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Nodes capacity building and collaboration

Collaboration between participants is vital for GBIF to act as one global community. Several approaches are in place to encourage and support such collaboration.

Regional nodes meetings
In 2011, three independently financed regional nodes meetings were organized in Africa (South Africa), Europe (France) and Latin America (Uruguay). The focus of this regional approach is to identify regional priorities and targets in relation to GBIF's work programme. The aim is also to strengthen cooperation between participant nodes.

Mentoring programme
The mentoring programme builds partnerships between participant nodes to transfer experiences and expertise. Since its start in 2003, the mentoring programme has supported 15 projects, involving 24 countries, funded by small grants.

Year	Mentored GBIF Participant Node(s)	Mentor GBIF Participant Node(s)
2011	Ghana (GhaBIF)	The Netherlands (NLBIF)
	Central African Republic (GBIF Centrafrique)	GBIF France and GBIF Cameroon (CamBIF)
	Uganda (UgaBIF)	The Netherlands (ETI Bioinformatics)
	Chile	Costa Rica (INBio)
2010	India (Wildlife Institute of India)	Australia (Atlas of Living Australia)
	Togo (Togo-BIF)	France (GBIF-France)
	Kenya (KenBIF, National Museums of Kenya)	Finland (GBIF-Finland)
2009	Cuba (Centro Nacional de Biodiversidad)	Colombia (GBIF Colombia), GBIF Spain and Costa Rica (INBio)
	Mauritania (Mauritanian National Node)	Belgium (BeBIF)
2007	Argentina (Argentine National Node)	Colombia (GBIF Colombia) and USA (UC Berkeley)
	Colombia (GBIF Colombia)	Spain (GBIF-ES) and the Netherlands (NLBIF)
2005	Pakistan (Museum of Natural History)	Australia (ABIF – Australia Biological Resources Study)
	Peru (Instituto de Investigaciones de la Amazonia Peruana)	Costa Rica (INBio)
2004	Argentina	Costa Rica (INBio)
	Nicaragua	
	Ghana	Denmark (DanBIF)

Mentoring programmes since 2004

Capacity Enhancement Programme for Developing Countries (CEPDEC)
The establishment of national biodiversity information facilities in developing countries, to enable science and decision-making, is the aim of GBIF's capacity enhancement projects. The current projects are:

1. support to TanBIF in Tanzania, financed by the Danish government; and
2. support to 22 SEP countries in Africa and Southeast Asia, financed by the French government, and coordinated by the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement in collaboration with the project Sud Expert Plantes and GBIF.

GBIF encourages governments and organizations to support new projects.

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About GBIF

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) was established by governments in 2001 to encourage free and open access to biodiversity data, via the Internet. Through a global network of national and thematic nodes, and a Secretariat based in Copenhagen, Denmark, GBIF promotes and facilitates the mobilization, access, discovery and use of information about the occurrence of organisms over time and across the planet.

Vision – A world in which biodiversity information is freely and universally available for science, society, and a sustainable future.

Mission – To be the foremost global resource for biodiversity information, and engender smart solutions for environmental and human well-being.

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