

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.

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.



Mentoring programmes since 2004





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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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