

# Package ‘mddmaps’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Download World Mammal Maps

**Version** 1.3.0

**Description** Lightweight maps of mammals of the world. These maps are a comprehensive collection of maps aligned with the Mammal Diversity Database taxonomy of the American Society of Mammalogists. They are generated at low resolution for easy access, consultation and manipulation in shapefile format. The package connects to a binary backup hosted in the Digital Ocean cloud service and allows individual or batch download of any mammal species in the mdd taxonomy by providing the scientific species name.

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**Encoding** UTF-8

**RoxygenNote** 7.2.3

**Depends** R (>= 2.10)

**LazyData** true

**Imports** httr, progress, readr, stringr, terra, utils

**URL** <<https://github.com/alrobles/mddmaps>>,  
<<https://alrobles.github.io/mddmaps/>>  
<<https://zenodo.org/records/10974868>>,  
<https://alrobles.github.io/mddmaps/>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/alrobles/mdd/issues>

**NeedsCompilation** no

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get_mdd	<i>Function to return mammal shapefiles of Rodentia order</i>
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### Description

Function to return mammal shapefiles of Rodentia order

### Usage

```
get_mdd(dir = NULL, version = "v1_2")
```

### Arguments

dir	A directory where to write the output
version	The mdd version order want to download

### Value

A SpatVector object with mammal shapefiles

### Source

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonized to according mdd database from American Mammalogist society. Data storage in [doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

### Examples

```
get_mdd(version = "test")
```

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get_mdd_list	<i>Function to return mammal species list available by version</i>
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**Description**

Function to return mammal species list available by version

**Usage**

```
get_mdd_list(version = "v1_2")
```

**Arguments**

version            The taxonomy version

**Value**

A data.frame object with mammal species by version

**Source**

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonized to three taxonomic authorities  
[doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

**Examples**

```
get_mdd_list(version = "test")
```

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get_mdd_map	<i>Title</i>
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**Description**

Title

**Usage**

```
get_mdd_map(species = NULL, order = NULL, version = "v1_3")
```

**Arguments**

species            A vector of mammal species name.  
order              A vector of mammal orders to retrieve.  
version            The version number of the mammal diversity database.

**Value**

A SpatVector object with mammal shapefiles

**Source**

Expert curated range maps of global mammal distributions aligned according mdd database of American Mamalogist Society. [doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

**Examples**

```
get_mdd_map(version = "test")
```

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get_mdd_order	<i>Function to return mammal shapefiles of Rodentia order</i>
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**Description**

Function to return mammal shapefiles of Rodentia order

**Usage**

```
get_mdd_order(order, version, dir = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

order	The mammal order want to download
version	The taxonomy version
dir	A directory where to write the output

**Value**

A SpatVector object with mammal shapefiles

**Source**

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonised to three taxonomic authorities [doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

**Examples**

```
get_mdd_order(version = "test")
```

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mddSpList\_v1\_2      *Species list from Mammal Diversity Database*

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**Description**

A list of species related with shapefiles in MDD. Includes taxonomy

**Usage**

mddSpList\_v1\_2

**Format**

mddSpList:

A data frame with 6485 rows and 8 columns:

**Order** Order of the species

**Family** Family of the species

**Genus** Genus of the species

**Species** Species Name

**MDD\_SciName** Species binomial name ...

**Source**

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonized to three taxonomic authorities.  
[doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

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mddSpList\_v1\_3      *Species list from Mammal Diversity Database*

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**Description**

A list of species related with shapefiles in MDD. Includes taxonomy

**Usage**

mddSpList\_v1\_3

**Format**

mddSpList:

A data frame with 6513 rows and 8 columns:

**Order** Order of the species

**Family** Family of the species

**Genus** Genus of the species

**Species** Species Name

**MDD\_SciName** Species binomial name ...

**Source**

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonised to three taxonomic authorities.  
[doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

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mddSpList\_v1\_4

*Species list from Mammal Diversity Database*

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**Description**

A list of species related with shapefiles in MDD. Includes taxonomy

**Usage**

mddSpList\_v1\_4

**Format**

mddSpList:

A data frame with 6533 rows and 8 columns:

**Order** Order of the species

**Family** Family of the species

**Genus** Genus of the species

**Species** Species Name

**MDD\_SciName** Species binomial name ...

**Source**

Expert range maps of global mammal distributions harmonized to three taxonomic authorities.  
[doi:10.5281/zenodo.10806734](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.10806734)

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