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POPULATION VIABILITY ANALYSIS - VORTEX LISTSERVER

Dr. Robert Lacy announces the creation of a VORTEX e-mail discussion group (listserv). The VORTEX Listserv will facilitate the exchange of ideas, questions, answers, and suggestions among the many users of the VORTEX population modeling program. It was created because questions were frequently received about the use of VORTEX, as well as suggestions for changes from users. Often several people asked similar questions (the manual is a bit sparse on technical details), and it was assumed that many other people were facing similar problems without knowing how to obtain an answer. Helpful hints were also received from users about efficient ways to use the program. People are also using various versions of VORTEX (the most recent is Version 7.0), and with this listserv it will be possible to make announcements of updates, bug fixes, and suggestions. To sign up for the VORTEX Listserv, send an email message to: vortex-request@bio-3.bsd.uchicago.edu. The subject of the message should be just the word SUBSCRIBE. After signing up, it is possible to send messages to the list at: vortex@bio-3.bsd.uchicago.edu (note that this address is slightly different from the one to which the initial subscribe request is sent.). Messages will be distributed to everyone on the list. The list is unmoderated and open to anyone who wishes to participate. As list administrator, Robert Lacy will eliminate and permanently block any subscribers who send offensive messages, extraneous messages that would obviously be of no interest to VORTEX users, or

advertisements for products (other than perhaps VORTEX add-ons and upgrades). Feel free to make suggestions about the listserv itself. Please send in questions, suggestions, reports of exciting applications of VORTEX, or anything which would be of particular interest to other VORTEX users, or simply sign up and passively watch the flow of ideas contributed by others. To unsubscribe, send a message with Subject: UNSUBSCRIBE to vortex-request@bio-3.bsd.uchicago.edu. Setting up this Listserv was possible due to the generous help of the Academic Computing Center of the University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division.

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