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mregions-package	<i>Marine regions data from Marineregions</i>
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## Description

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## Details

mregions gets data from <https://www.marineregions.org/>

## Use-cases

**mregions** is useful to a wide diversity of R users because you get access to all of the data MarineRegions has, which can help in a variety of use cases:

- Visualize marine regions alone
- Visualize marine regions with associated data paired with analysis
- Use marine region geospatial boundaries to query data providers (e.g., OBIS (<https://www.obis.org>))
- Geocode - get geolocation data from place names
- Reverse Geocode - get place names from geolocation data

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**Examples**

```

## Not run:
## GeoJSON
### Get region
res <- mr_geojson(key = "Morocco:dam")

### Plot data
if (!requireNamespace("leaflet")) {
  install.packages("leaflet")
}
library('leaflet')
leaflet() %>%
  addProviderTiles(provider = 'OpenStreetMap') %>%
  addGeoJSON(geojson = res$features) %>%
  setView(-3.98, 35.1, zoom = 11)

## Shape
### Get region
res <- mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2")
library('leaflet')
leaflet() %>%
  addProviderTiles(provider = 'OpenStreetMap') %>%
  addPolygons(data = res)

## Convert to WKT
### From geojson
res <- mr_geojson(key = "Morocco:dam")
mr_as_wkt(res, fmt = 5)

### From shp object (`SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`) or file, both work
mr_as_wkt(mr_shp(key = "Morocco:dam", read = FALSE))
## spatial object to wkt
mr_as_wkt(mr_shp(key = "Morocco:dam", read = TRUE))

## End(Not run)

```

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mr\_as\_wkt

*Convert data to WKT*


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**Description**

Convert data to WKT

**Usage**

```
mr_as_wkt(x, fmt = 16, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Output from <code>mr_geojson()</code> , <code>mr_shp()</code> , or a <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code>
fmt	(integer) The number of digits to display after the decimal point when formatting coordinates. Ignored when shp files or <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code> passed in
...	Further args passed on to <code>jsonlite::fromJSON()</code> only in the event of json passed as a character string. Ignored when shp files or <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code> passed in

**Details**

WKT, or Well Known Text, is a way to encode spatial data. It's somewhat similar to GeoJSON, but instead of being in JSON format, it's a character string (though can also be encoded in binary format). WKT is often used in SQL databases, and many species occurrence APIs allow only WKT. You could do the conversion to WKT yourself, but we provide `as_wkt` as a convenience

**Value**

a character string of WKT data

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
res <- mr_geojson(key = "Morocco:dam")
mr_as_wkt(res)

# shp files
## path to wkt
mr_as_wkt(mr_shp(key = "Morocco:dam", read = FALSE))

## spatial object to wkt
mr_as_wkt(mr_shp(key = "Morocco:dam", read = TRUE))

## End(Not run)
```

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mr\_features\_get

*Get features*


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**Description**

Get features

**Usage**

```
mr_features_get(
  type,
  featureID,
  maxFeatures = 100,
```

```

    format = "json",
    path = NULL,
    version = "2.0.0",
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

type	(character) a region type, e.g., "MarineRegions:eez". required
featureID	(character) a feature ID. required
maxFeatures	(integer) Number of features. Default: 100
format	(character) output format, see Details for allowed options. Default: json
path	(character) required when format="SHAPE-ZIP", otherwise, ignored
version	(character) either 1.0.0 or 2.0.0 (default). In v1.0.0, the coordinates are in format y,x (long,lat), while in 2.0.0 the coordinates are in format x,y (lat,long)
...	Curl options passed on to <code>httr::GET()</code>

### Details

Allowed options for the format parameter:

- text/xml; subtype=gml/3.2
- GML2
- KML
- SHAPE-ZIP
- application/gml+xml; version=3.2
- application/json
- application/vnd.google-earth.kml xml
- application/vnd.google-earth.kml+xml
- csv
- gml3
- gml32
- json
- text/xml; subtype=gml/2.1.2
- text/xml; subtype=gml/3.1.1

### Value

depends on the format option used, usually a text string

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# json by default
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3")
# csv
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3",
  format = "csv")
# KML
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3",
  format = "KML")

# if you want SHAPE-ZIP, give a file path
# FIXME - shape files not working right now
# file <- tempfile(fileext = ".zip")
# mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3",
#   format = "SHAPE-ZIP", path = file)
# file.exists(file)
# unlink(file)

# glm32
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3",
  format = "glm32")

# version parameter
## notice the reversed coordinates
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3")
mr_features_get(type = "MarineRegions:eez", featureID = "eez.3",
  version = "1.0.0")

## End(Not run)
```

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mr\_geojson

*Get a Marineregions geojson file*

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## Description

Get a Marineregions geojson file

## Usage

```
mr_geojson(key = NULL, name = NULL, maxFeatures = 50, ...)
```

## Arguments

key	(character) Region key, of the form x:y, where x is a namespace (e.g., MarineRegions), and y is a region (e.g., eez_33176)
name	(character) Region name, if you supply this, we search against titles via <a href="#">mr_names()</a> function
maxFeatures	(integer) Number of features to return. Default: 50
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>

**Value**

an S3 class of type `mr_geojson`, just a thin wrapper around a list. The list has names:

- `type` (character) - the geojson type (e.g., `FeatureCollection`)
- `totalFeatures` (integer) - the
- `features` (list) - the features, with slots for each feature: `type`, `id`, `geometry`, `geometry_name`, and `properties`
- `crs` (list) - the coordinate reference system
- `bbox` (list) - the bounding box that encapsulates the object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# by key
res1 <- mr_geojson(key = "Morocco:dam")

# by name -- not working right now

if (requireNamespace("geojsonio")) {
  library("geojsonio")
  as.json(unclass(res1)) %>% map_leaf

  # MEOW - marine ecoregions
  as.json(unclass(mr_geojson("Ecoregions:ecoregions"))) %>% map_leaf()
}

## End(Not run)
```

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 mr\_geo\_code

*Geocode with Marineregions*


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**Description**

Geocode with Marineregions

**Usage**

```
mr_geo_code(place, like = TRUE, fuzzy = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>place</code>	(character) a place name
<code>like</code>	(logical) adds a percent-sign before and after place value (a SQL LIKE function). Default: TRUE
<code>fuzzy</code>	(logical) Uses Levenshtein query to find nearest matches. Default: FALSE
<code>...</code>	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>

**Value**

If no results, an empty list. If results found, a data.frame with the columns:

- MRGID (integer)
- gazetteerSource (character)
- placeType (character)
- latitude (numeric)
- longitude (numeric)
- minLatitude (numeric)
- minLongitude (numeric)
- maxLatitude (numeric)
- maxLongitude (numeric)
- precision (numeric)
- preferredGazetteerName (character)
- preferredGazetteerNameLang (character)
- status (character)
- accepted (integer)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# search for 'oostende', like=TRUE, and not fuzzy  
mr_geo_code(place = "oostende", like = TRUE, fuzzy = FALSE)  
  
# search for 'oostende', like=FALSE, and not fuzzy  
mr_geo_code(place = "oostende", like = FALSE, fuzzy = FALSE)  
  
# search for 'oostende', like=FALSE, and fuzzy  
mr_geo_code(place = "oostende", like = FALSE, fuzzy = TRUE)  
  
# search for 'oostende', like=TRUE, and fuzzy  
mr_geo_code(place = "oostende", like = TRUE, fuzzy = TRUE)  
  
# search for 'ast', like=TRUE, and fuzzy  
mr_geo_code(place = "ast", like = TRUE, fuzzy = TRUE)  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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mr_layers	<i>list layers</i>
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**Description**

list layers

**Usage**

```
mr_layers(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Curl options passed on to [httr::GET\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
res <- mr_layers()  
vapply(res, '[[', '', 'Name')  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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mr_names	<i>Get region names - v2</i>
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**Description**

Get region names - v2

**Usage**

```
mr_names(layer, ...)
```

**Arguments**

layer A layer name, one of `MarineRegions:eez`, `MarineRegions:eez_boundaries`, `MarineRegions:iho`, `MarineRegions:fao`, or `MarineRegions:lme`

... Curl options passed on to [httr::GET\(\)](#)

**Value**

a data.frame, or tibble, of class `tbl_df` (basically, a compact data.frame), with slots:

- `layer` (character) - name of the layer (e.g. `MarineRegions:eez`)
- `name_first` (character) - first part of the name, e.g., `MarineRegions`
- `name_second` (character) - second part of the name, e.g., `eez`
- `id` (character) - the feature ID

additional columns vary by layer

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# mr_names gives a tidy data.frame
(res <- mr_names("MarineRegions:eez"))
(res <- mr_names('MarineRegions:eez_boundaries'))
(res <- mr_names('MarineRegions:iho'))
(res <- mr_names('MarineRegions:fao'))
(res <- mr_names('MarineRegions:lme'))

## End(Not run)
```

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mr_names_search	<i>Search for region names</i>
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**Description**

Search for region names

**Usage**

```
mr_names_search(x, q = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, q</code>	Either a <code>tbl_df</code> , returned from <code>mr_names()</code> , or a query as a character string. If a <code>tbl_df</code> , you must pass a query string to <code>q</code> . If a query string (character) is passed to <code>x</code> , leave <code>q</code> as <code>NULL</code>
<code>...</code>	Parameters passed on to <code>agrep()</code>

**Value**

`NULL` if no matches found, or a data.frame, or tibble, of class `tbl_df`, with slots:

- `name` (character) - name of the region, which is a combination of the `name_first` and `name_second`, e.g., `Morocco:elevation_10m`
- `title` (character) - title for the region
- `name_first` (character) - first part of the name, e.g., `Morocco`
- `name_second` (character) - second part of the name, e.g., `elevation_10m`

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Get region names with mr_names() function
(res <- mr_names("MarineRegions:eez"))

# to save time, pass in the result from mr_names()
mr_names_search(res, q = "Amer")

# if you don't pass in the result from mr_names(), we have to
# call mr_names() internally, adding some time
mr_names_search(x = "iho", q = "Black")
mr_names_search(x = "iho", q = "Sea")

# more examples
mr_names_search("iho", "Sea")
(res <- mr_names("MarineRegions:iho"))
mr_names_search(res, q = "Sea")

## End(Not run)
```

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mr\_place\_relations      *Related records*

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**Description**

Get related records based on their MRGID.

**Usage**

```
mr_place_relations(
  mrgid,
  direction = c("upper", "lower", "both"),
  type = c("partof", "partlypartof", "adjacentto", "similarto", "administrativepartof",
    "influencedby", "all"),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

mrgid	(numeric) the MRGID (Marineregions Global Identifier) for the record of interest
direction	(character) in which direction of the geographical hierarchy should the records be retrieved? Default: upper
type	(character) what kind of relations should the records retrieve have with the place? Default: partof
...	curl options to be passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## geocode to get geospatial data for a place name
(tikehau <- mr_geo_code("tikehau"))

## then pass in in an MRGID as the first parameter
mr_place_relations(tikehau$MRGID)

## Set direction='both'
mr_place_relations(tikehau$MRGID, direction = "both")

## Set type to various other options
mr_place_relations(307, type = "adjacentto")
mr_place_relations(414, type = "similarto")
mr_place_relations(4177, type = "all")

## End(Not run)
```

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mr_place_types	<i>Get Marineregions place types</i>
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**Description**

Get Marineregions place types

**Usage**

```
mr_place_types(...)
```

**Arguments**

... Curl options passed on to [httr::GET\(\)](#)

**Value**

A data.frame with the columns:

- type (character) the place type
- description (character) description of the place type

## Examples

```
## Not run:
res <- mr_place_types()
head(res)
res$type

## End(Not run)
```

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mr\_records\_by\_type      *Get Marineregions records by place type*

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## Description

Get Marineregions records by place type

## Usage

```
mr_records_by_type(type, offset = 0, ...)
```

## Arguments

type	(character) One place type name. See <a href="#">mr_place_types()</a> for place type names
offset	(numeric) Offset to start at. Each request can return up to 100 results. e.g., an offset of 200 will give records 200 to 299.
...	Curl options passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>

## Details

Internally we use the `getGazetteerRecordsByType.json` API method, which searches for Marineregions records by user supplied place type

## Value

If no results, an empty list. If results found, a data.frame with the columns:

- MRGID (integer)
- gazetteerSource (character)
- placeType (character)
- latitude (numeric)
- longitude (numeric)
- minLatitude (numeric)
- minLongitude (numeric)
- maxLatitude (numeric)
- maxLongitude (numeric)

- precision (numeric)
- preferredGazetteerName (character)
- preferredGazetteerNameLang (character)
- status (character)
- accepted (integer)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Get records of type 'EEZ', then inspect data.frame
res <- mr_records_by_type(type="EEZ")
head(res)

# You can use mr_place_types() function to get types
## then pass those into this function
types <- mr_place_types()
mr_records_by_type(types$type[1])
mr_records_by_type(types$type[10])

# use regex to find a type name matching a pattern
x <- grep("MEOW", types$type, value = TRUE)

# then pass to the function
mr_records_by_type(x)
mr_records_by_type(x, offset = 100)

## End(Not run)
```

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mr\_rev\_geo\_code

*Reverse Geocode with Marineregions*

---

### Description

Retrieve the names of geographic objects from coordinates (and optionally a radius around them).

### Usage

```
mr_rev_geo_code(lat, lon, lat_radius = 1, lon_radius = 1, ...)
```

### Arguments

lat	(numeric) Latitude for the coordinates (decimal format)
lon	(numeric) Longitude for the coordinates (decimal format)
lat_radius	(numeric) Extends search to include the range from lat-lat_radius to lat+lat_radius
lon_radius	(numeric) Extends search to include the range from lon-lon_radius to lon+lon_radius
...	curl options to be passed on to <a href="#">httr::GET()</a>

**Value**

If no results, an empty list. If results found, a data.frame with the columns:

- MRGID (integer)
- gazetteerSource (character)
- placeType (character)
- latitude (numeric)
- longitude (numeric)
- minLatitude (numeric)
- minLongitude (numeric)
- maxLatitude (numeric)
- maxLongitude (numeric)
- precision (numeric)
- preferredGazetteerName (character)
- preferredGazetteerNameLang (character)
- status (character)
- accepted (integer)

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
# Setting radius to 0.5  
mr_rev_geo_code(-21.5, 55.5, lat_radius=0.5, lon_radius=0.5)  
  
# radius to 3  
mr_rev_geo_code(-21.5, 55.5, lat_radius=3, lon_radius=3)  
  
# radius to 1  
mr_rev_geo_code(-15, 45, lat_radius=1, lon_radius=1)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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 mr\_shp

*Get a region shp file*


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### Description

Get a region shp file

### Usage

```
mr_shp(
  key = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  maxFeatures = 500,
  overwrite = TRUE,
  read = TRUE,
  filter = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

key	(character) Region key, of the form <code>x:y</code> , where <code>x</code> is a namespace (e.g., <code>MarineRegions</code> ), and <code>y</code> is a region (e.g., <code>eez_33176</code> )
name	(character) Region name, if you supply this, we search against titles via <code>mr_names()</code> function
maxFeatures	(integer) Number of features
overwrite	(logical) Overwrite file if already exists. Default: <code>FALSE</code>
read	(logical) To read in as spatial object. If <code>FALSE</code> a path given back. if <code>TRUE</code> , you need the <code>rgdal</code> package installed. Default: <code>FALSE</code>
filter	(character) String to filter features on
...	Curl options passed on to <code>httr::GET()</code> . since we use caching, note that if you've made the exact same request before and the file is still in cache, we grab the cached file and don't make an HTTP request, so any curl options passed would be ignored.

### Details

We use `rappdirs` to determine where to cache data depending on your operating system. See `rappdirs::user_cache_dir("mregions")` for location on your machine

We cache based on the name of the region plus the `maxFeatures` parameter. That is to say, you can query the same region name, but with different `maxFeatures` parameter values, and they will get cached separately. You can clear the cache by going to the directory at `rappdirs::user_cache_dir("mregions")` and deleting the files.



**Value**

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame if read = TRUE, or a path to a SHP file on disk if read = FALSE.

**Note**

the parameter name is temporarily not useable. MarineRegions updated their web services, and we haven't sorted out yet how to make this feature work. We may bring it back in future version of this package.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## just get path
mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2", read = FALSE)
## read shp file into spatial object
res <- mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2", read = TRUE)

mr_shp(key = "SAIL:w_marinehabitatd")

# maxFeatures
library(sp)
plot(mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2"))
plot(mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2", maxFeatures = 5))

# vizualize with package leaflet
if (requireNamespace("leaflet")) {
  library('leaflet')
  leaflet() %>%
    addTiles() %>%
    addPolygons(data = res)
}

# use `filter` param to get a subset of a region
library(sp)
pp <- mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2")
plot(pp)
rr <- mr_shp(key = "MarineRegions:eez_iho_union_v2",
  filter = "North Atlantic Ocean")
plot(rr)

# get Samoan Exclusive Economic Zone
res <- mr_shp(
  key = "MarineRegions:eez",
  filter = "Samoan Exclusive Economic Zone"
)
sp::plot(res)

## End(Not run)
```

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