Record Nr. UNINA9910299973103321 Autore Iannelli Mimmo Titolo An Introduction to Mathematical Population Dynamics: Along the trail of Volterra and Lotka / / by Mimmo Iannelli, Andrea Pugliese Cham:,: Springer International Publishing:,: Imprint: Springer,, Pubbl/distr/stampa 2014 **ISBN** 3-319-03026-4 Edizione [1st ed. 2014.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (XIV, 346 p.) Collana La Matematica per il 3+2, , 2038-5722 ; ; 79 Disciplina 570.285 Soggetti Biomathematics **Ecology** Applied mathematics **Engineering mathematics** Mathematical and Computational Biology Theoretical Ecology/Statistics **Applications of Mathematics** Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Note generali 1 Malthus, Verhulst and all that -- 2 Delayed population models -- 3 Nota di contenuto Models of discrete-time population growth -- 4 Stochastic modeling of population growth -- 5 Spatial spread of a population -- 6 Preypredator models -- 7 Competition among species -- 8 Mathematical modeling of epidemics -- 9 Models with several species and trophic levels -- 10 Appendices: A Basic theory of Ordinary Differential Equations; B Delay Equations; C Discrete dynamics; D Continuous-time Markov chains. Sommario/riassunto This book is an introduction to mathematical biology for students with no experience in biology, but who have some mathematical background. The work is focused on population dynamics and ecology, following a tradition that goes back to Lotka and Volterra, and includes a part devoted to the spread of infectious diseases, a field where mathematical modeling is extremely popular. These themes are used as the area where to understand different types of mathematical modeling

and the possible meaning of qualitative agreement of modeling with

data. The book also includes a collections of problems designed to approach more advanced questions. This material has been used in the courses at the University of Trento, directed at students in their fourth year of studies in Mathematics. It can also be used as a reference as it provides up-to-date developments in several areas.