BIOMETRY for Environmental Wildlife Management

201-234-VA

Specific elements of the competency (043W: To establish the profile of a situation using statistics and

044A: To use digital and computer technologies on the job.)

- 1. Validate the data provided
- 3. Perform required statistical processing.
- 5. Analyze data and interpret results obtained.
- 7. Use computerized tools for statistical processing.

Standard of Performance: The student must be able to:

1. MEASUREMENT & SAMPLING

- 1.1 explain the terms: population, sample, variable, independence, statistic, parameter
- 1.2 describe nominal, ordinal, interval and ratio scales of measurements
- 1.3 classify random, stratified, systematic, cluster and convenience sampling and choose an appropriate method
- 1.4 determine the precision of a measurement, identify extreme values

2. DATA PRESENTATION AND TREATMENT

- 2.1 group data into classes and construct a frequency table
- 2.2 find maximum, minimum values and the range of a data set
- 2.3 calculate relative frequencies and construct a relative frequency table
- 2.4 construct and label a bar chart, a histogram, pie chart and a scatter plot (Excel)

3. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

3.1 calculate and interpret measures of central tendency (mean, median, mode) for given data 3.2 calculate and interpret the variance, the standard deviation and the coefficient of variation

4. PROBABILITY AND PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

- 4.1 explain the meaning of the terms: sample space, outcome, event, discrete and continuous random variable
- 4.2 calculate probabilities and describe a probability distribution
- 4.3 calculate and interpret probabilities for binomial and Poisson distributions (Excel)
- 4.4 state and apply the principle of critical probability
- 4.5 calculate a dispersion index and a chi-square statistic to choose a model of dispersion (random, regular or clumped)
- 4.6 describe a normal distribution, convert observations to z-scores and use a normal distribution to find probabilities

5. ESTIMATION

- 5.1 apply the Central Limit Theorem and calculate the standard error of the mean
- 5.2 calculate and interpret a confidence interval using the normal distribution and the Student's t-distribution
- 5.3 calculate a Lincoln Index to estimate the number of individuals in a population

6. HYPOTHESIS TESTS

- 6.1 carry out a hypothesis test for one population mean when σ is known and unknown
 - 6.1.1 formulate a null and a research hypothesis for a given situation
 - 6.1.2 choose the type of test (one or two-tailed)
 - 6.1.3 calculate the appropriate test statistic and p-value
 - 6.1.4 formulate and apply a criterion for a decision
- 6.2 carry out a paired t-test
- 6.3 carry out a nonparametric Mann-Whitney test
- 6.4 carry out chi-square tests for goodness of fit and independence in contingency tables
- 7. ANOVA
 - 7.1 test multi-sample hypothesis: single-factor ANOVA (Excel/Minitab)
 - 7.2 understand the assumptions in ANOVA; non-parametric ANOVA, Kruskal-Wallis test

8. REGRESSION AND CORRELATION

8.1 find and interpret the equation for a regression line for a set of data points (Excel/Minitab)8.2 find the correlation coefficient for a set of data points and interpret the result (Excel/Minitab)

- 2. Determine the type of statistical processing required
- 4. Format and present data in graphical form
- 6. Use computerized tools for data representation