = (m|s_1, s_a, p), L_{RS} = (n_0, n_a|f)$$

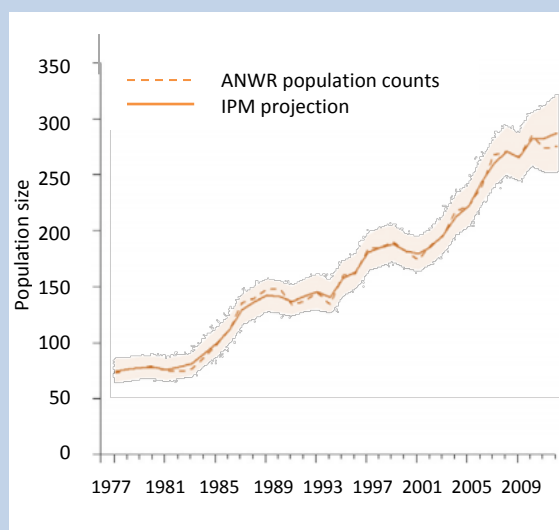
The likelihood for each data type is defined separately using the demographic (where $N=N_1 + N_a$) and detection (σ_y^2, p) parameters. For example, the state-space model (L_{SS}) using count data (y) is the product of the process (L_{SY}) and observation (L_{OBS}) models; likelihoods (L_{CMR} and L_{RS}) for other data, here capture-recapture (m) and reproduction (n_0, n_a) data, are also defined.

Step 3: Inference from joint likelihood

$$L_{IPM}(y, m, n_0, n_a|N, s_1, s_a, f, \omega, p, \sigma_y^2) = L_{OBS} \cdot L_{SY} \cdot L_{CMR} \cdot L_{RS}$$

The joint likelihood (L_{IPM}) of the model is the product of the individual likelihoods. A key assumption is that datasets are independently collected and parameters appear in multiple individual likelihoods. Detection and demographic rates are estimated using the joint likelihood, typically with Bayesian analysis.

Conservation-related outputs:



Two common IPM outputs sought for conservation: population size over time (left; figure based on whooping cranes from Wilson et al. 2016) and immigration rate (right; figure based on white-fronted geese from Weegman et al. 2016). Immigration is typically difficult to estimate and can rarely be inferred with classical capture-recapture analyses or using other individual datasets. Similarly, improved accuracy on demographic rates leads to increased precision of trend estimates compared to using only count indices, which can facilitate conservation decisions on threatened and endangered species. IPMs are also useful for the estimation of spatially explicit age-specific survival, reproduction, and movement rates.

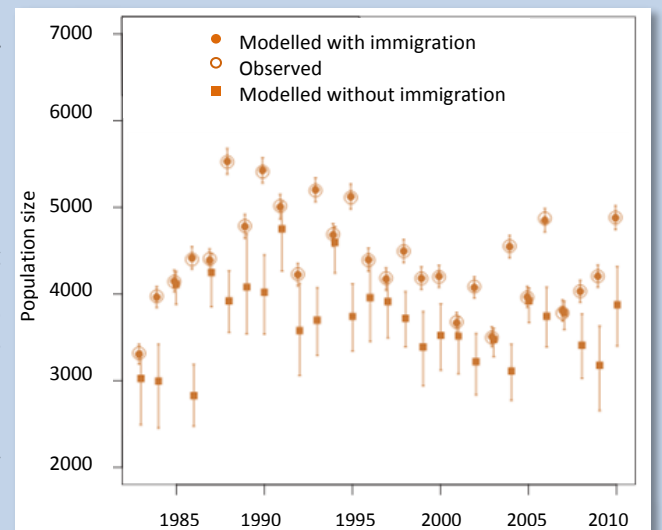


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