

The mission of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) is to facilitate free and open access to biodiversity data worldwide via the Internet to underpin sustainable development. Priorities, with an emphasis on promoting participation and working through partners, include mobilising biodiversity data, developing protocols and standards to ensure scientific integrity and interoperability, building an informatics architecture to allow the interlinking of diverse data types from disparate sources, promoting capacity building and catalysing development of analytical tools for improved decision-making.

CALLS FOR ACTION AND PARTICIPATION

Call for tenders - CEPDEC Tanzania Pilot Project

The GBIF Secretariat has opened a call for tenders to develop a set of applications to support biodiversity-related decision making in Tanzania. This development is part of the implementation of the CEPDEC Tanzania Pilot Project (funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Deadline for application is 9 December. [[read more...](#)]

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

DanBIF offers a Data Hosting Centre for biodiversity data

DanBIF, the Danish National Node of GBIF has launched a data hosting service to host and archive primary biodiversity datasets on behalf of data holders where required and publish them through the GBIF network. This service will be available to holders of datasets which have a high potential of being lost, due to the unavailability of infrastructure, or the human and financial resources required to maintain such datasets by the data holders. [[read more...](#)]

GBIF accredited to Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has approved GBIF's application to become an observer organisation. This allows GBIF to be officially represented at, and have input during IPCC meetings.

Species Profile Model project successfully concluded

A collaborative project between GBIF, EoL and Plazi has resulted in Plazi developing a web service providing treatments in Species Profile Model (SPM) format allowing interested parties to consume and automatically publish such content. [[read more...](#)]

TOOLS AND SERVICES

New Training CD on the GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT) released

A training CD, based on materials from the Helpdesk Experts Workshop on the GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT) has just been released. This CD is a compilation of presentations, promotional materials, technical documents, videos and online resources about the GBIF IPT. [[read more...](#)]

PARTICIPATION

GBIF - now 96 Participants

The total number of GBIF Participants is 96, comprising 53 GBIF country members and 43 international organisation members. For a full list of GBIF's current Participants, click [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

The GBIF Participant, Chinese Taipei, has kindly translated the previous issue of GBits into both traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese. Both versions are available from the GBIF website: <http://www.gbif.org/communications/publications/newsletters/>. The GBIF Secretariat wishes to thank Chinese Taipei for the translations and to encourage other Participants to send any translated GBIF material they may have to the Secretariat in order to have it put on the GBIF website.

GBRDS Stakeholders Planning Workshop report

To scope the GBRDS, a GBRDS Stakeholders Planning Workshop was held 17-18 September 2009, in Copenhagen. The workshop report captures all the ideas and views presented by the workshop participants. [[read more...](#)]

MEETINGS & EVENTS

GBIF at COP15

GBIF will in collaboration with Bioversity International be convening an official high-level side event at COP15 entitled "Building the global biodiversity informatics commons for climate change adaptation." In addition to this, GBIF can also be visited at the GBIF booth during 7-11 December. [[read more...](#)]

Asian Regional Meeting and Biodiversity Workshop in Bangkok, 16-19 November 2009

Co-organised by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) and the GBIF Secretariat, a biodiversity informatics workshop was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 16-19 November. This event, the fifth of a series of GBIF regional meetings initiated in 2008, brought together around 55 biodiversity informatics experts from Asia to discuss the plans on mobilisation, sharing, and use of biodiversity data in the region over the next years. [[read more...](#)]

GB16 photos available

Photos from the recent GB16 meeting in Copenhagen have been made available on the web: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/44353813@N02/sets/72157622828140336/>.

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