

# Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

*...for science*

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*Biodiversity data in montane and arid Eurasia  
Almaty, Kazakhstan*

*18-19 November 2024*



# Vision

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A world in which the best possible biodiversity data underpins research, policy and decisions.



# Mission

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To mobilize the data, skills and technologies needed to make comprehensive biodiversity information freely available for science and decisions addressing biodiversity loss and sustainable development



**1** Building the evidence to advance scientific research and understanding of global biodiversity



**2** Supporting policy responses and knowledge transfer that address urgent societal challenges around planetary change



2023 - 2027

# GBIF Strategic Framework

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# GBIF strategic framework 2023 - 2027

## Building the evidence to advance scientific research and understanding of global biodiversity

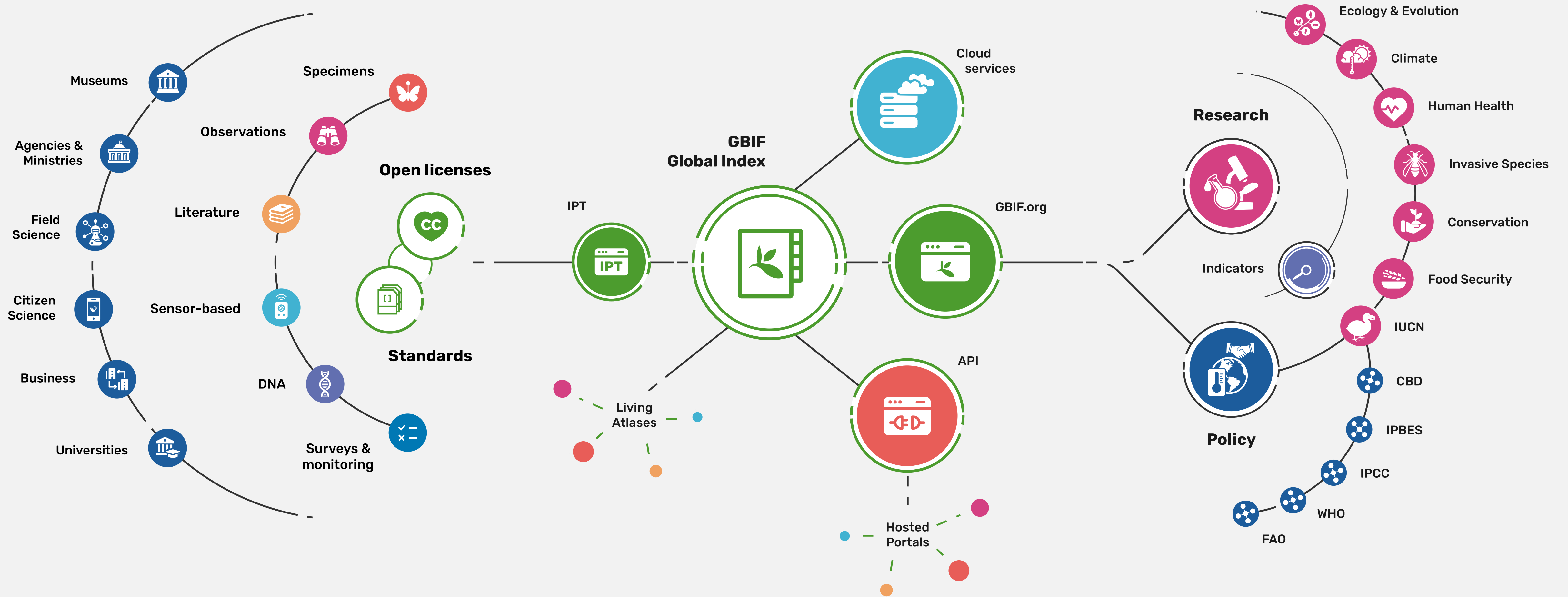
### *Objectives*



- Reduce knowledge gaps by helping the network to set targets for consolidating data coverage across thematic, taxonomic, phylogenetic, spatial and temporal dimensions.
- Enable, expand and diversify the uptake and application of GBIF-mediated data.
- Support the evolution of fundamental data-driven biodiversity research and its application across methods, scales and disciplines in life and environmental sciences.
- Ensure meaningful data exchange and reuse of data through citations and measurements, promoting and consistently applying accepted standards that adhere to best practices and sustain the highest aspirations in open and data-intensive science.
- Increase GBIF's relevance to research, promote recognition, expand involvement and improve best practices for data in academia and higher education.



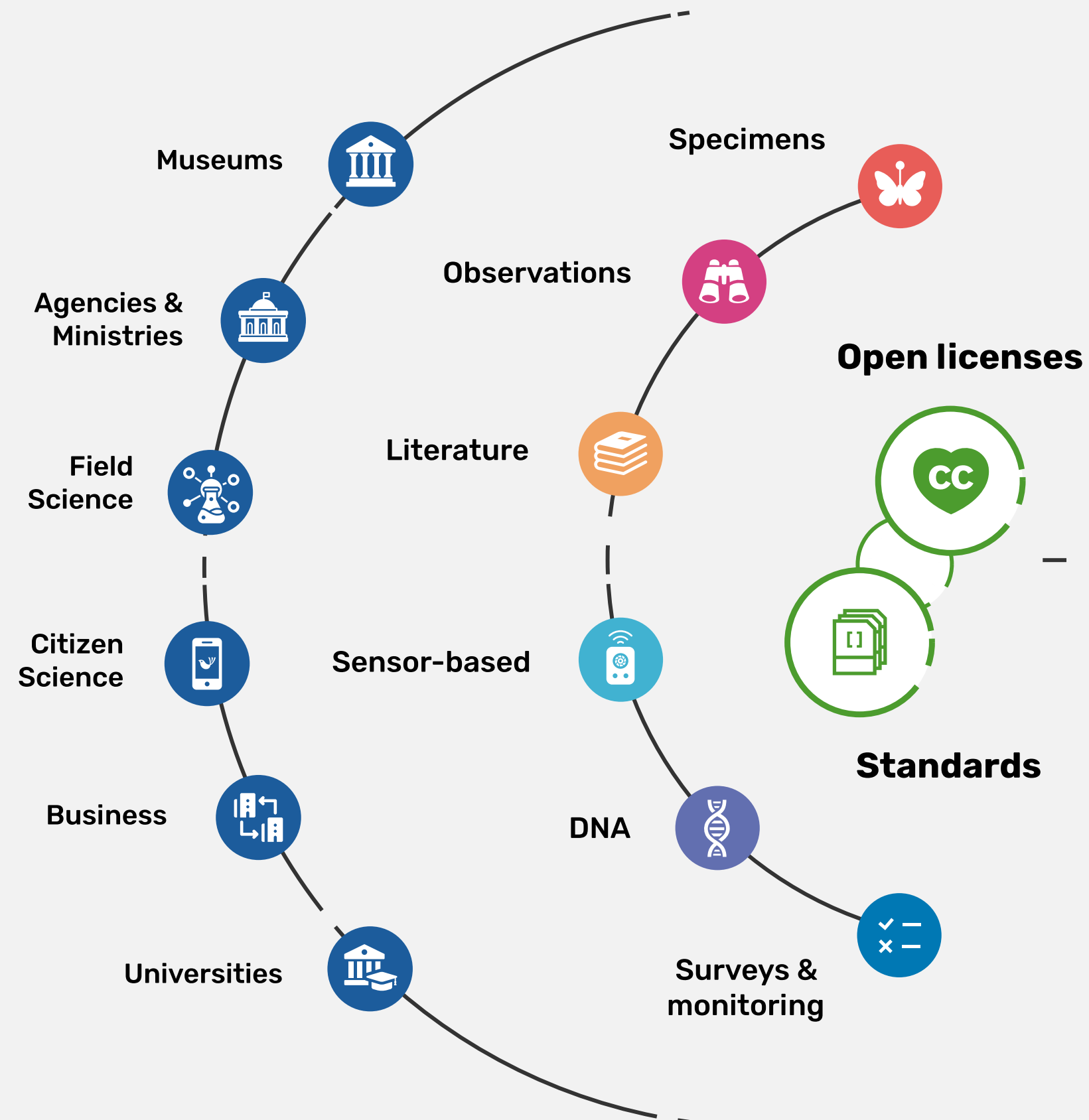
# Providing biodiversity evidence for research and policy



# Sources of biodiversity evidence

**Create**

*Combine sources of evidence*

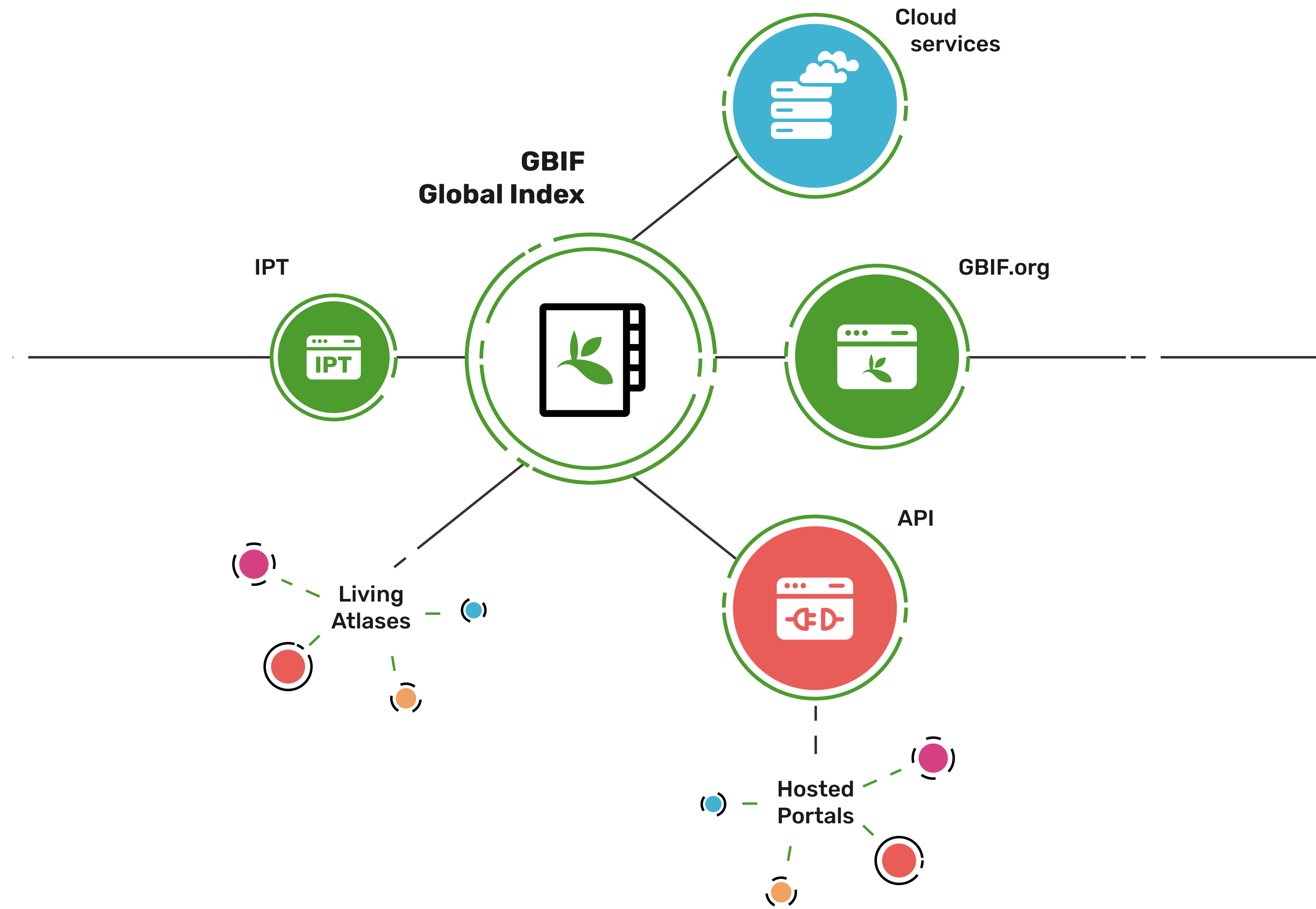




# Access to biodiversity evidence

## Share

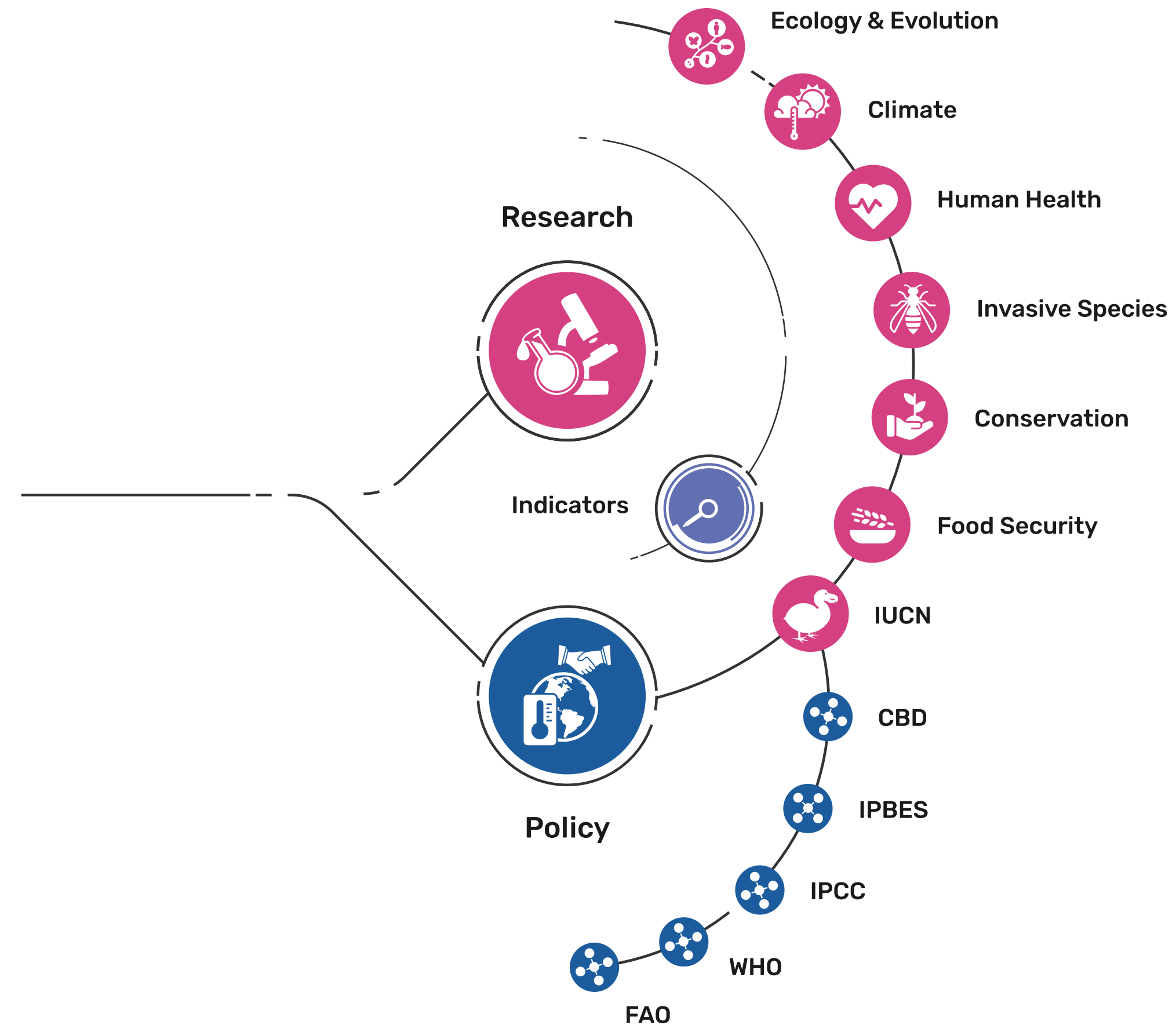
*FAIR and open access*



# Uses of biodiversity evidence

## Transform

*Apply and use data*



GBIF supporting research

GBIF supporting policy



# Science and research

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# Data in 108,709 datasets: attribution, credit and affiliation

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OCCURRENCE DATASET | REGISTERED JULY 27, 2009

## Swiss National Bryophyte Databank

Published by [Swiss National Biodiversity Data and Information Centres – infospecies.ch](https://www.infospecies.ch)

Hofmann H • Cailliau A • Hartwig A

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236,552 OCCURRENCES | 111 CITATIONS

This dataset is maintained by Swissbryophytes (National Data- and Information Center of Swiss Bryophytes, formerly "National Inventory of Swiss bryophytes", NISM). We are a member of InfoSpecies. The dataset includes records of Bryophytes (Anthocerotophyta, Bryophyta, Marchantiophyta) from Switzerland and the adjacent area. Data sources include official herbaria and private collections from a large network of volunteer collaborators, inventories (National Inventory of Swiss bryophytes NISM, Red ... [More](#))

**Swissbryophytes**

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236,552 Occurrences | 100% With taxon match | 100% With coordinates | 100% With year

236,552 GEOREFERENCED RECORDS

1 Affiliation

2 Authorship

3 Data citations

4 DOI

Frontiers of Biogeography 2021, 13.04, e51146

**RESEARCH ARTICLE** | Frontiers of Biogeography  
the scientific journal of the International Biogeography Society

### Climatic drivers of *Sphagnum* species distributions

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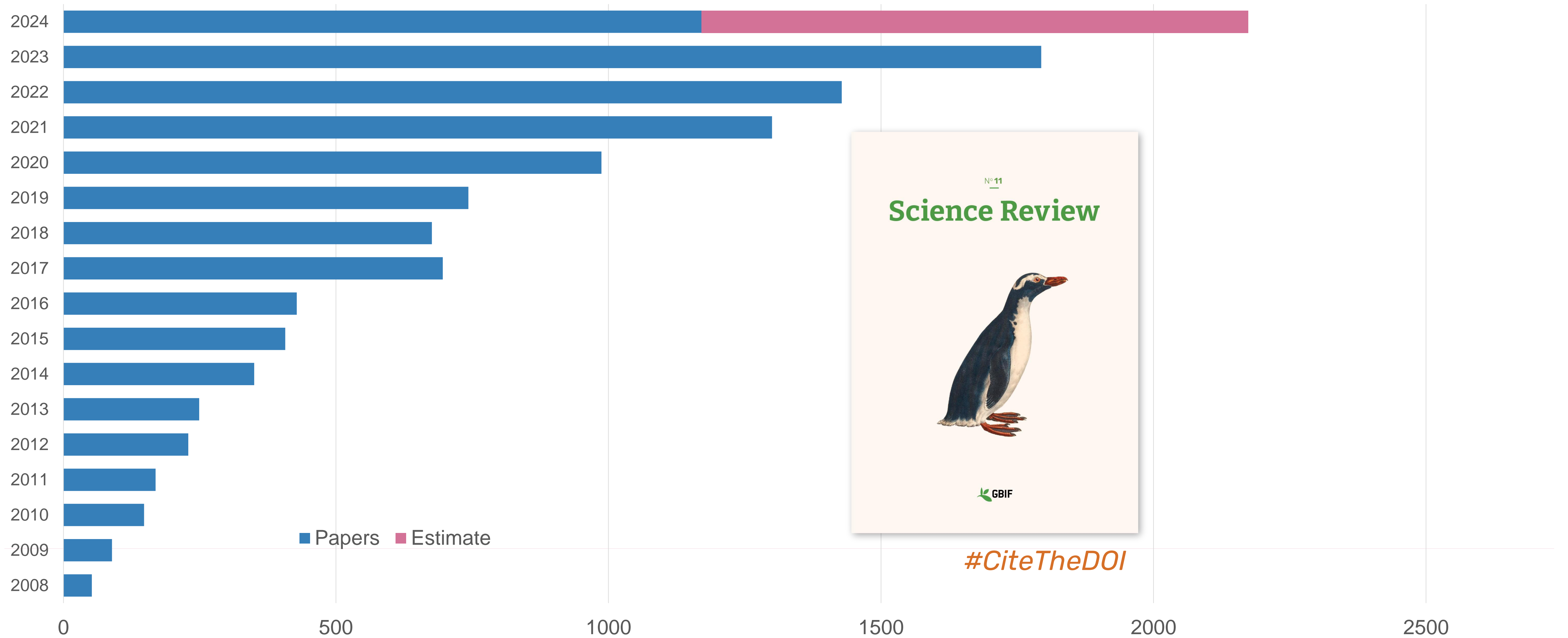
**Abstract**  
Peat mosses (genus *Sphagnum*) dominate most Northern mires and show distinct distributional limits in Europe despite having efficient dispersal and few dispersal barriers. This pattern indicates that *Sphagnum* species distributions are strongly linked to climate. *Sphagnum*-dominated mires have been the largest terrestrial carbon sinks in Europe over the last few millennia. Understanding the climatic drivers of *Sphagnum* species distributions is important for predicting the future functionality of peatlands. We used MaxEnt, with biologically relevant climatic variables, to model and clarify the current distributions of 45 *Sphagnum* species in Europe. We

**Highlights**

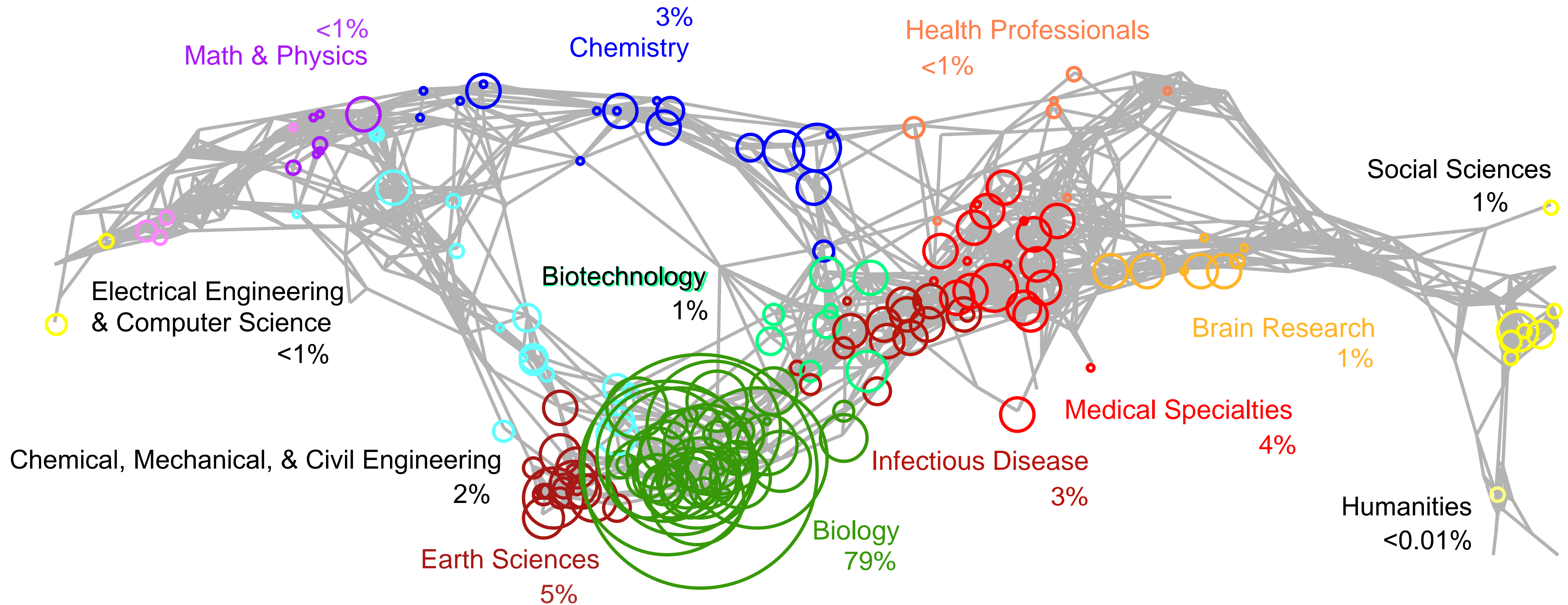
- Peat mosses (*Sphagnum*) form northern peatlands and species have different distributions across Europe.
- We model the climatic suitability for all European species using multiple databases and MaxEnt models.
- The climatic suitability for most species can be accurately modelled with mean annual temperature and water balance and their variation over the year.
- *Sphagnum* has its highest species richness in northwestern Europe.

Hofmann H, Kiebacher T, Moser T, Meier M (2021). Swiss National Bryophyte Databank. Swiss National Biodiversity Data and Information Centres – infospecies.ch. Occurrence dataset <https://doi.org/10.15468/ajkhha> accessed via GBIF.org on 2022-04-28.

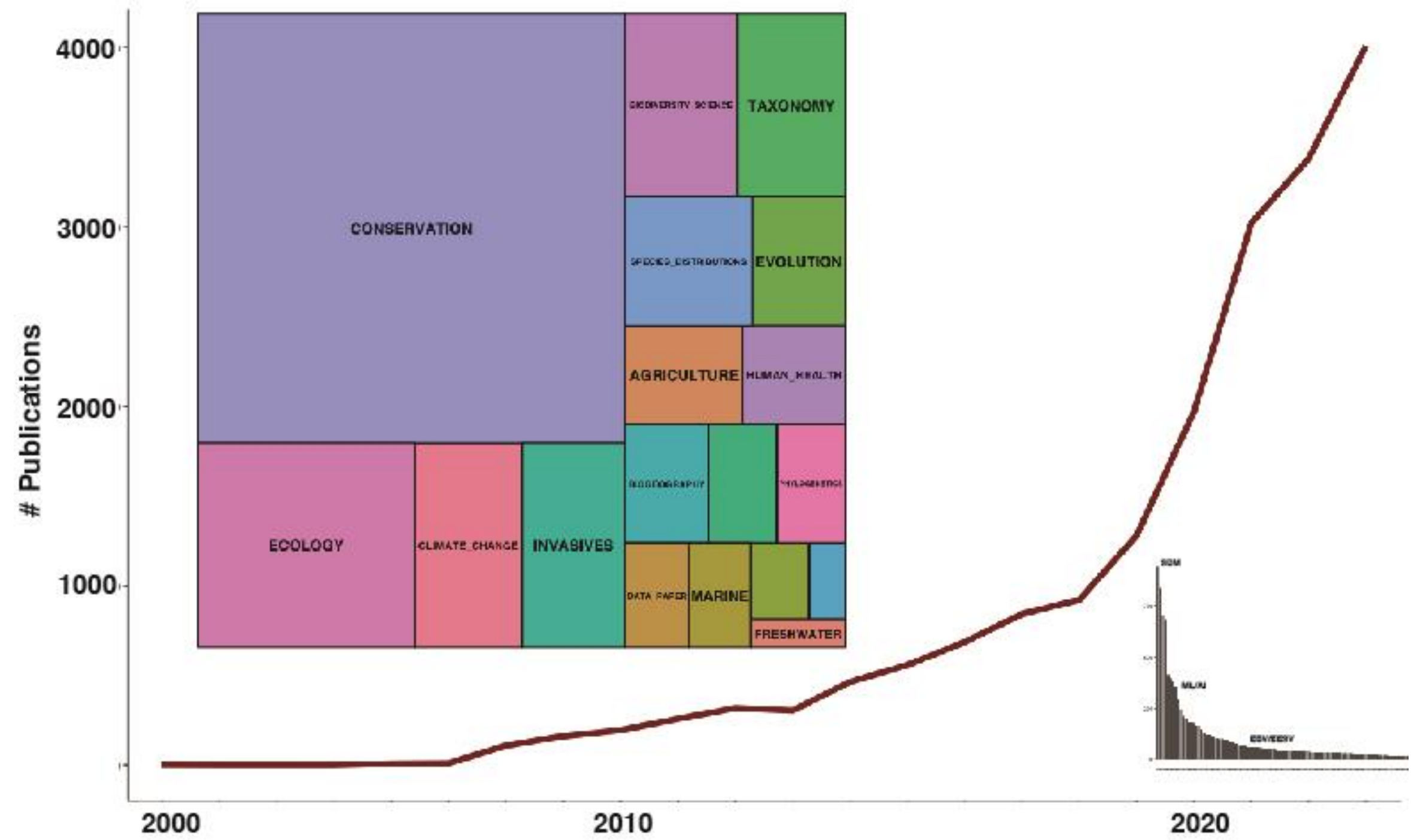
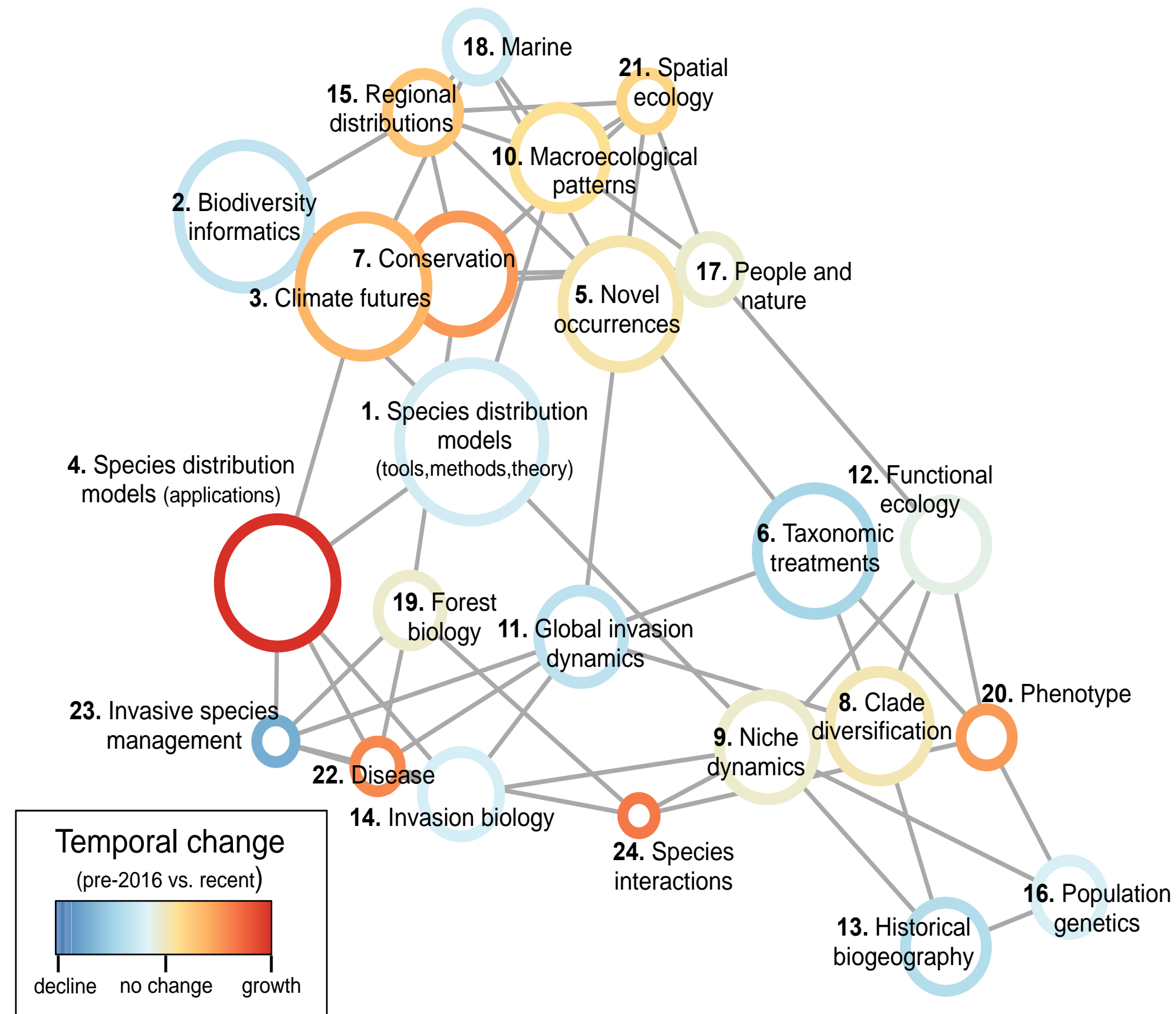
# Peer-reviewed publications using GBIF-mediated data



# Map of GBIF-enabled science



# Systematic reviews of GBIF-enabled science



*Heberling et al. 2021*  
 Landscaping study I  
 2016 – 2019

DOI: [10.1073/pnas.2018093118](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2018093118)



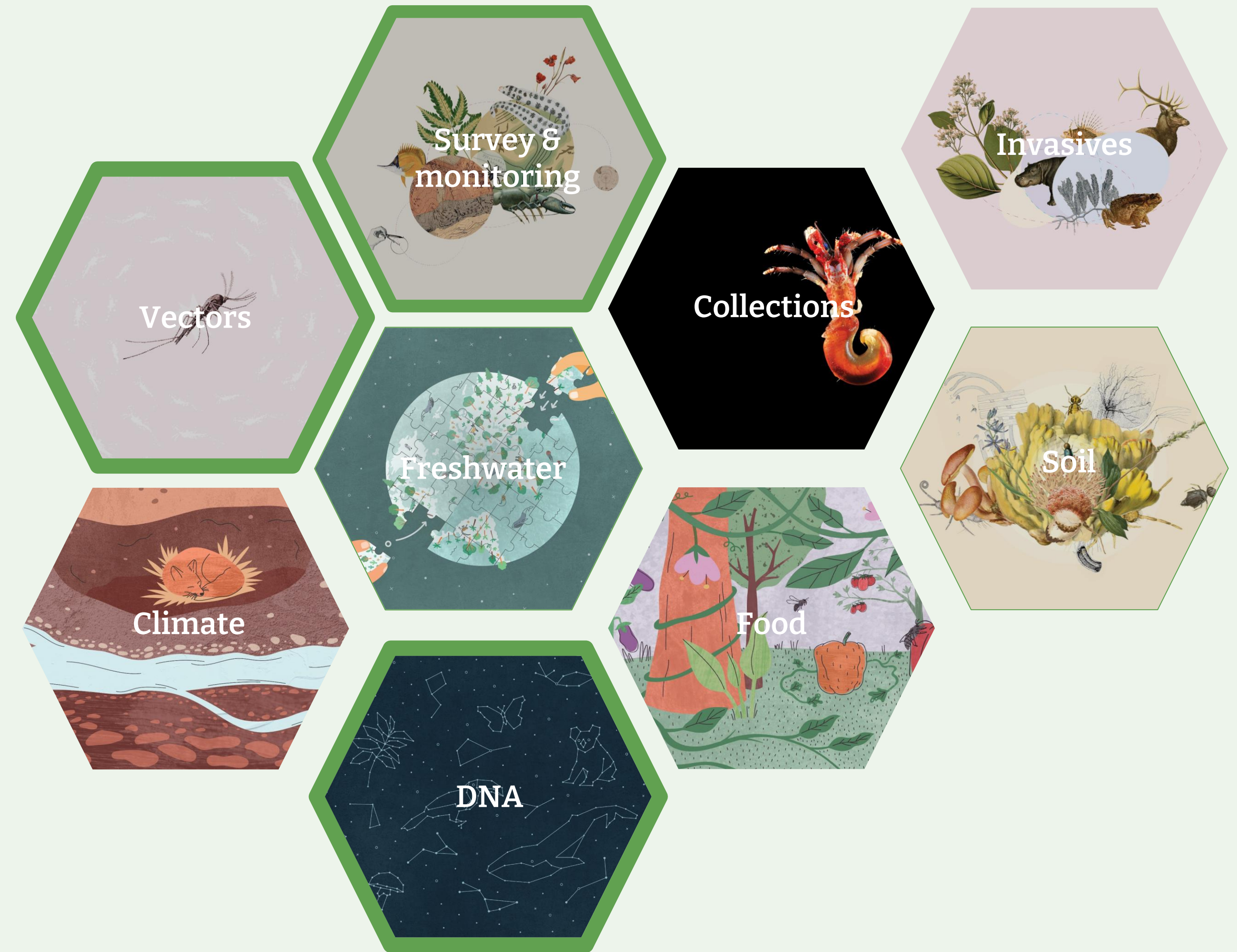
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# GBIF thematic priorities

2023 - 2027

## GBIF Strategic Framework





## Thematic communities



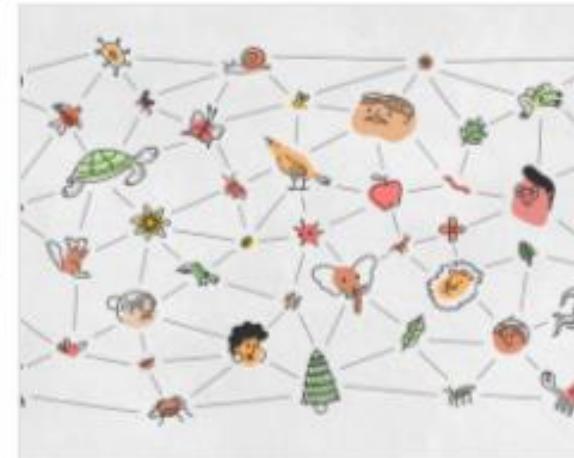
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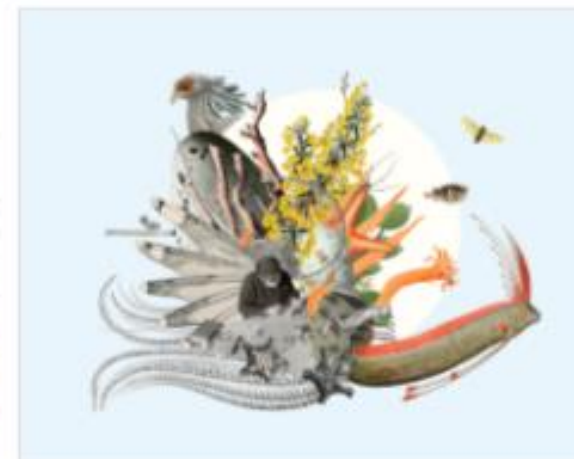
DNA barcoding and metagenomics



Agriculture and food security



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### GBIF and food

GBIF facilitates a world in agricultural usage and agricultural policy by helping to identify areas for agricultural crop and related

Data from the GBIF network provides and contributes to various dimensions of knowledge, research and policy in agriculture and food security.

Much of this work focuses on the relationships between domesticated crops and their wild relatives, or crop wild relatives, and how they can shape and inform farming practices in the face of global climate change. The protection of wild species can improve food security and agricultural policy by increasing crop yields and making cultivated species more adaptable and resilient, free from pests and pathogens, and better able to adapt to changes in temperature or precipitation.

Combining climate, soil, and other data with GBIF-mediated data also helps identify changes in regions suitable for different crops in future, high-risk areas for agricultural pests, possible benefits and risks of biofuel production, and relationships and interactions between pollinators.

#### Featured datasets and publishers related to food security and agriculture

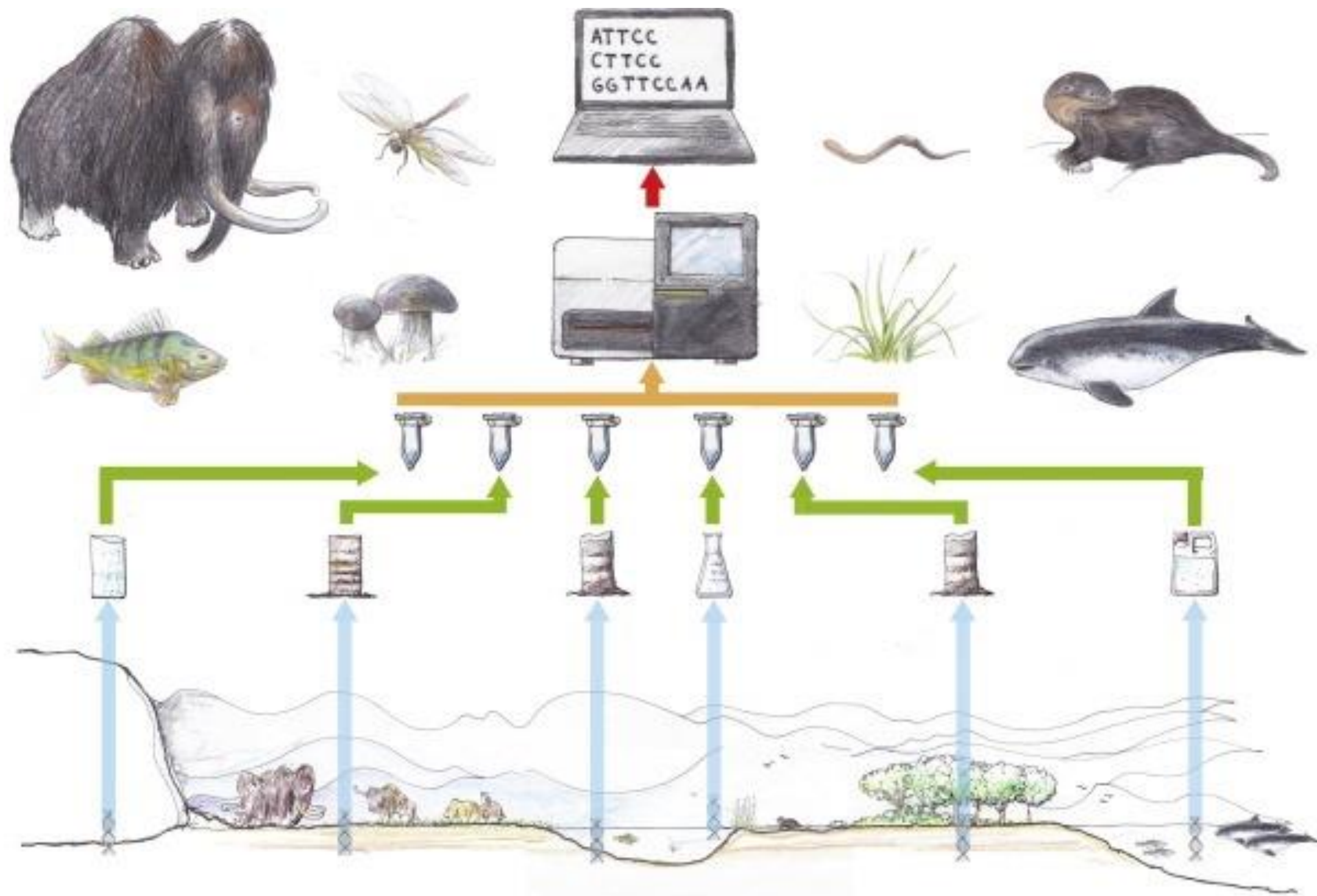
A global database for the distributions of crop wild relatives	Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory	Malawi Plant Genetic Resources Centre (MPCRC)	Categorization of the wild food plants and their importance for primate development in the natural forest of Alope (Lama) in southern Benin



# eDNA and metabarcoding



# What is eDNA?

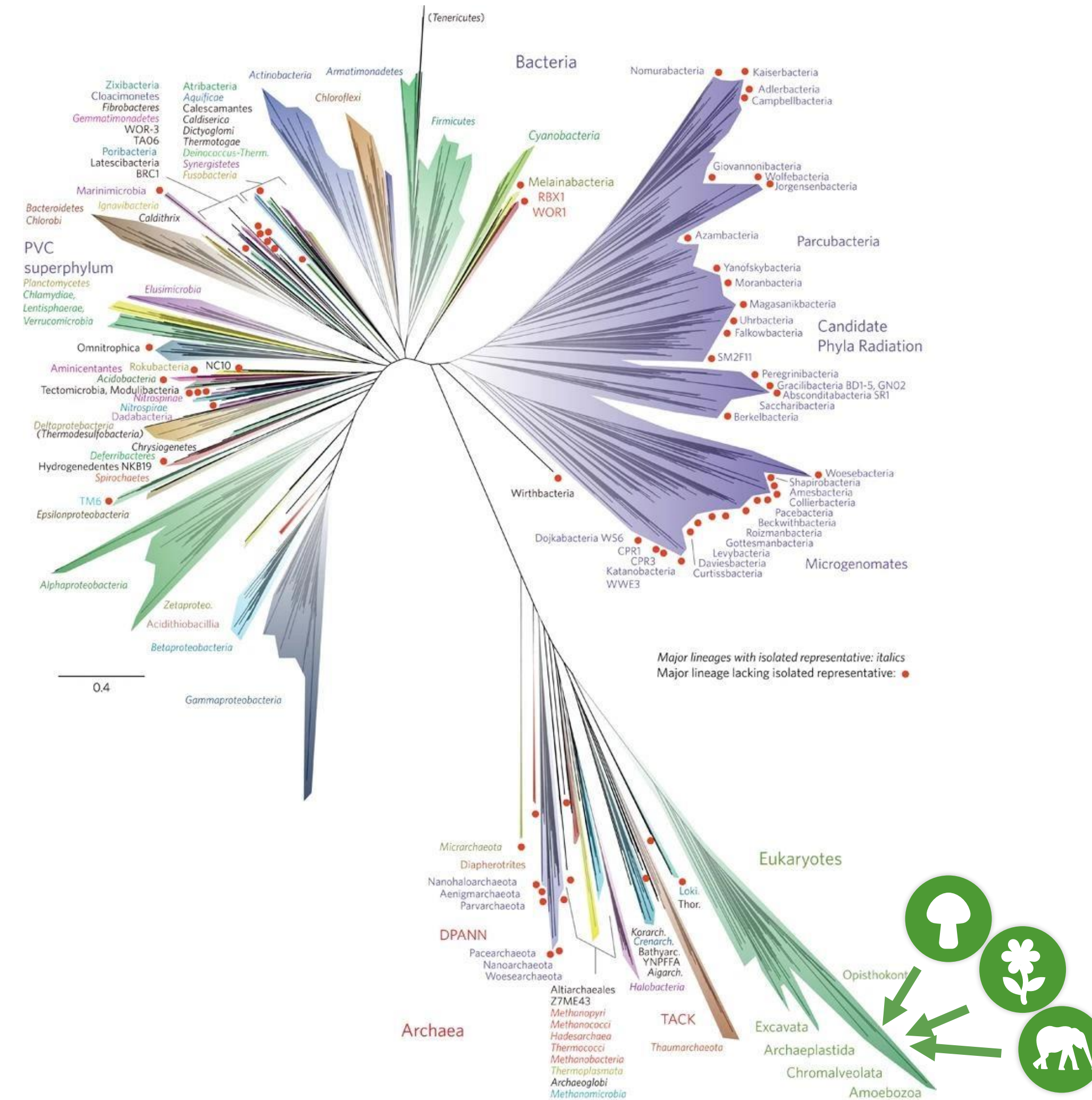


Uncovering “invisible footprints” of organisms



# Why is eDNA Data Essential?

Filling critical taxonomic and geographic gaps for comprehensive biodiversity data



# Collaborating for a global eDNA data future




# The Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

New dataset FAQ thomasgbif

## Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

bridging metabarcoding and biodiversity



How to use it? Got feedback? FAQ

The most recently updated resources are available as an RSS feed

GBIF Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

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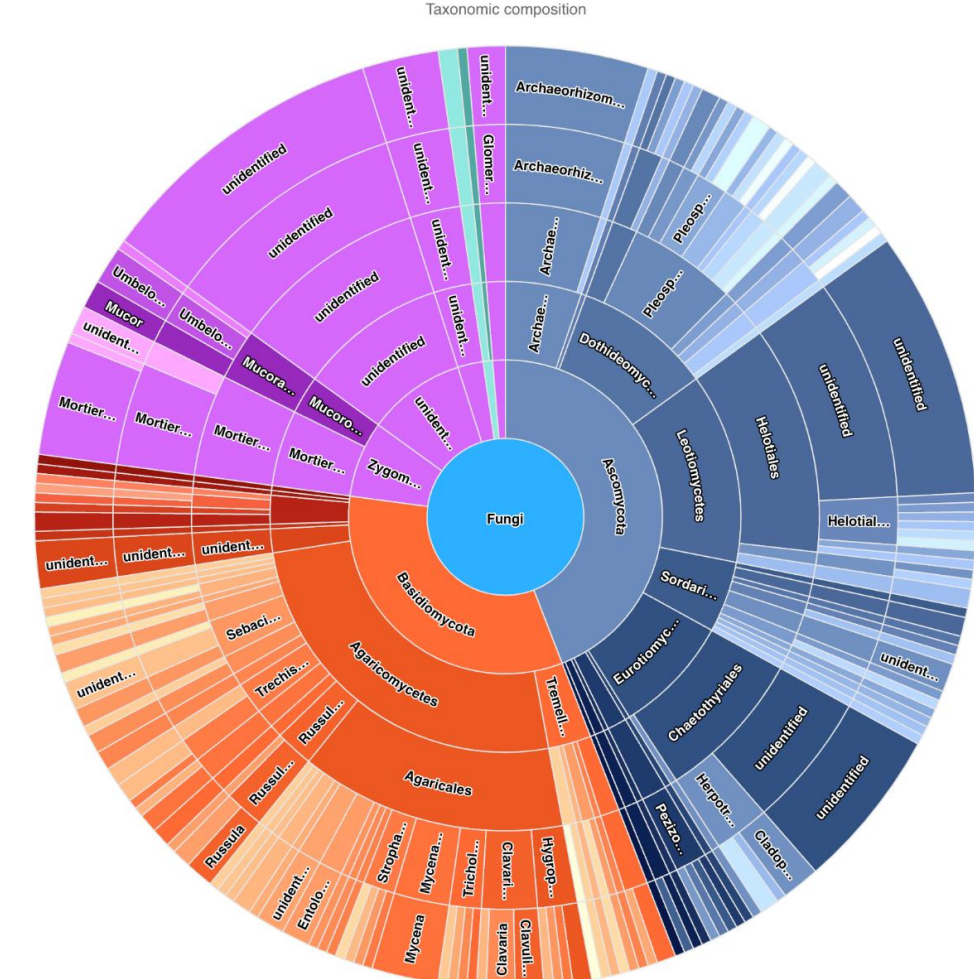
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Taxonomic composition



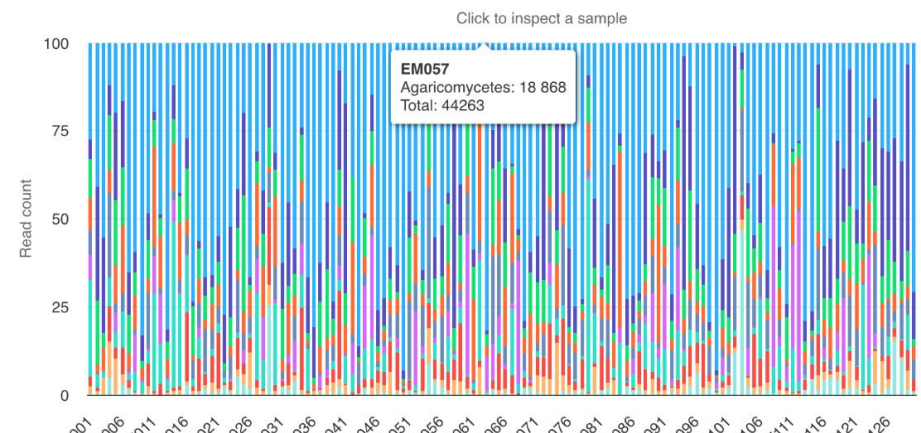
Taxonomy barplot PCoA/MDS plot Most frequent OTUs Least frequent non-singleton OTUs

Relative read abundance

Taxon rank: class

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Agaricomycetes: 18 868  
Total: 44263



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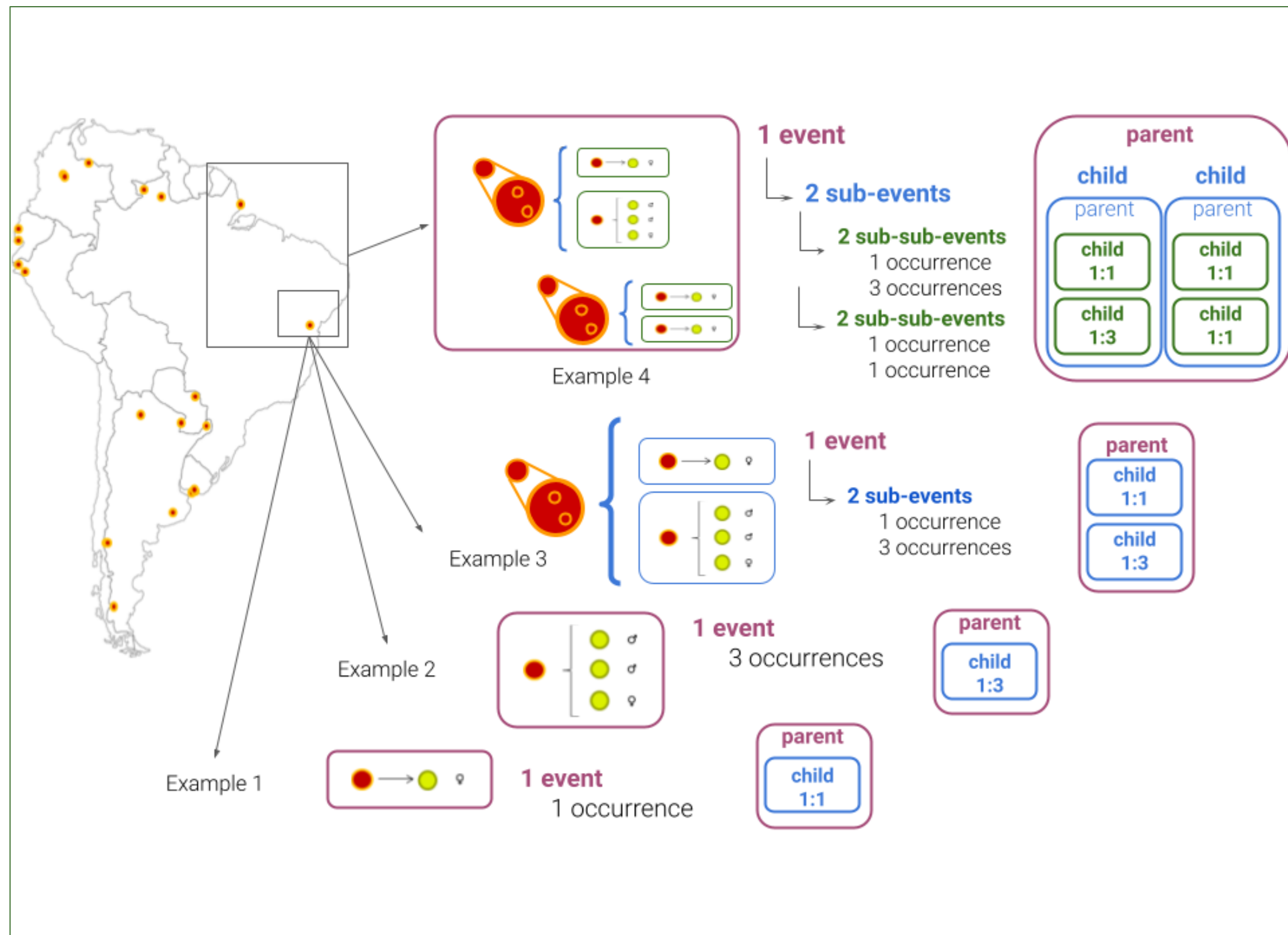


# Surveys and monitoring

Humboldt extension and data model



# What are survey and monitoring data?



- Reported sampling protocol
- Hierarchical w/ variable complexity
- Effort types
  - Bioblitzes, museum expeditions, long-term monitoring initiatives, ...

Figure 4, Sica et al. 2023. Humboldt Extension for Ecological Inventories: User Guide w/ Test IPT Instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/HEuserguide>





# Why are survey and monitoring data important to GBIF?

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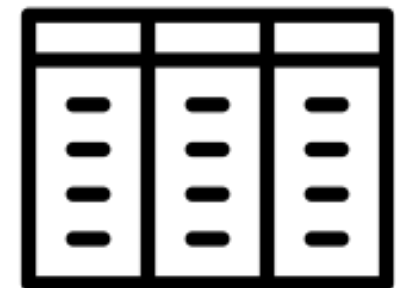


- Assessment of biodiversity trends and rates of change
- Impacts
  - Scientific research
  - Policy and management

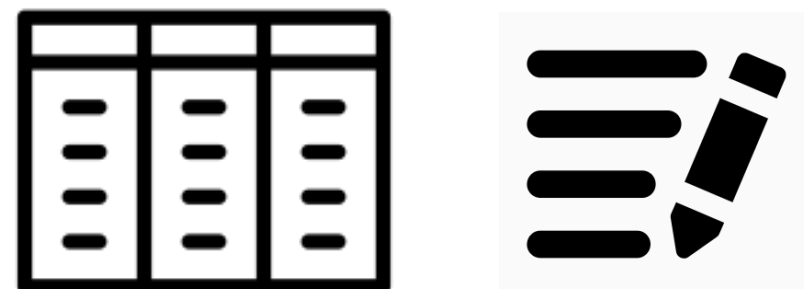


# Data sharing in science: the WHERE choices

Archive



Generalist repository



Data catalogue



Data index



Preservation

Open data

FAIR data

**Save**

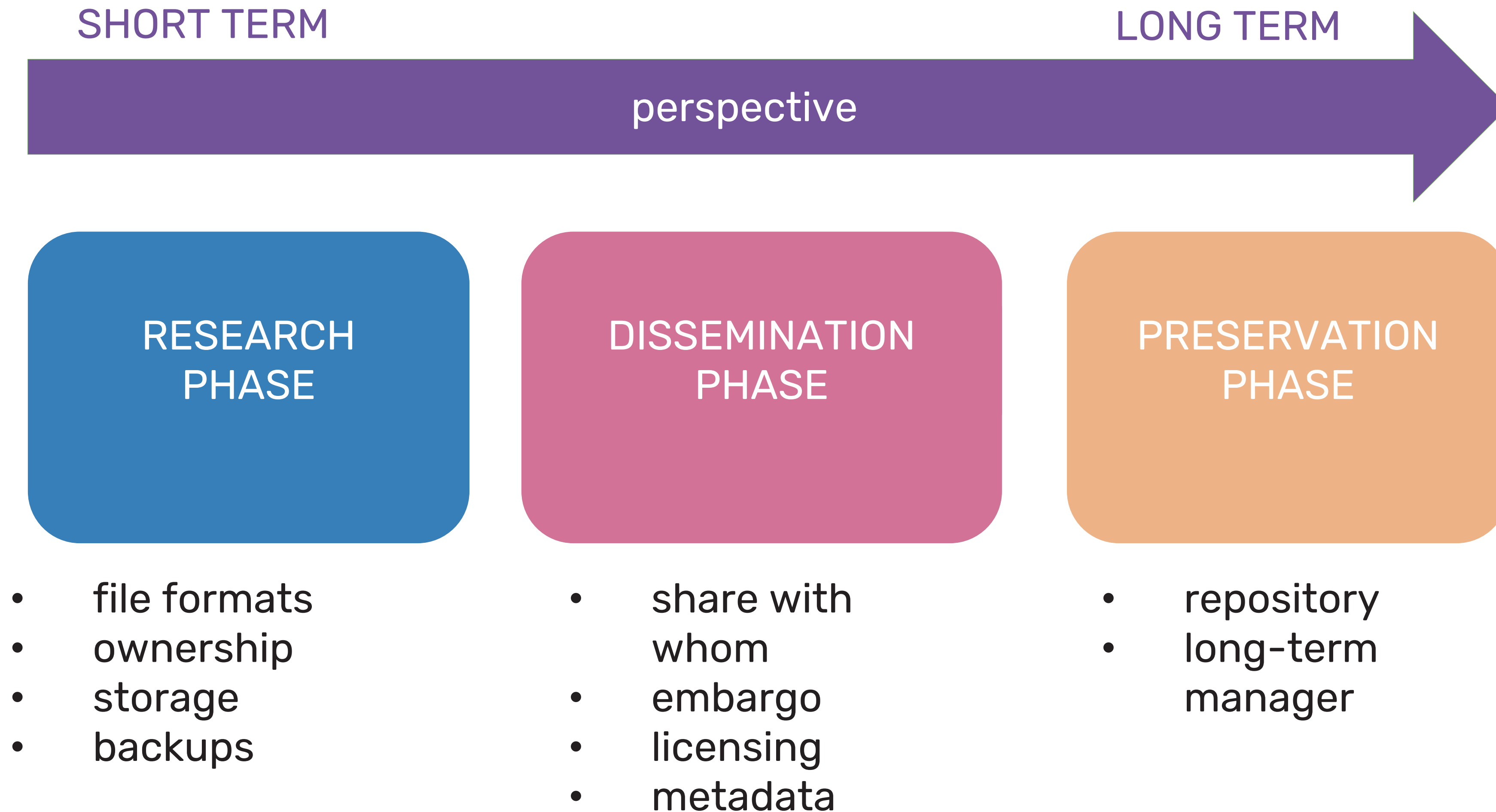
**Minimum  
description**

**Metadata  
standardization**

**Data  
standardization**



# Data sharing in science: the WHEN choices



# Sharing Detailed Research Data Is Associated with Increased Citation Rate

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**Background.** Sharing research data provides benefit to the general scientific community, but the benefit is less obvious for the investigator who makes his or her data available. **Principal Findings.** We examined the citation history of 85 cancer microarray clinical trial publications with respect to the availability of their data. The 48% of trials with publicly available microarray data received 85% of the aggregate citations. Publicly available data was significantly ( $p=0.006$ ) associated with a 69% increase in citations, independently of journal impact factor, date of publication, and author country of origin using linear regression. **Significance.** This correlation between publicly available data and increased literature impact may further motivate investigators to share their detailed research data.

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## INTRODUCTION

Sharing information facilitates science. Publicly sharing detailed research data—sample attributes, clinical factors, patient outcomes, DNA sequences, raw mRNA microarray measurements—with other researchers allows these valuable resources to contribute far beyond their original analysis[1]. In addition to being used to confirm original results, raw data can be used to explore related or new hypotheses, particularly when combined with other publicly available data sets. Real data is indispensable when investigating and developing study methods, analysis techniques, and software implementations. The larger scientific community also benefits: sharing data encourages multiple perspectives, helps to identify errors, discourages fraud, is useful for training new researchers, and increases efficient use of funding and patient population resources by avoiding duplicate data collection.

Believing that that these benefits outweigh the costs of sharing research data, many initiatives actively encourage investigators to make their data available. Some journals, including the *PLoS* family, require the submission of detailed biomedical data to publicly available databases as a condition of publication[2–4]. Since 2003, the NIH has required a data sharing plan for all large funding grants. The growing open-access publishing movement will perhaps increase peer pressure to share data.

However, while the general research community benefits from shared data, much of the burden for sharing the data falls to the study investigator. Are there benefits for the investigators themselves?

A currency of value to many investigators is the number of times their publications are cited. Although limited as a proxy for the scientific contribution of a paper[5], citation counts are often used in research funding and promotion decisions and have even been assigned a salary-increase dollar value[6]. Boosting citation rate is thus a potentially important motivator for publication authors.

In this study, we explored the relationship between the citation rate of a publication and whether its data was made publicly available. Using cancer microarray clinical trials, we addressed the following questions: Do trials which share their microarray data receive more citations? Is this true even within lower profile trials? What other data-sharing variables are associated with an increased citation rate? While this study is not able to investigate causation, quantifying associations is a valuable first step in understanding these relationships. Clinical microarray data provides a useful environment for the investigation: despite being valuable for reuse and extremely costly to collect, is not yet universally shared.

## RESULTS

We studied the citations of 85 cancer microarray clinical trials published between January 1999 and April 2003, as identified in a systematic review by Ntzani and Ioannidis[7] and listed in Supplementary Text S1. We found 41 of the 85 clinical trials (48%) made their microarray data publicly available on the internet. Most data sets were located on lab websites (28), with a few found on publisher websites (4), or within public databases (6 in the Stanford Microarray Database (SMD)[8], 6 in Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)[9], 2 in ArrayExpress[10], 2 in the NCI GeneExpression Data Portal (GEDP)(gedp.nci.nih.gov); some datasets in more than one location). The internet locations of the datasets are listed in Supplementary Text S2. The majority of datasets were made available concurrently with the trial publication, as illustrated within the WayBackMachine internet archives (www.archive.org/web/web.php) for 25 of the datasets and mention of supplementary data within the trial publication itself for 10 of the remaining 16 datasets. As seen in Table 1, trials published in high impact journals, prior to 2001, or with US authors were more likely to share their data.

The cohort of 85 trials was cited an aggregate of 6239 times in 2004–2005 by 3133 distinct articles (median of 1.0 cohort citation per article, range 1–23). The 48% of trials which shared their data received a total of 5334 citations (85% of aggregate), distributed as shown in Figure 1.

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# The research data lifecycle

Generate / **Access**

(re)Organize

Modify

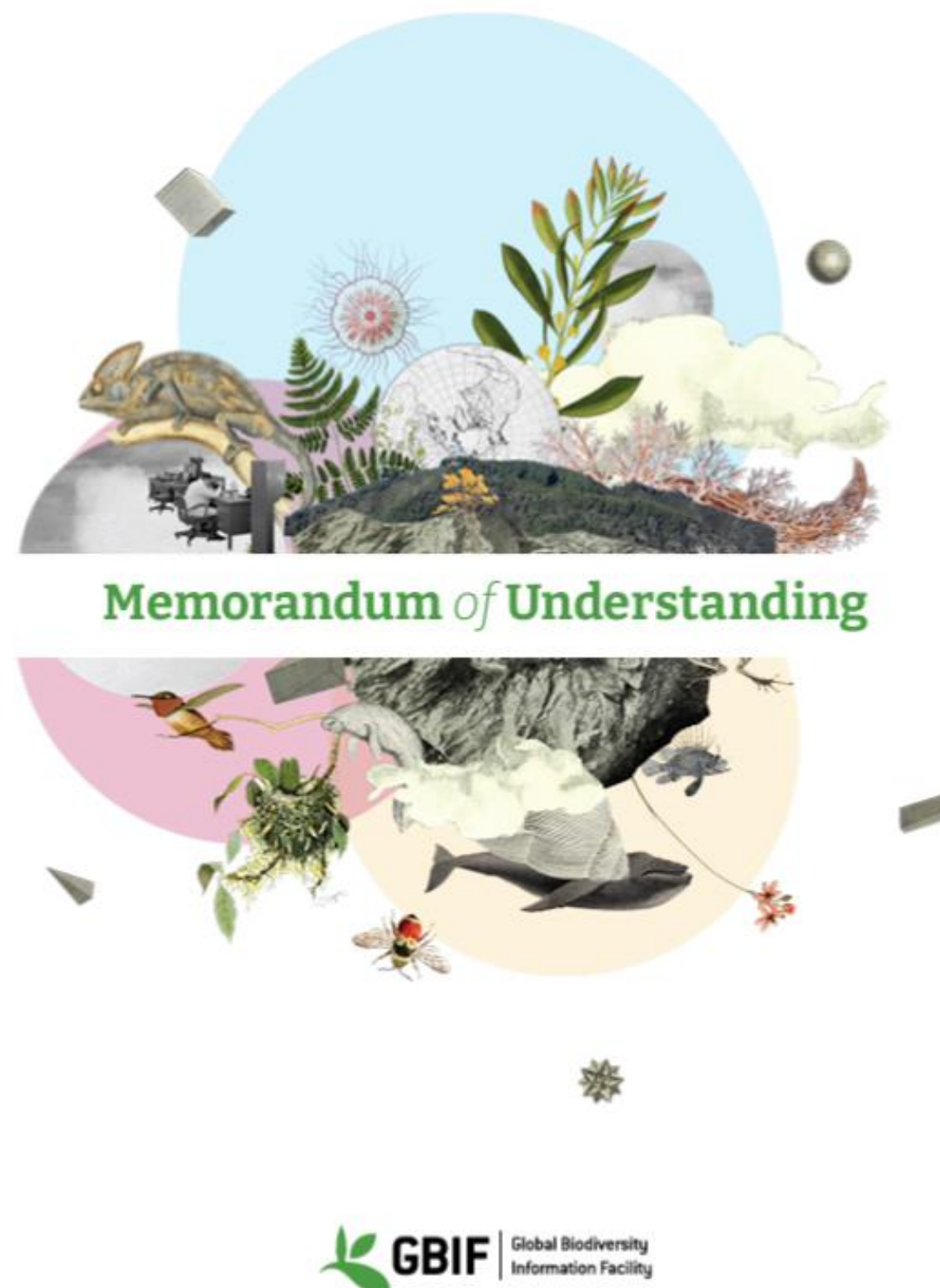
Analyze

Archive

Cite



# GBIF Memorandum of understanding



The signatories to this non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), being countries, economies, inter-governmental or international organizations, other organizations with an international scope, or entities designated by them, have decided that a **co-ordinated international scientific effort** is needed to enable users throughout the world to openly share and put to use vast quantities of global biodiversity data, thereby **advancing scientific research** in many disciplines, promoting technological and sustainable development, **facilitating the conservation of biodiversity and the equitable sharing of its benefits, and enhancing the quality of life of members of society.** The importance of making biodiversity data openly available to all countries and individuals is underscored by various international agreements.

Noting that GBIF was established in March 2001, and that the first and second MOU for GBIF had each a duration of five years (2001-2006/2007-2011), the signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby express their intention either to continue their existing Participation in GBIF or to become new Participants in **GBIF as a mechanism of technical and scientific international co-operation.**

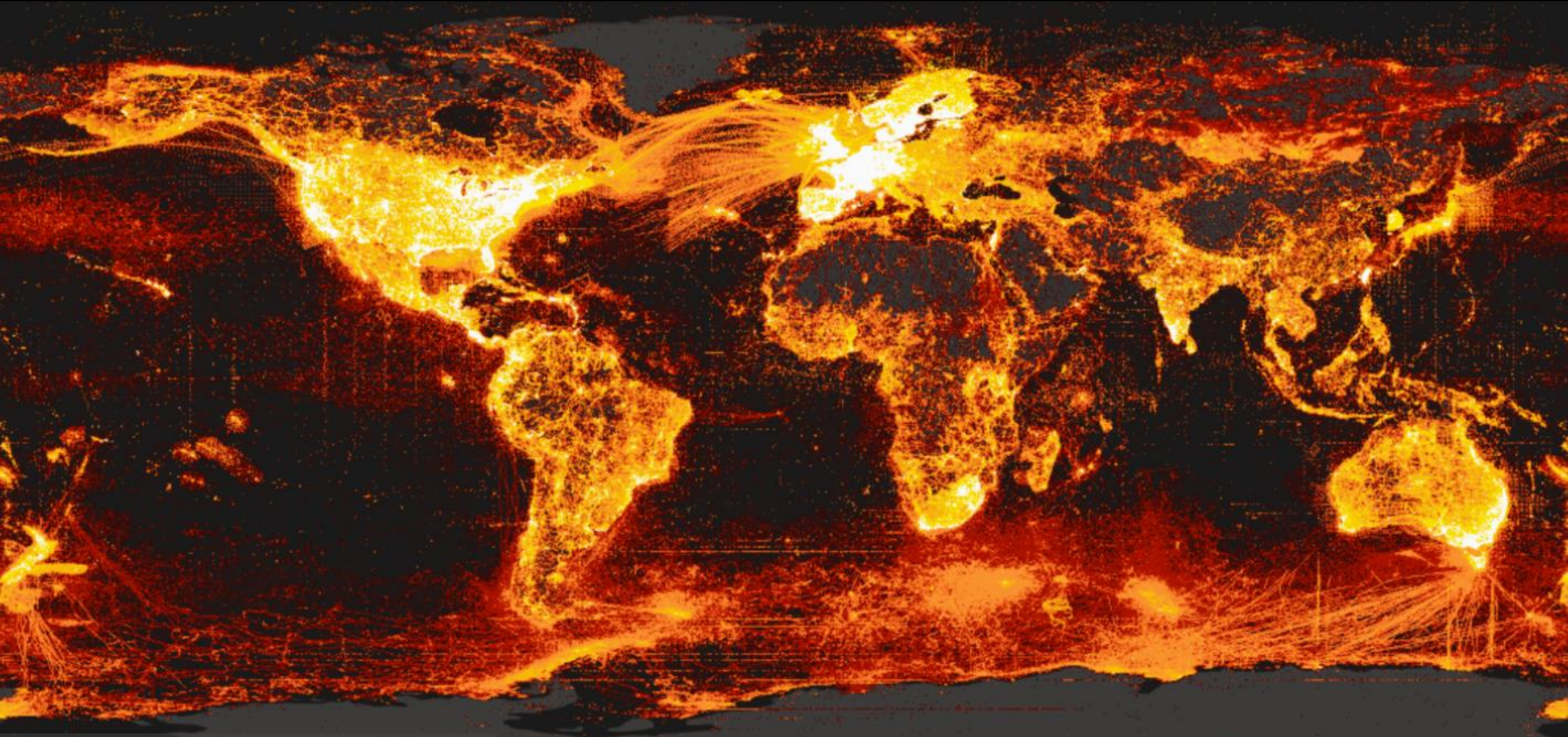
The Participants intend to encourage co-operation amongst themselves in the implementation of GBIF and in the development of joint work programmes in areas of mutual interest with the **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other appropriate bodies and initiatives** to avoid duplication and to benefit from existing resources and expertise.



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# Becoming GBIF participant

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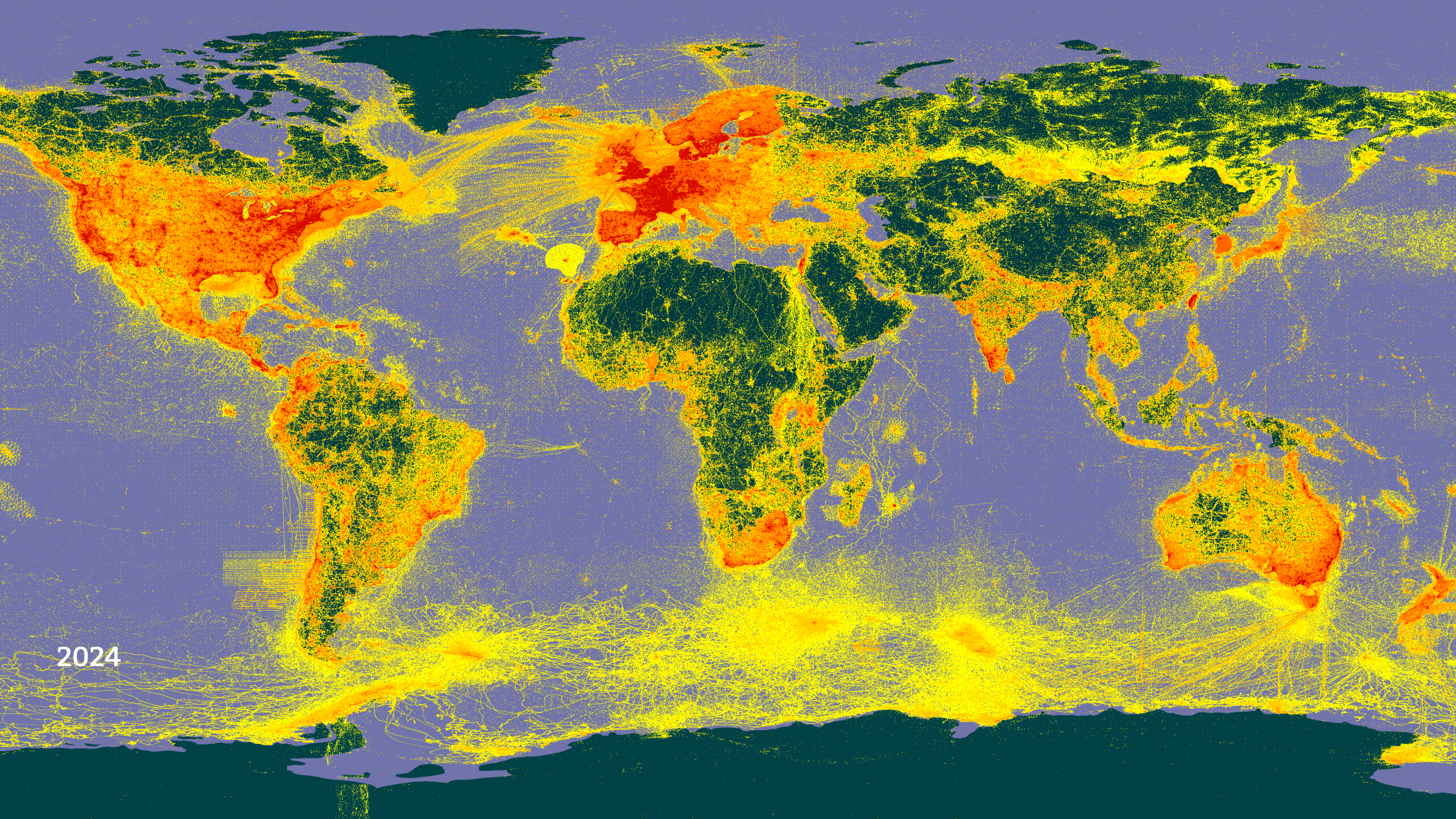


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2024

Datasets ●  
108,760

● Hosted portals  
23

Country  
Participants ●  
63

● Peer-review papers  
using data  
11,103

Organizational  
Participants ●  
43

● Average records  
downloaded per month (2024)  
192.6 billion

Publishers ●  
2,287

● Species  
occurrence records  
3,012,759,238



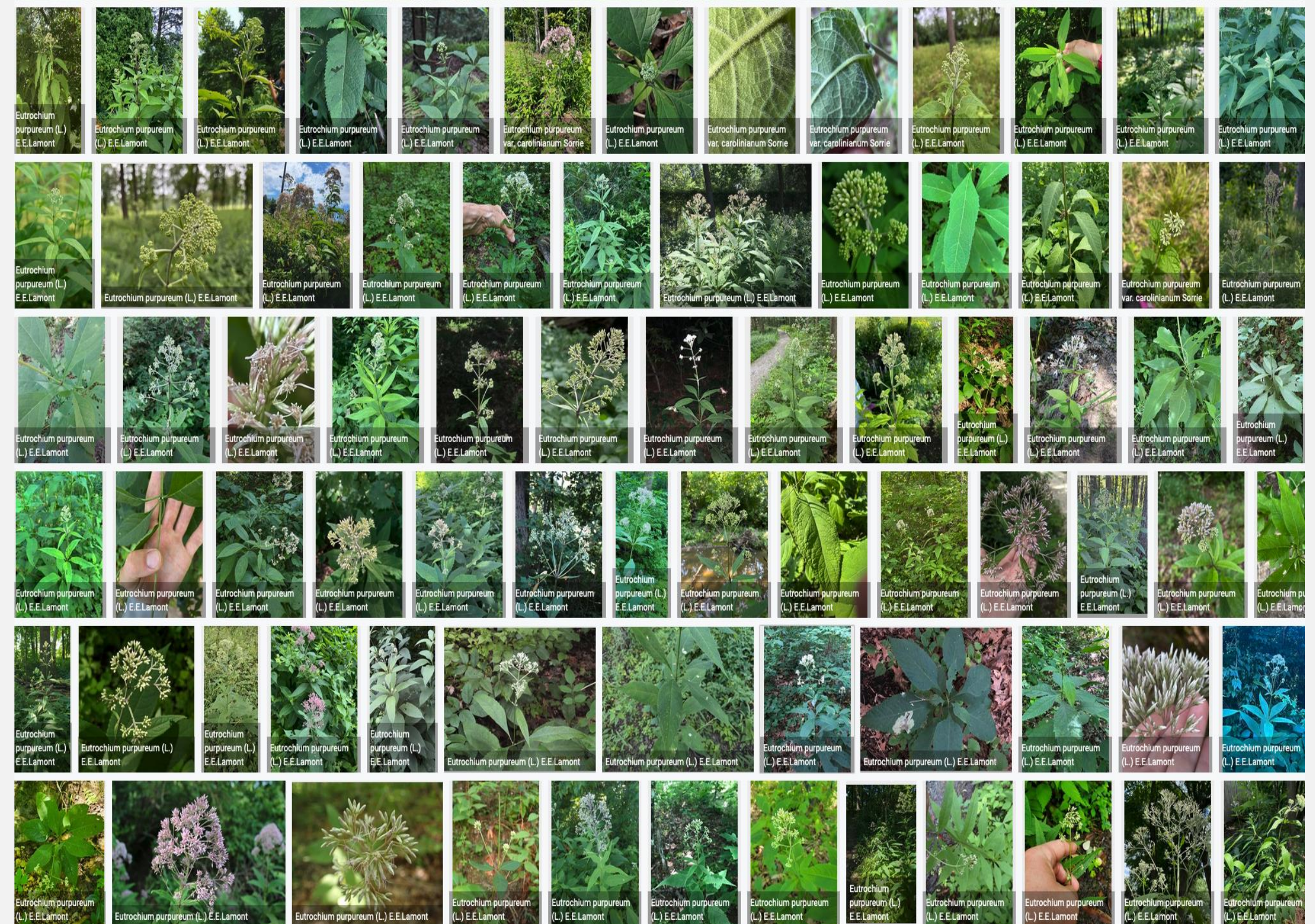
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**205.6 million records** with taxonomically identified images

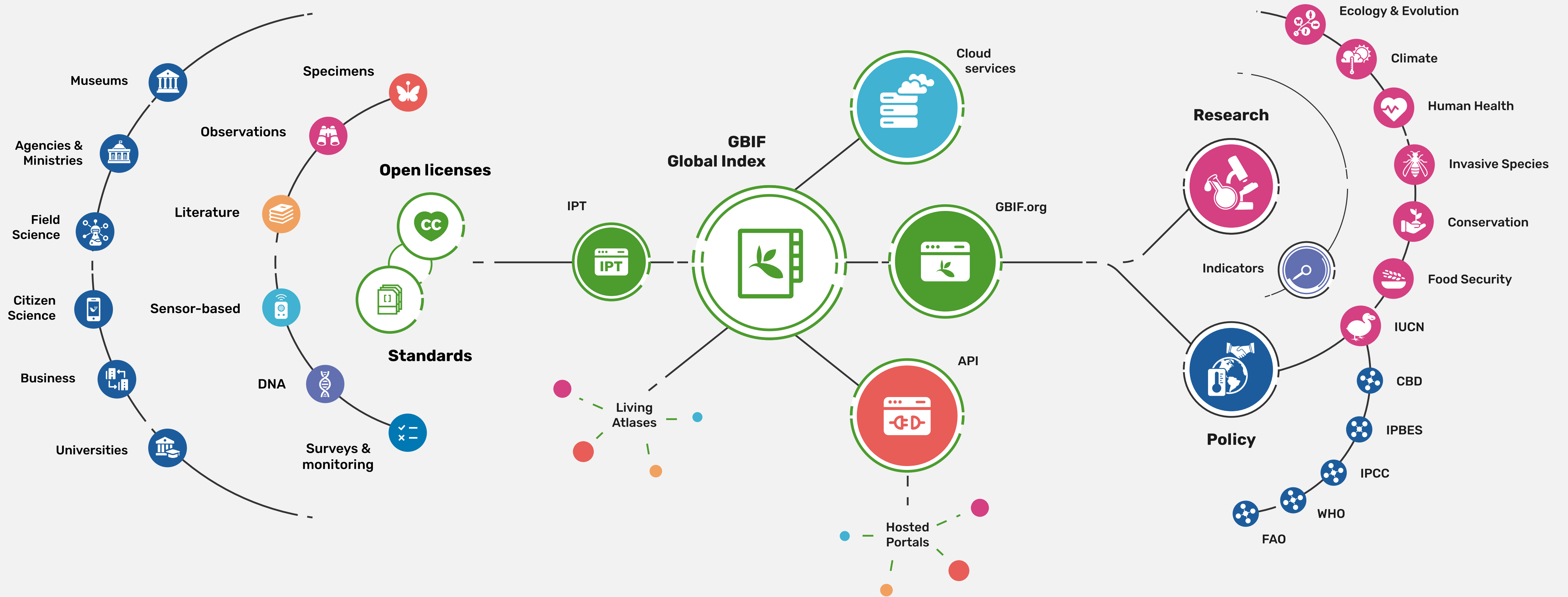
- 133.3 million human observations
- 62.7 million specimens
- 7.1 million material samples
- 1.4 million fossil specimens

**1,492,763 audio files**

**10,780 videos**



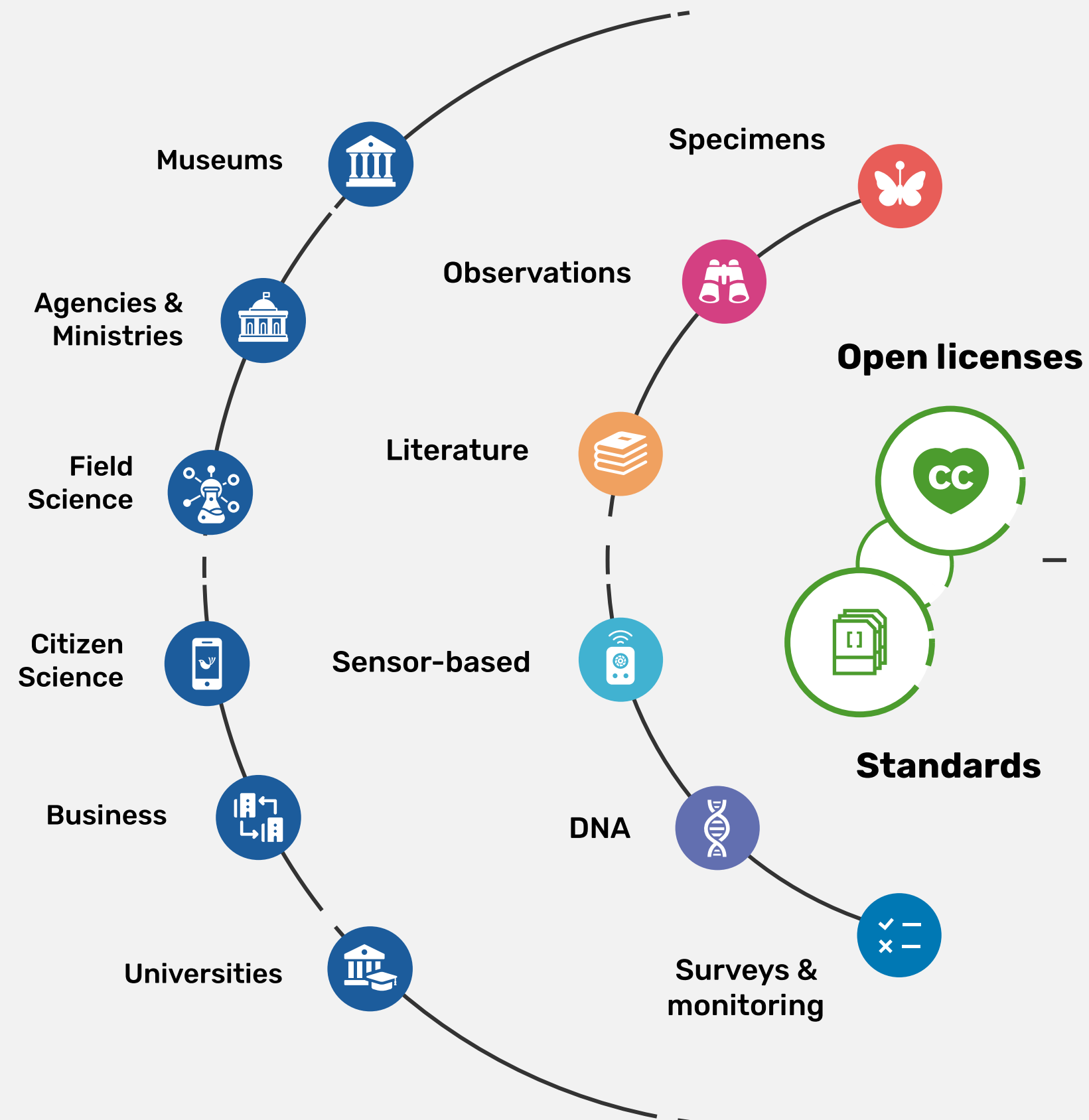
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# Sources of biodiversity evidence

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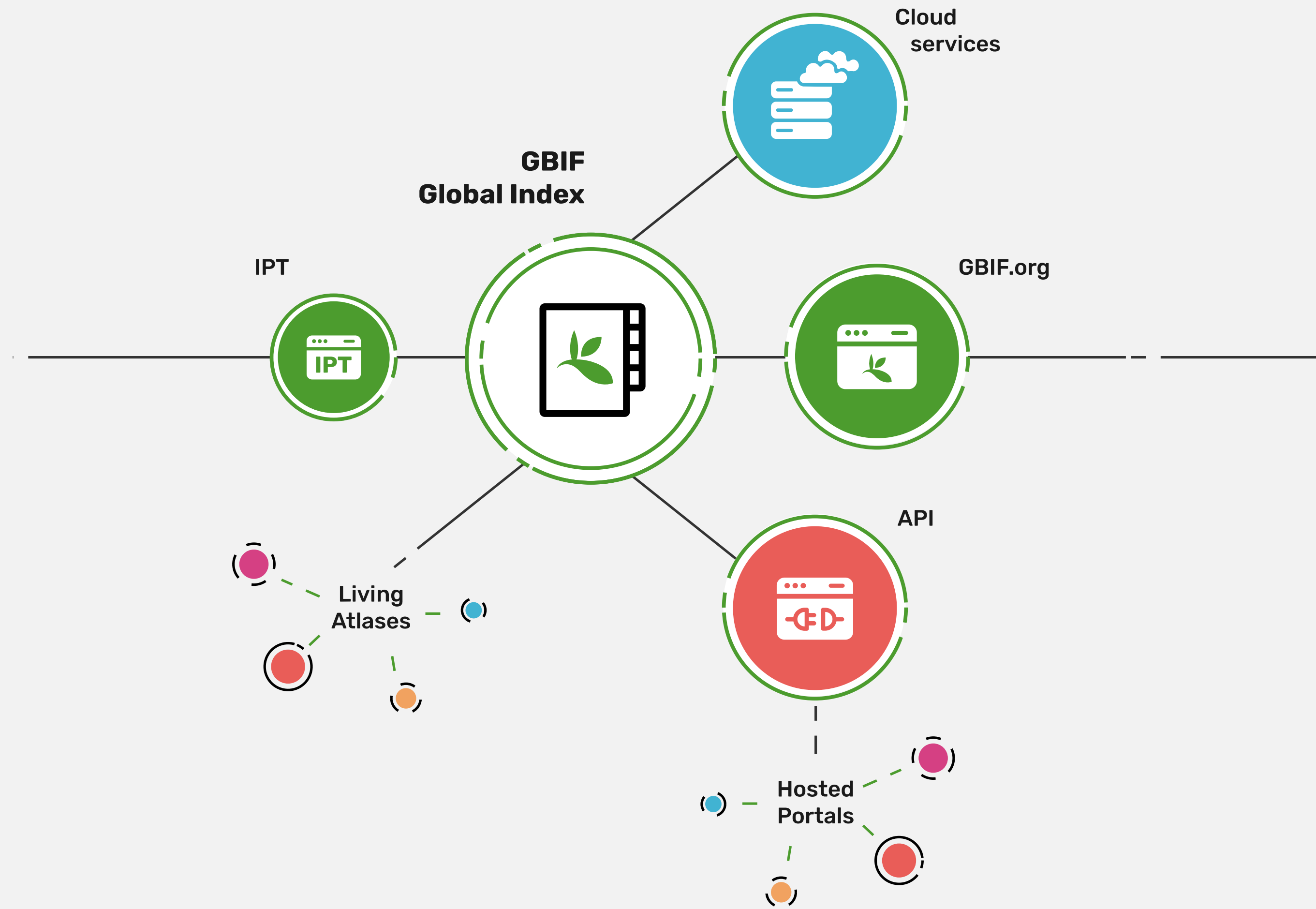
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# Access to biodiversity evidence

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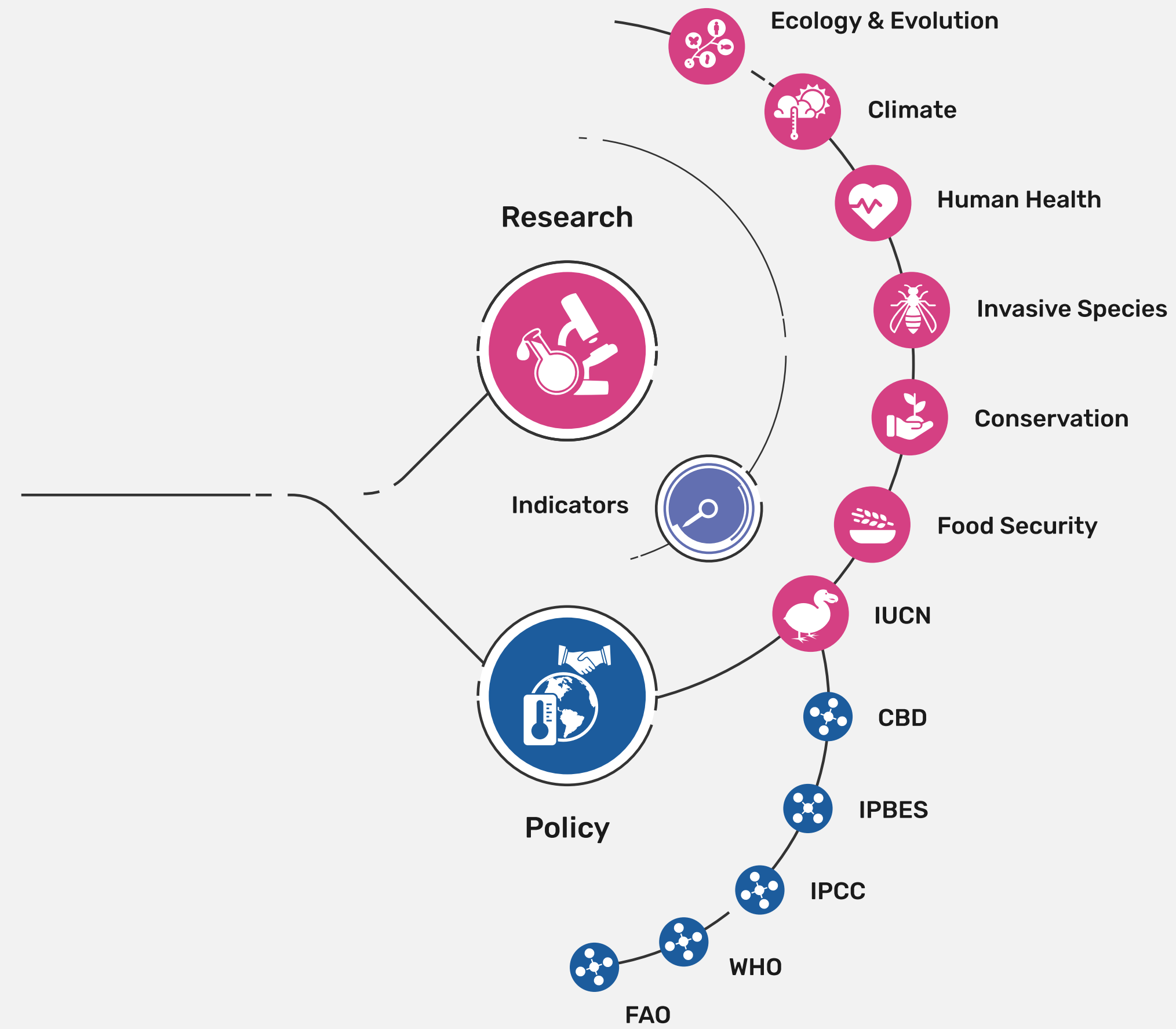
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# Uses of biodiversity evidence

## Transform

*Apply and use data*

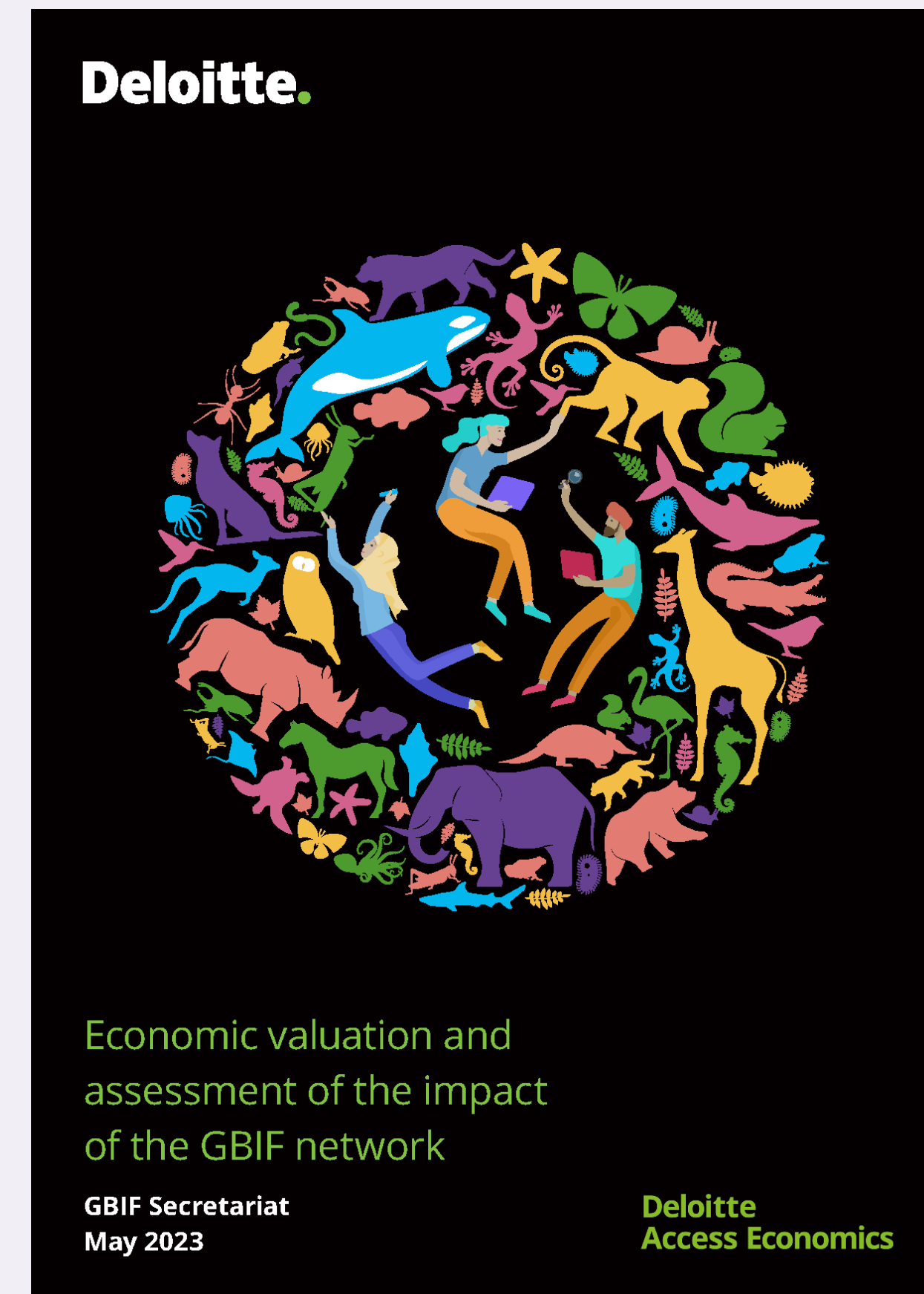






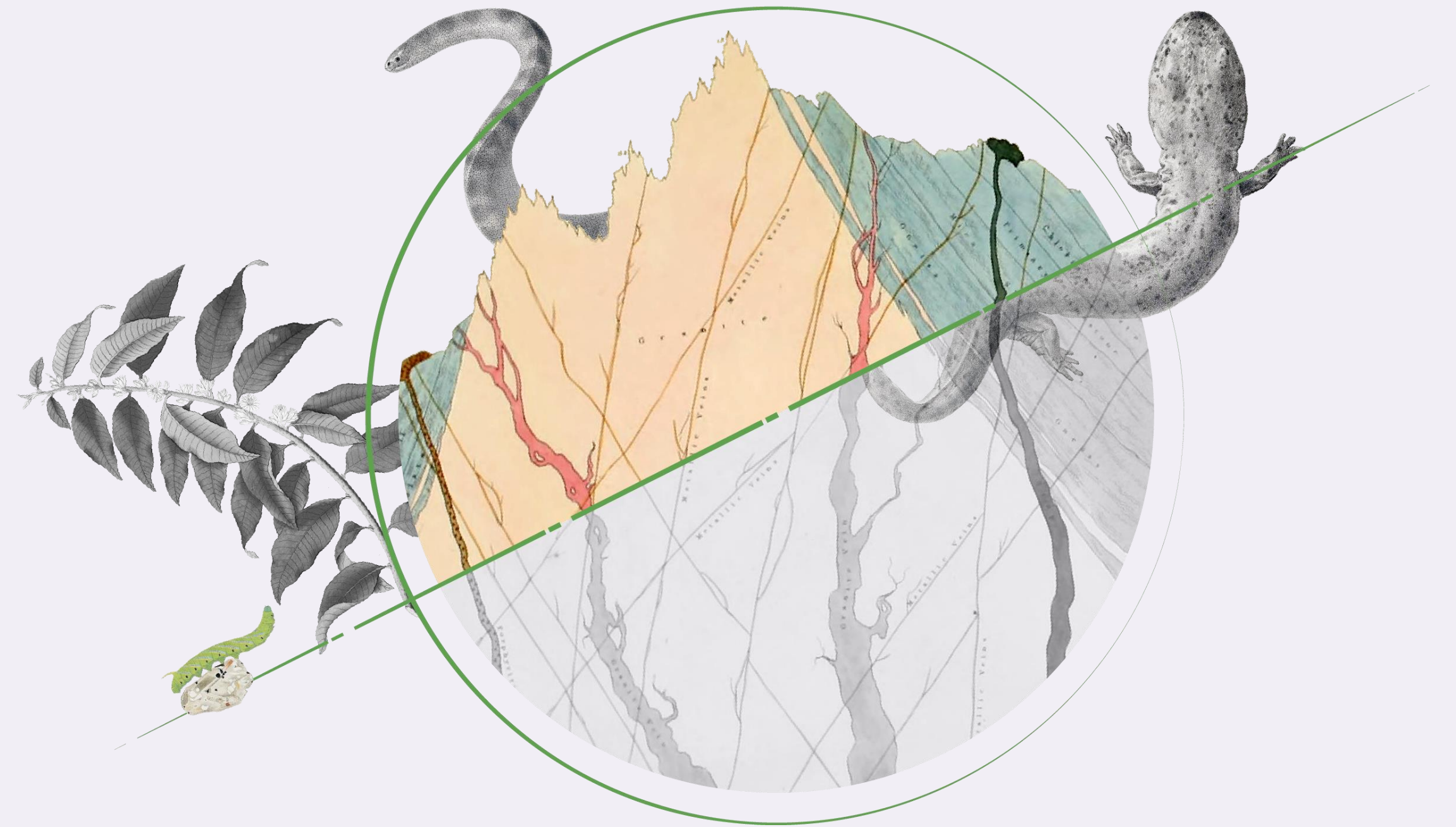
# Economic valuation report on the GBIF network

- Commissioned from Canberra-based **Deloitte** Access Economics
- Economic analysts used multiple methods to produce a **quantified estimate of the total economic impact** created by investing in GBIF



# GBIF expands the scope of what is possible

Almost **half of GBIF users** report that they would have found it **impossible to achieve** the same outcomes in their work without GBIF



# The economic value and impact of the GBIF network



For every **€1 invested** in GBIF,  
**users receive €3 of benefits**  
while **society gains up to €12**



# Value of benefits to science and society



The most substantial and quantifiable benefit of GBIF is an average estimated time saving of **64 hours per user** over finding data through alternative sources.

*—Economic valuation and assessment of the impact of the GBIF network*

Investment	€15m
GBIF Secretariat costs	€4.5m
GBIF nodes costs	€10.9m
Access value	€13m
<b>Time-savings value</b>	<b>€35m</b>
Impact value	€185m



# Downscaling the value of time savings to researchers



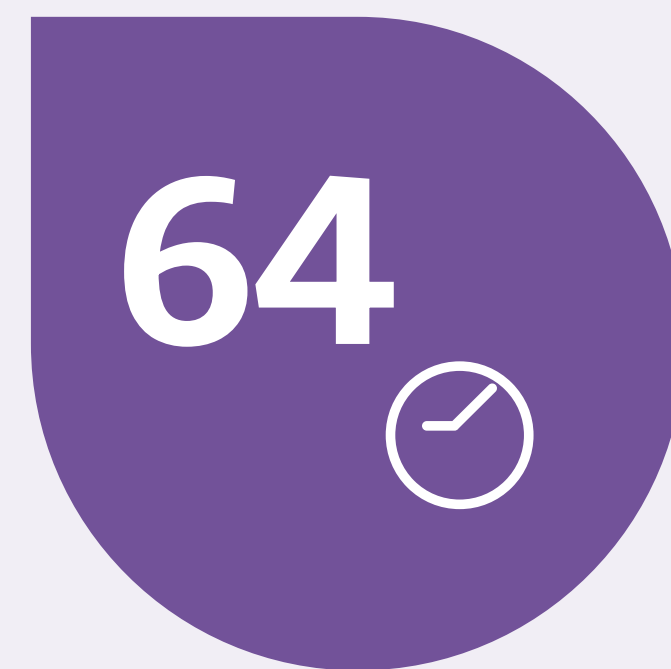
GBIF-enabled papers  
per time period

X



Average hourly wage for  
researcher / data scientist

X



Average time saved  
per paper

=



Value of research time  
saved by GBIF



# What is a GBIF Participant node? What are its roles and functions?



Participants designate teams that **coordinate a network of people and institutions** to support production, management, delivery and use of biodiversity data.

- Support of evidence-based scientific research and policymaking
- Engage and enable data holders to implement a biodiversity data mobilization strategy
- Provide technical guidance and services to improve biodiversity data management
- Meet stakeholders' biodiversity information needs



# What are the benefits of establishing a GBIF node?



- Increase past, current and future **returns on investment** in biodiversity research and data collection
- Coordinate the landscape of biodiversity informatics initiatives to **create partnerships and align efforts**
- **Develop capacity** for using shared biodiversity data resources
- Help **fulfill information requirements** for national and global goals and commitments




# Training and guidance for establishing a national node

GBIF Training Courses

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## Formal engagement and establishing Participant nodes



*Node Managers and Secretariat staff at the Global Nodes Meeting, Canberra Australia, 2023.*

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## Establishing an Effective GBIF Participant Node

### Concepts and general considerations

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# Formal Engagement and Establishing Participant Nodes Course

## What You'll Learn

- GBIF's relevance to science and policy
- Process for becoming a GBIF Participant
- Benefits of Participation
- How to engage stakeholders
- The Participatory approach



## Course Format

- Self-paced online learning
- Virtual sessions via Zoom
- Weekly peer group interactions
- Requires 3-5 hours of study per week
- Certificate upon completion

**For full details on the schedule and to register, scan the code by 7 Dec**



# Near-term benefits available through GBIF Participation

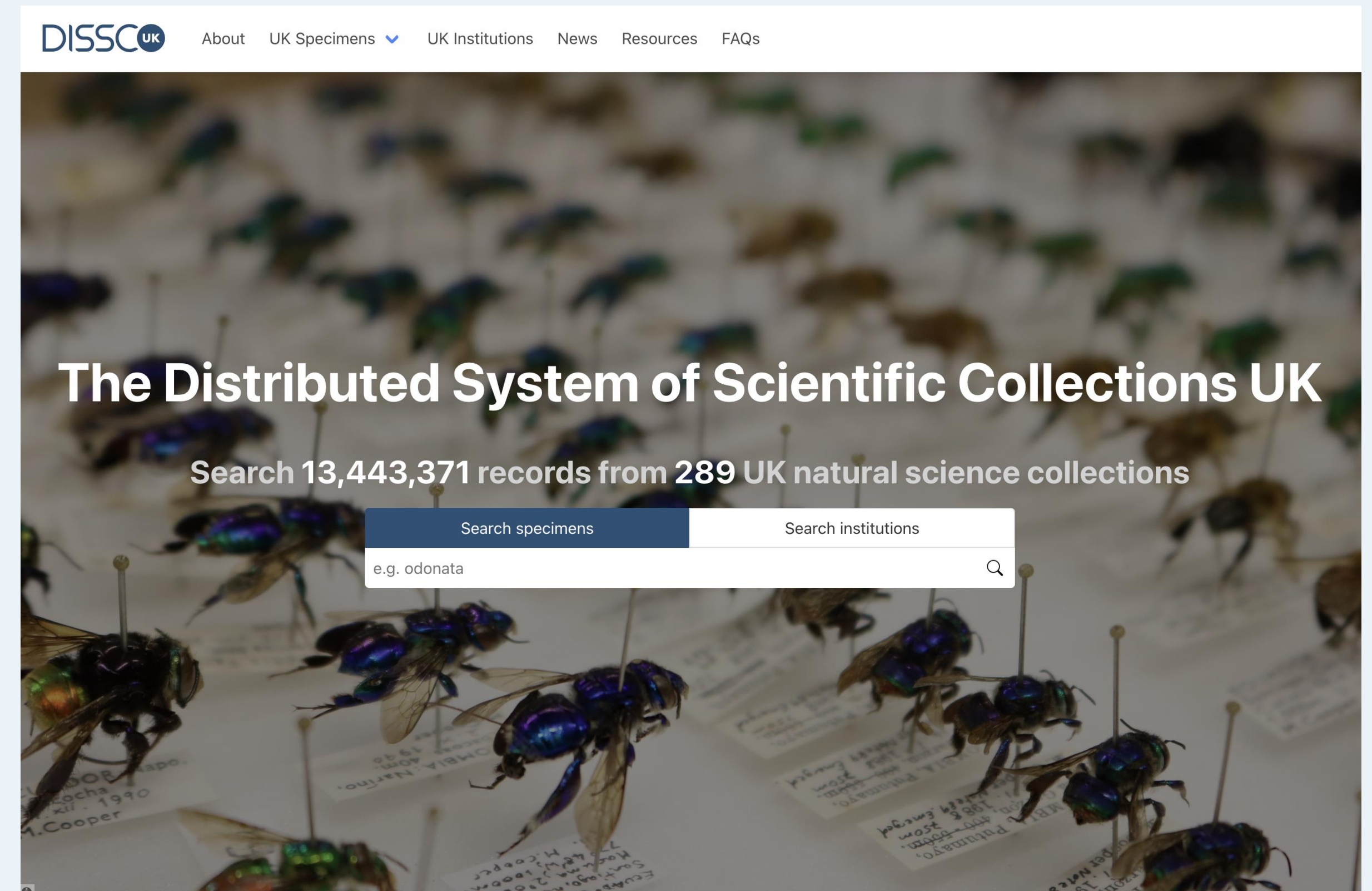
- Infrastructure support
- International community of practice
- Access to project funding
- Eligibility for GBIF governance roles
- Integrating national links to European and global initiatives



# Infrastructure support

In addition to FAIR- & open-data enabling systems (*community standards, CC licences, PIDs*), Participants receive exclusive access to hosted services for

- GBIF's **Integrated Publishing Toolkit** (IPT): mature, reliable and free open-source software for local repositories
- **Hosted portal**: free, service provides simple, configurable data-access portal with multilingual support (*CollMap 3.0? DiSSCo Italy? GBIF Italia?*)



# International community of practice


Global Nodes    Nodes Buddy System    Global Nodes Training    Global Nodes Meeting    Search docs

Global Nodes Training    Global Nodes Training / 2023 training

**2023 training**

- Sharing experience
- Pre-training questionnaire
- Agenda
- Files for download
- Photo album
- 1. Engaging research communities for data mobilization and use
- 2. Strengthening support services for collections communities
- 3. Supporting national biodiversity commitments and the science-policy interface
- 4. Promoting open biodiversity data approaches within the business sector
- Acknowledgements
- Course evaluation

## 2023 Global Nodes Training



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### Goal

To enhance node development by delivering four new modules as part of a training curriculum on node management, each supported by reusable learning materials, and fostering guided mentorship from experts in the nodes community on these four priority topics.

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# Technical support hour for GBIF nodes

 Virtual support sessions

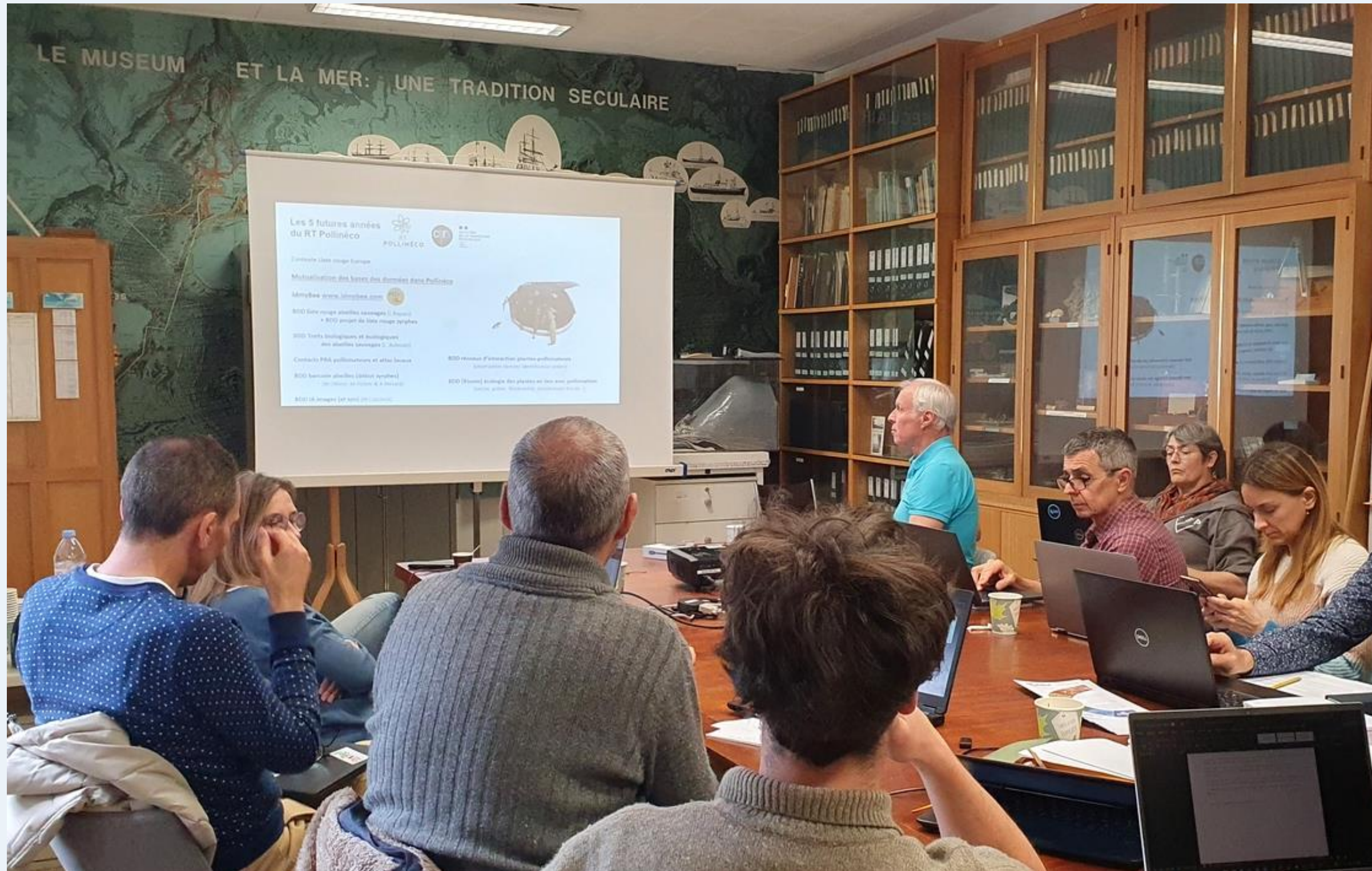


# Access to project funding

- **Node-to-node collaborations** through Capacity Enhancement Support Programme (CESP)
- Network-to-network collaboration across **multiple themes**: human health, eDNA, invasive species, marine, scientific collections, agrobiodiversity...
- Possible **matching of overseas development assistance** on international projects
  - *Example*: BID & IACS funding for Mozambican BioNoMo project that involved Sapienza and GBIF South Africa



# Eligibility for GBIF governance roles



- Voting Participants **set future strategic priorities** by nominating and serving as members of governance committees
- Elected committee members provide foresight and monitoring that **shape annual work programmes**
- Key input for **aligning national activities with global initiatives**



# Integrating national links to global initiatives

- Partnering broadly to support coordinated efforts to integrate **survey and monitoring data**
- Data from the GBIF network serves as a **foundational layer for multiple indicators** for the Global Biodiversity Framework targets
- Support of other **global conventions, agreements and processes**: IPBES and IUCN Red List assessments, UN Sustainable Development Goals



# GBIF & the UN Convention on Biological Diversity

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“Encourages Parties to join relevant biodiversity-related networks, such as the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility], with a view to developing capacities to manage and share data and information, in order to manage and conserve biodiversity effectively.”

—*CBD SBI/4/L.4:2 [in draft]*





# GBIF & the Global Environment Facility



- GBIF was recently approved as a **GEF executing agency**
- Infrastructure-related application pending with GEF **Innovation Fund**
- Working with World Bank to prepare support of **data mobilization and capacity development** initiative through GEF Amazonian Sustainable Landscape Integrated Program



# How to join GBIF

## LETTER OF INTENT

Sent from appropriate authority indicating mode of participation  
*(template available)*

## APPROVAL

Letter of Intent approved by GBIF Executive Committee

## SIGNATURE

GBIF MoU signed by designated authority on behalf of government

## NOMINATION

Nominate Head of Delegation, Node Manager as lead GBIF contacts

## PARTICIPATION

Establish Participant node, begin collaborations



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2023 - 2027

# GBIF Strategic Framework

**4** Driving innovation to advance biodiversity-related knowledge



**3** Enabling the network to meet future needs and challenges



# Values

## GBIF Strategic Framework 2023 - 2027



**Trust and Transparency:** Expectations that all decisions and processes are open; that data is properly attributed and of the highest-possible quality; and that infrastructures are robust, documented and persistent

**Collaboration and Collective Benefit:** A recognition that only through a spirit of cooperation can we fulfil GBIF's mission by sharing skills, data, tools and experiences, avoiding duplication, and growing a global community of practice

**Diversity and Inclusiveness:** A commitment to engage and welcome people of all nationalities, cultures, genders and backgrounds while recognizing all contributions to our global community

**Innovation:** An ambition to lead by example in advancing open science and data services and in adopting novel techniques for collaboration and learning, recognizing that simplicity is often the best means of reaching our goals

**Integrity:** An assurance that professional norms and scientific integrity are respected; and that data-sharing safeguards the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities as well as potential risks to sensitive species



# Vision

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A world in which the best possible biodiversity data underpins research, policy and decisions.



# Mission

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To mobilize the data, skills and technologies needed to make comprehensive biodiversity information freely available for science and decisions addressing biodiversity loss and sustainable development



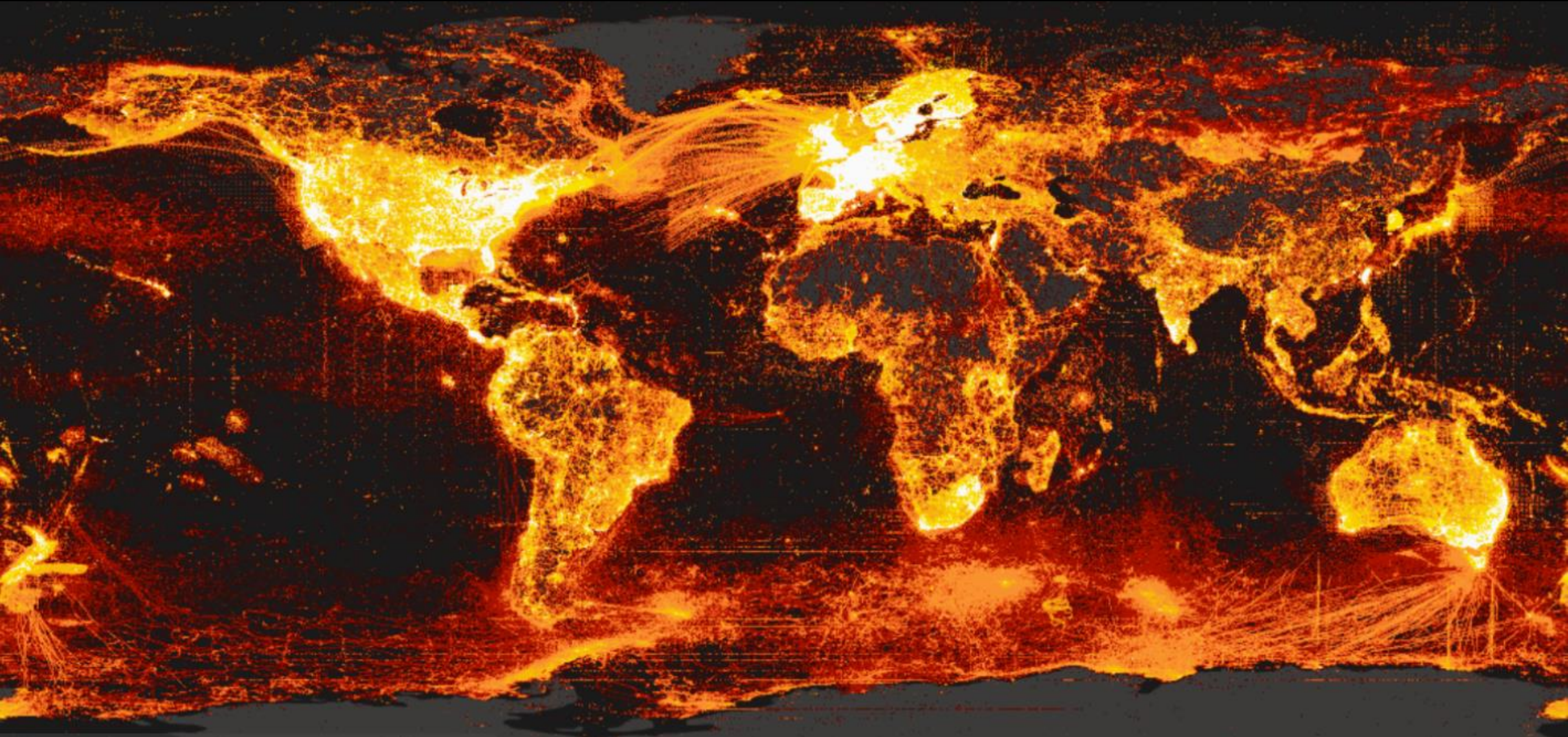
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# Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

*...for science*

Dmitry Schigel | Scientific officer



*Biodiversity data in montane and arid Eurasia  
Almaty, Kazakhstan*

*18-19 November 2024*



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# GBIF strategic framework 2023 - 2027

## Building the evidence to advance scientific research and understanding of global biodiversity

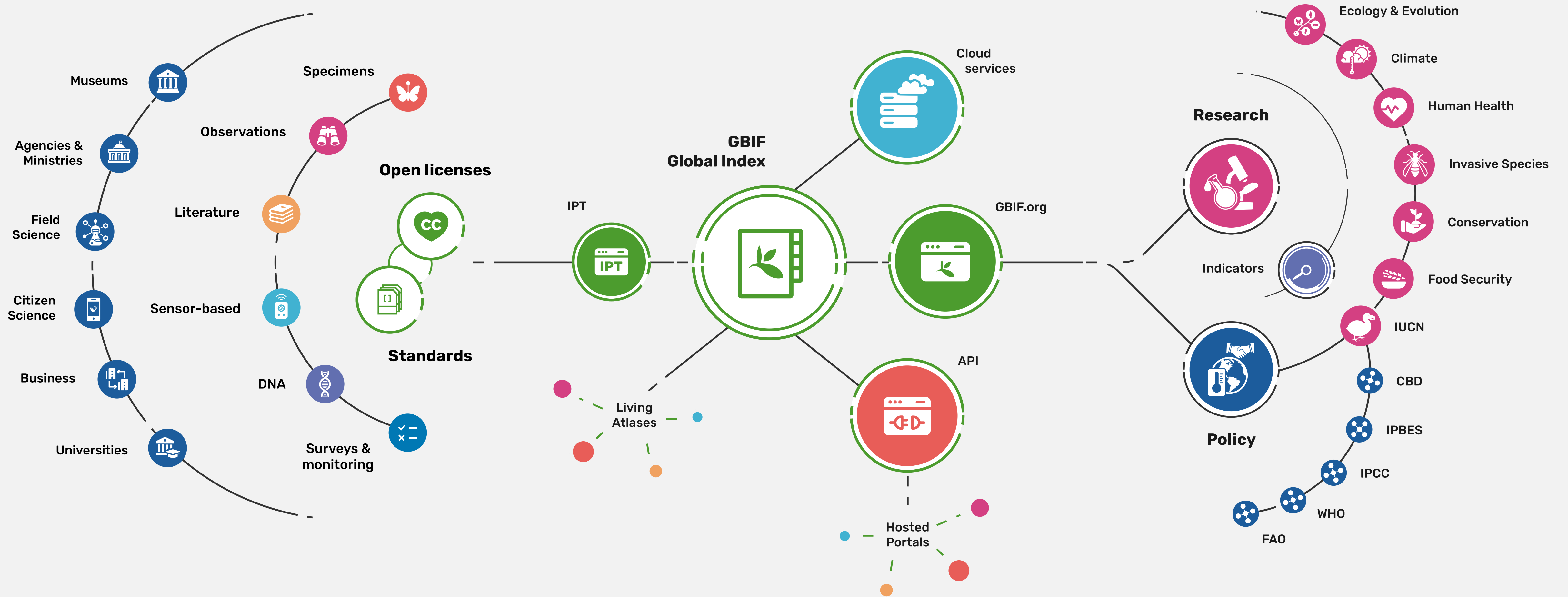
### *Objectives*



- Reduce knowledge gaps by helping the network to set targets for consolidating data coverage across thematic, taxonomic, phylogenetic, spatial and temporal dimensions.
- Enable, expand and diversify the uptake and application of GBIF-mediated data.
- Support the evolution of fundamental data-driven biodiversity research and its application across methods, scales and disciplines in life and environmental sciences.
- Ensure meaningful data exchange and reuse of data through citations and measurements, promoting and consistently applying accepted standards that adhere to best practices and sustain the highest aspirations in open and data-intensive science.
- Increase GBIF's relevance to research, promote recognition, expand involvement and improve best practices for data in academia and higher education.



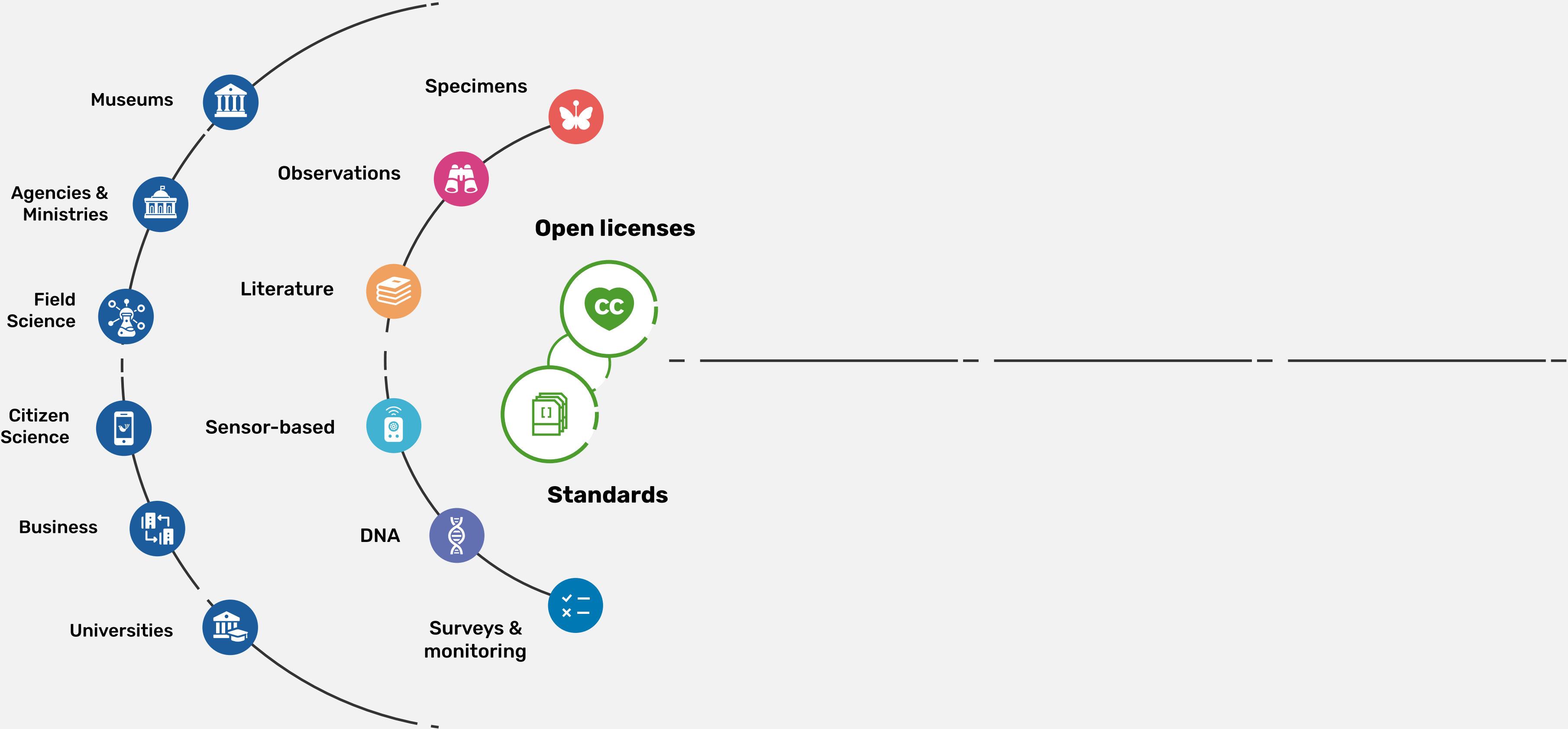
# Providing biodiversity evidence for research and policy



# Sources of biodiversity evidence

Create

Combine sources of evidence

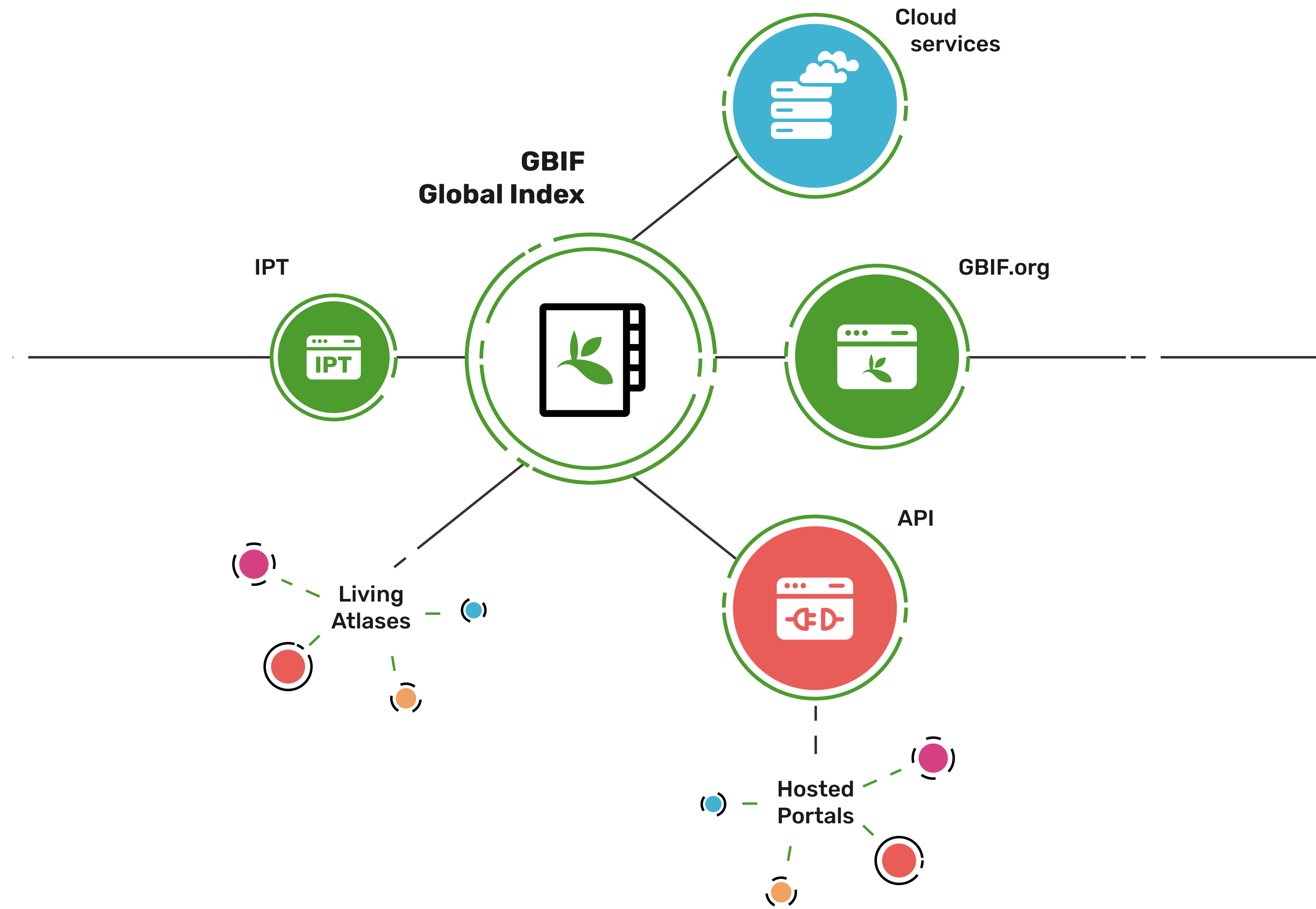




# Access to biodiversity evidence

**Share**

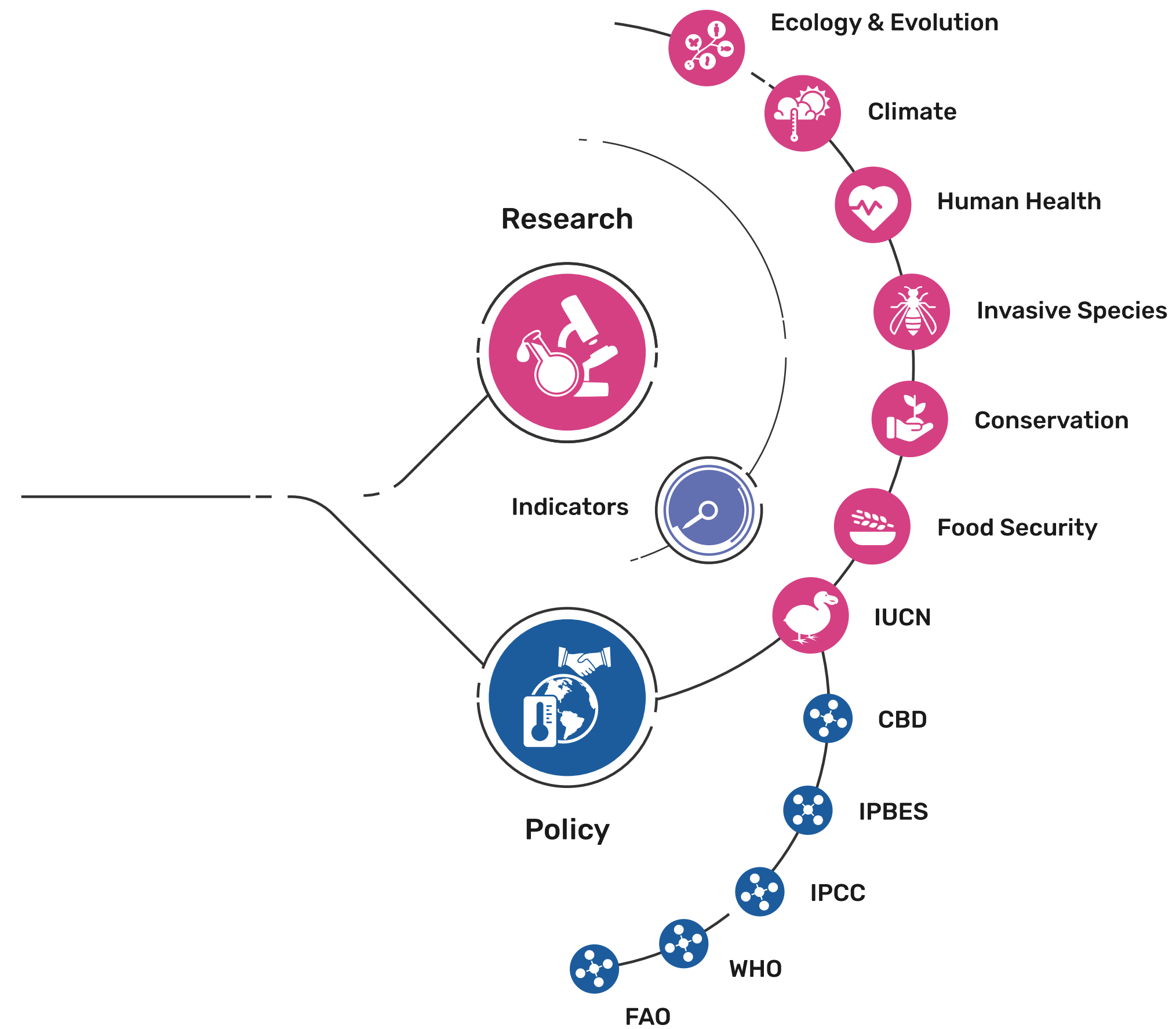
*FAIR and open access*



# Uses of biodiversity evidence

## Transform

*Apply and use data*



GBIF supporting research

GBIF supporting policy



# Science and research

Dmitry Schigel



# Data in 108,709 datasets: attribution, credit and affiliation

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OCCURRENCE DATASET | REGISTERED JULY 27, 2009

## Swiss National Bryophyte Databank

Published by [Swiss National Biodiversity Data and Information Centres – infospecies.ch](https://www.infospecies.ch)

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236,552 OCCURRENCES | 111 CITATIONS

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### Climatic drivers of *Sphagnum* species distributions

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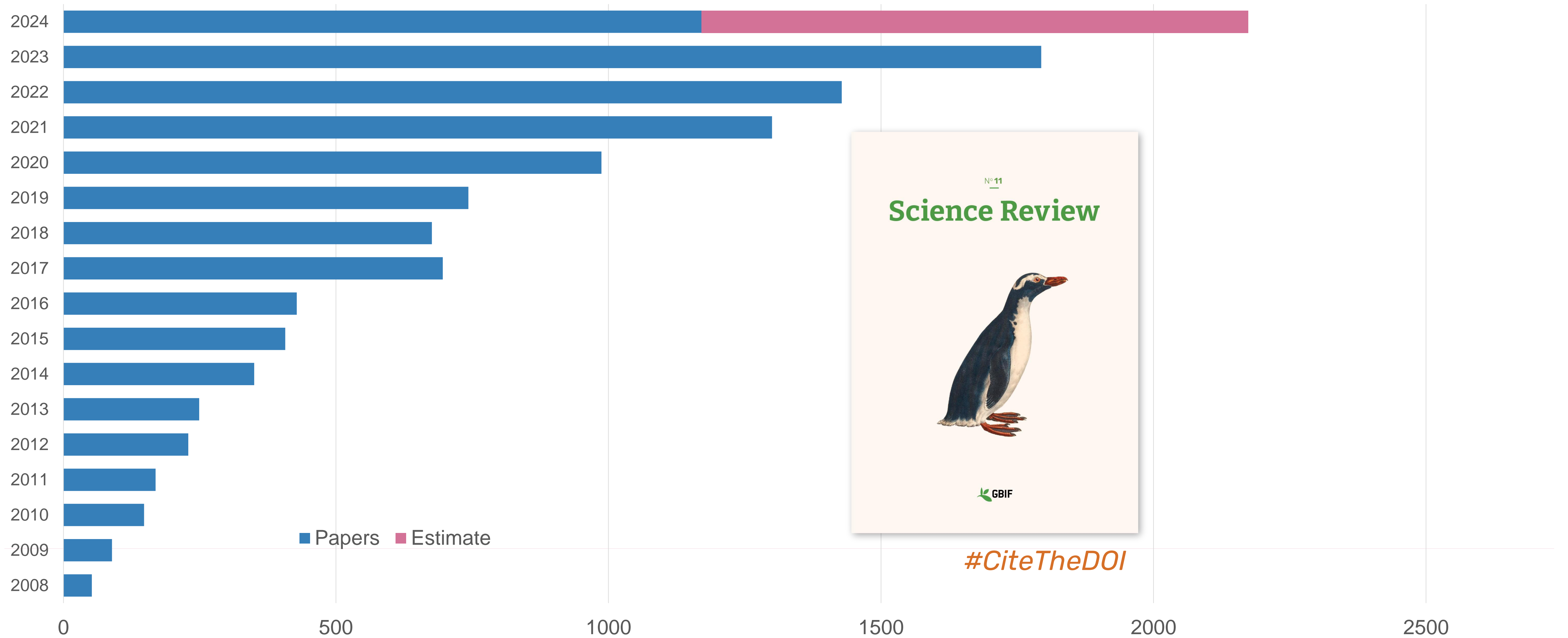
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Peat mosses (genus *Sphagnum*) dominate most Northern mires and show distinct distributional limits in Europe despite having efficient dispersal and few dispersal barriers. This pattern indicates that *Sphagnum* species distributions are strongly linked to climate. *Sphagnum*-dominated mires have been the largest terrestrial carbon sinks in Europe over the last few millennia. Understanding the climatic drivers of *Sphagnum* species distributions is important for predicting the future functionality of peatlands. We used MaxEnt, with biologically relevant climatic variables, to model and clarify the current distributions of 45 *Sphagnum* species in Europe. We

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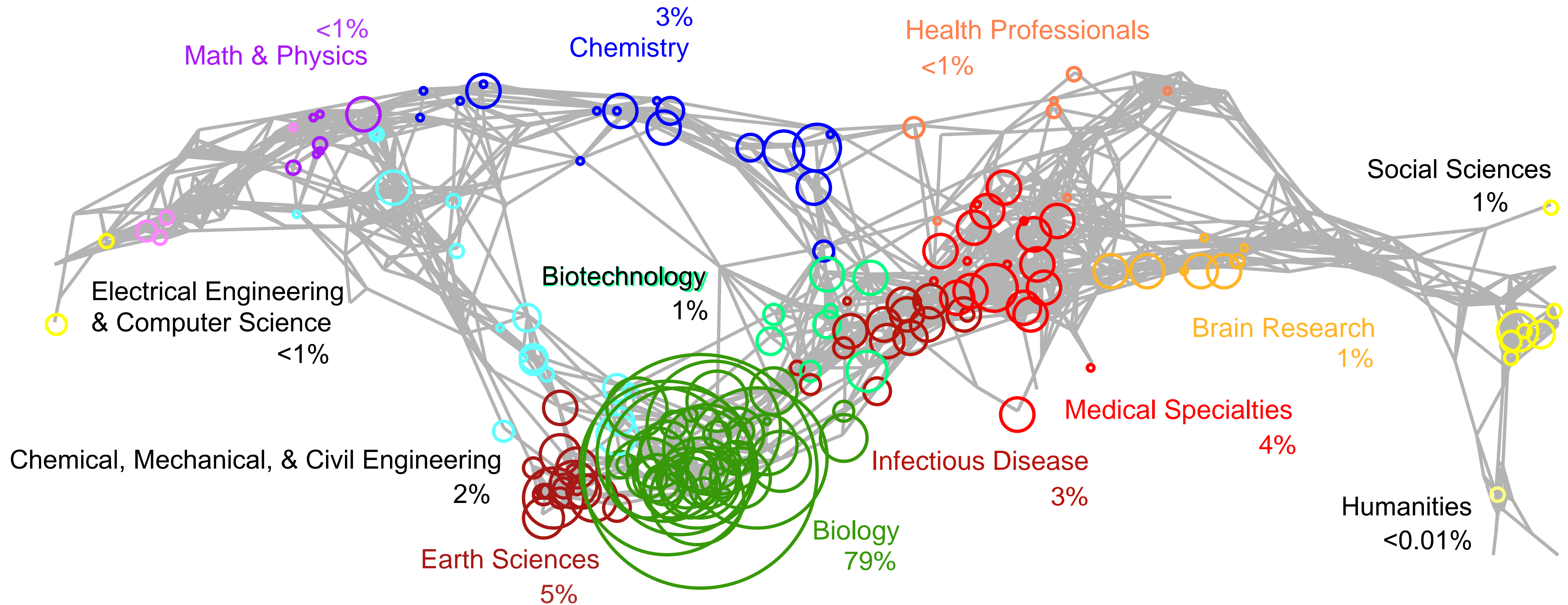
- Peat mosses (*Sphagnum*) form northern peatlands and species have different distributions across Europe.
- We model the climatic suitability for all European species using multiple databases and MaxEnt models.
- The climatic suitability for most species can be accurately modelled with mean annual temperature and water balance and their variation over the year.
- *Sphagnum* has its highest species richness in northwestern Europe.

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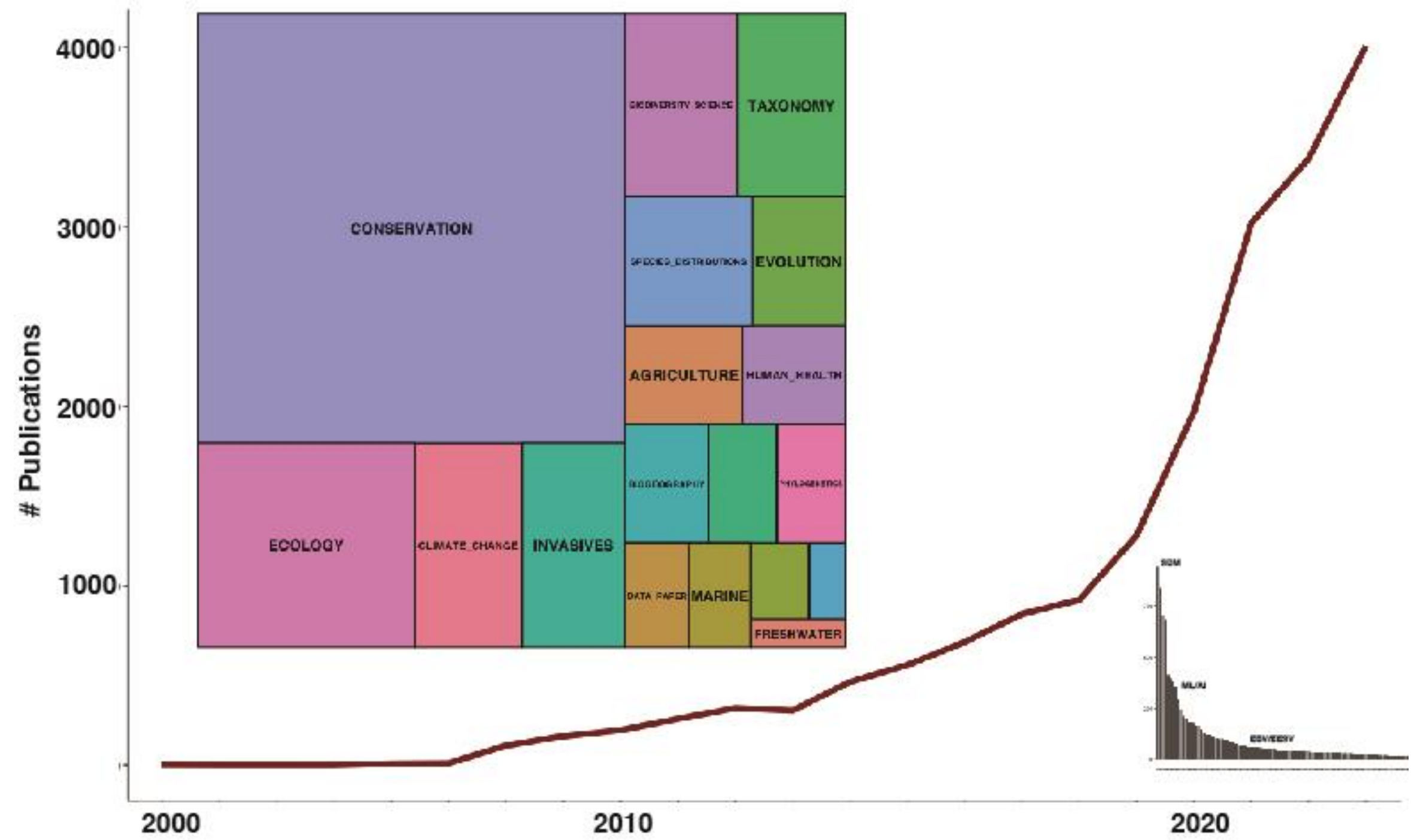
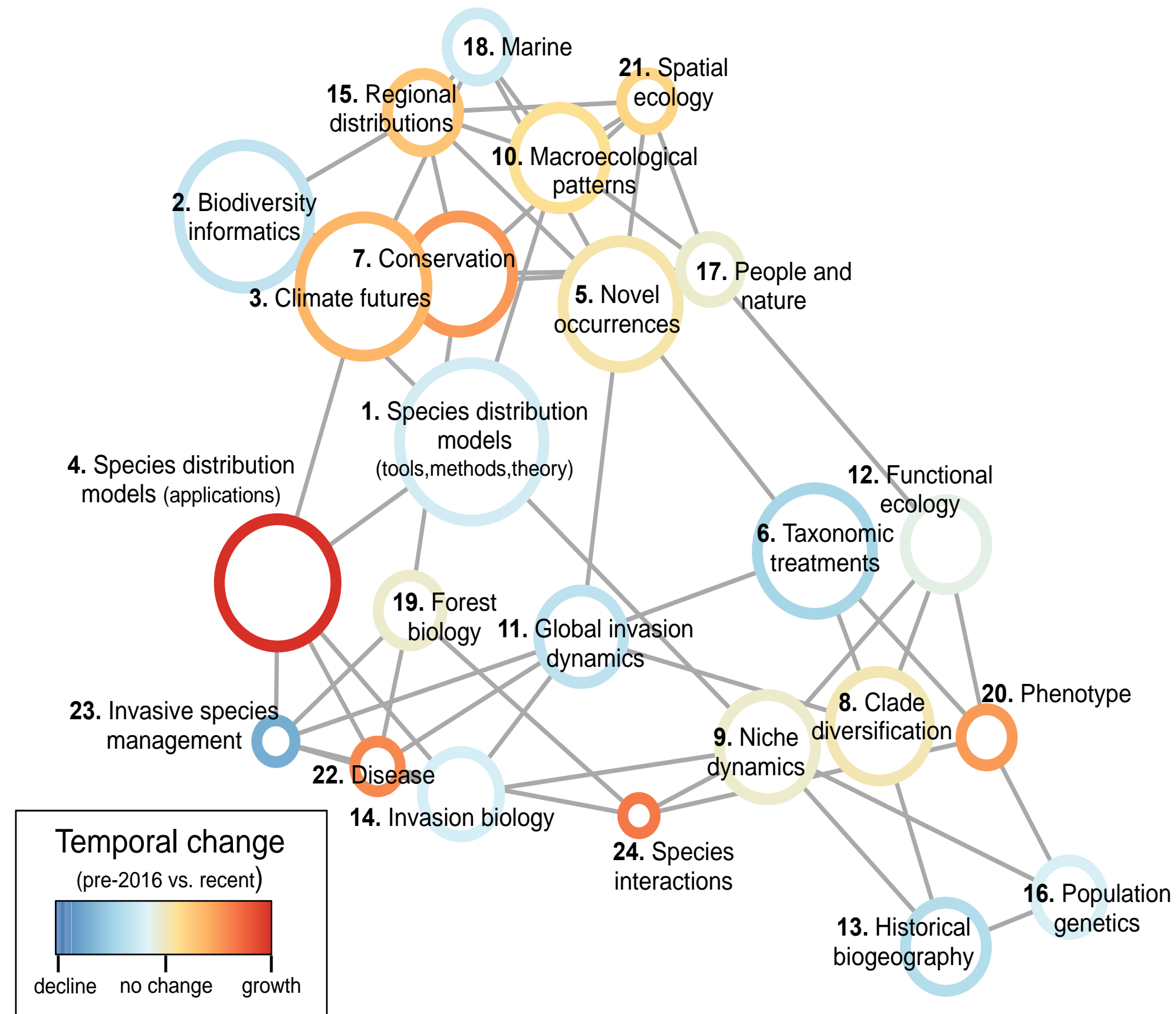
# Peer-reviewed publications using GBIF-mediated data



# Map of GBIF-enabled science



# Systematic reviews of GBIF-enabled science



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 2016 – 2019  
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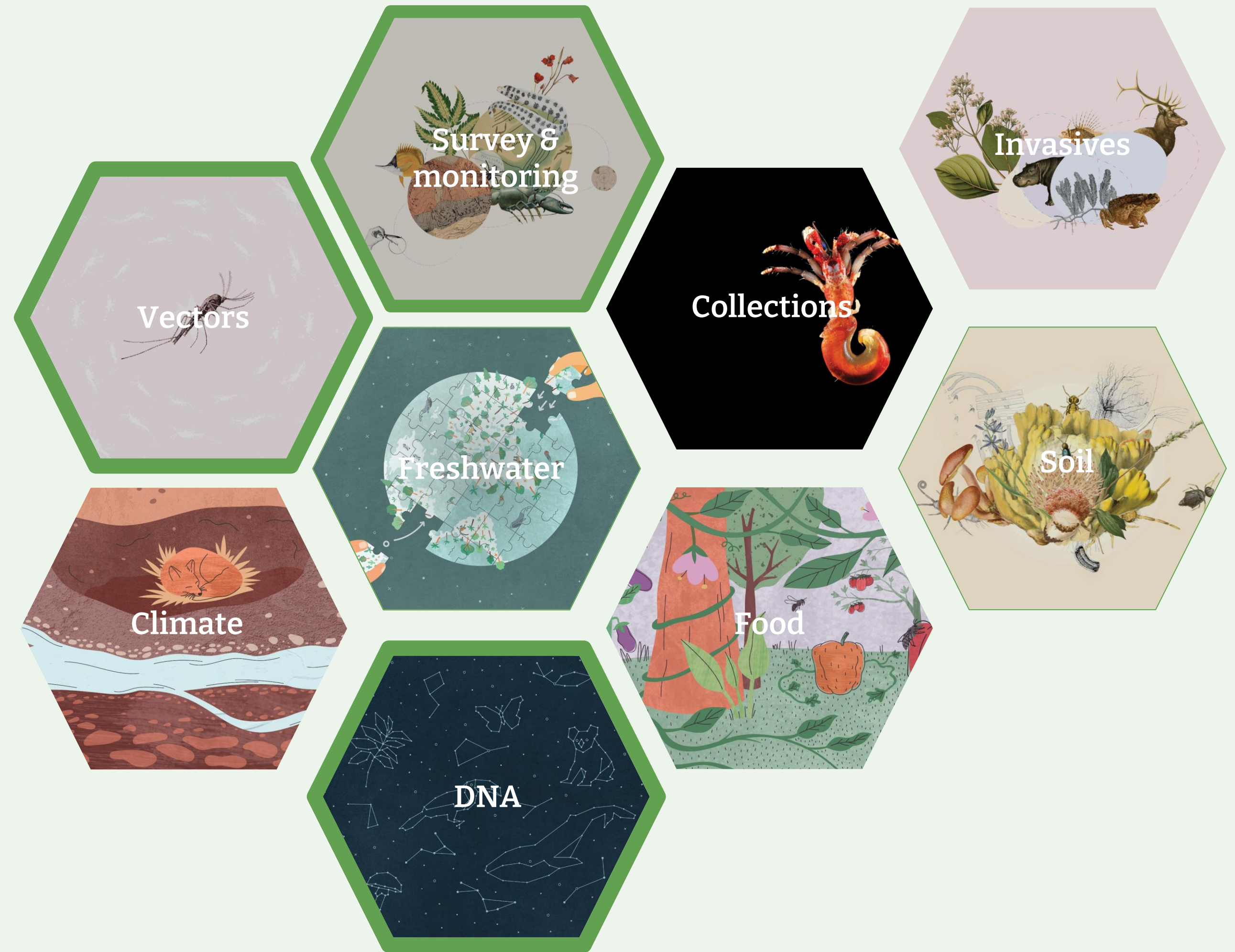
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# GBIF thematic priorities

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## GBIF Strategic Framework





## Thematic communities



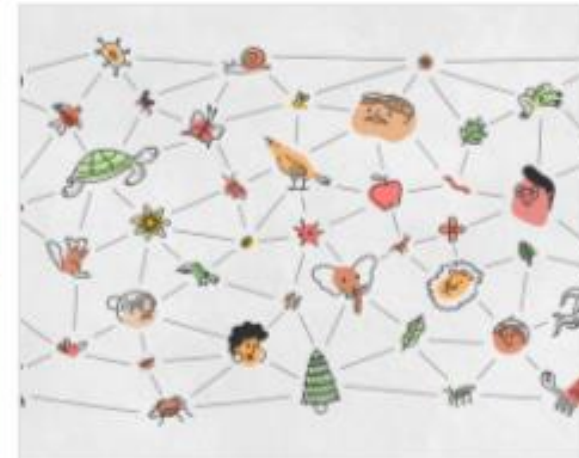
Soil



Conservation



Climate change



Human health and One Health



DNA barcoding and metagenomics



Agriculture and food security



Business sector



Scientific collections

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### GBIF and food

GBIF facilitates a world in agricultural usage and agricultural policy by helping to identify areas for agricultural crop and related

Data from the GBIF network provides and contributes to various dimensions of knowledge, research and policy in agriculture and food security.

Much of this work focuses on the relationships between domesticated crops and their wild relatives, or crop wild relatives, and how they can shape and inform farming practices in the face of global climate change. The protection of wild species can improve food security and agricultural policy by increasing crop yields and making cultivated species more adaptable and resilient, free from pests and pathogens, and better able to adapt to changes in temperature or precipitation.

Combining climate, soil, and other data with GBIF-mediated data also helps identify changes in regions suitable for different crops in future, high-risk areas for agricultural pests, possible benefits and risks of biofuel production, and relationships and interactions between pollinators.

#### Featured datasets and publishers related to food security and agriculture

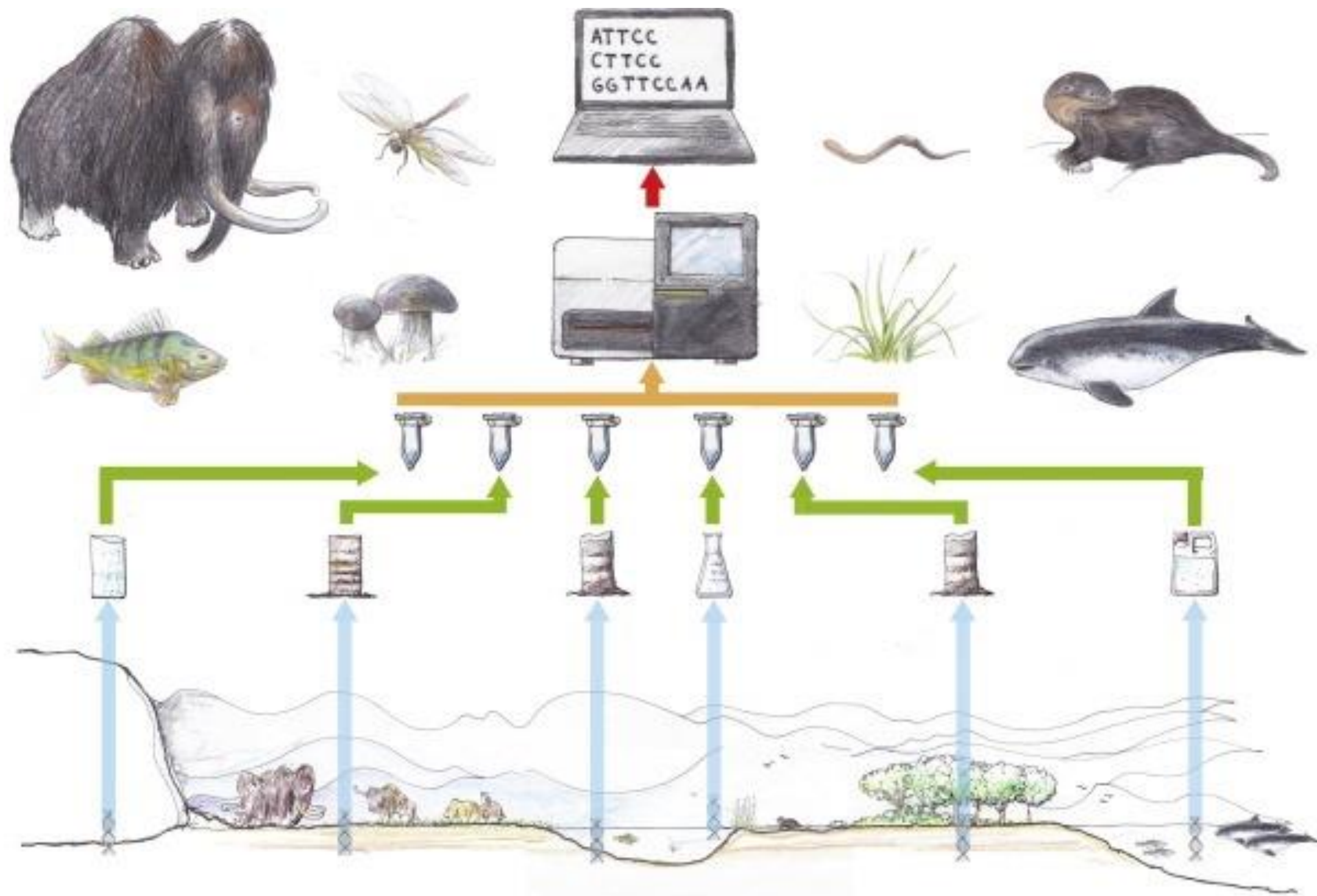
A global database for the distributions of crop wild relatives	Bee Biology and Systematics Laboratory	Malawi Plant Genetic Resources Centre (MPGRC)	Categorization of the wild food plants and their importance for primate development in the natural forest of Alogu (Lama) in southern Benin



# eDNA and metabarcoding



# What is eDNA?

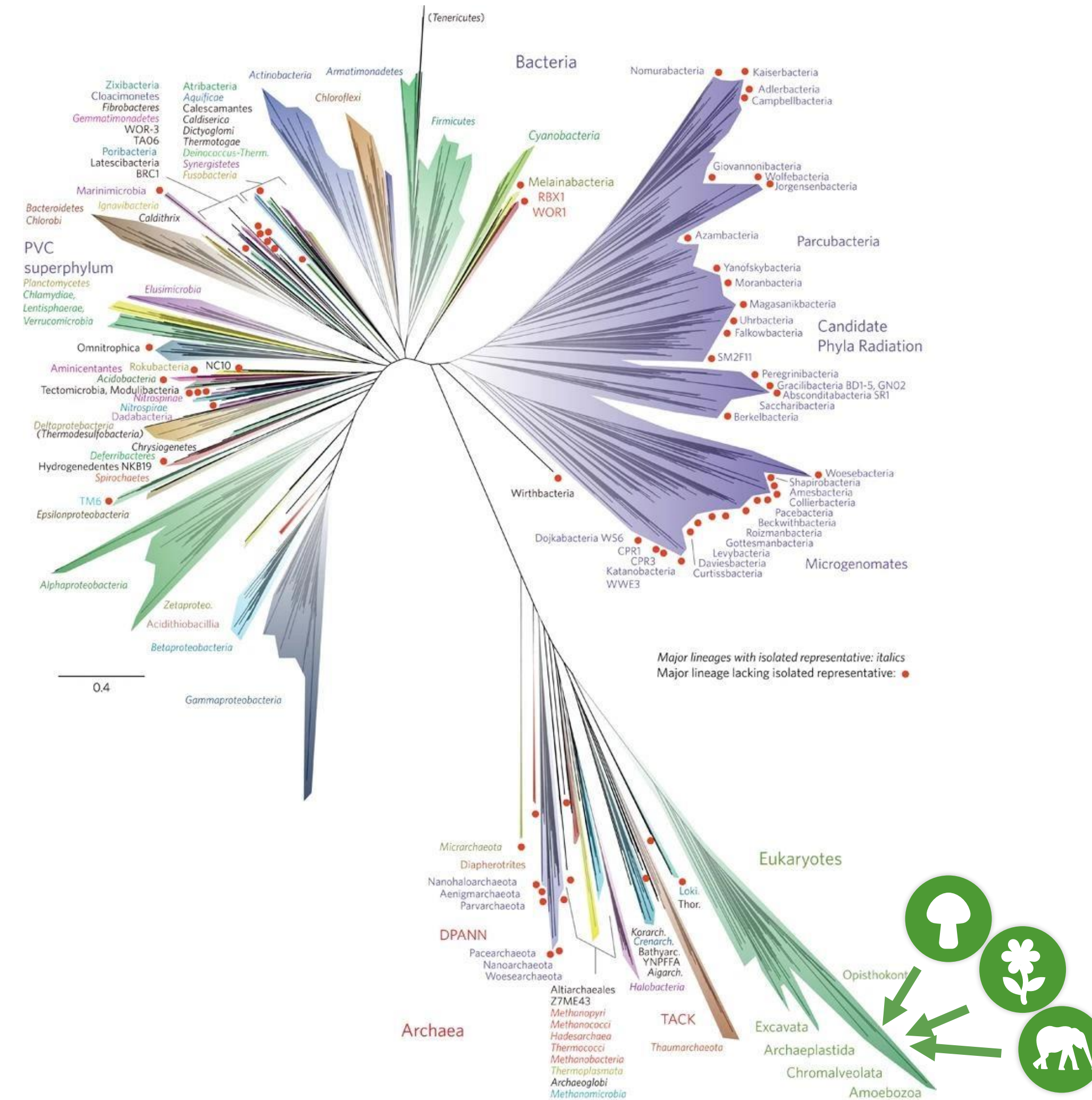


Uncovering “invisible footprints” of organisms



# Why is eDNA Data Essential?

Filling critical taxonomic and geographic gaps for comprehensive biodiversity data



# Collaborating for a global eDNA data future



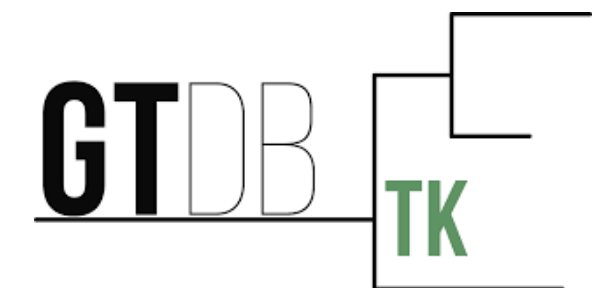
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# The Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

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## Metabarcoding Data Toolkit

bridging metabarcoding and biodiversity



How to use it? Got feedback? FAQ

The most recently updated resources are available as an RSS feed

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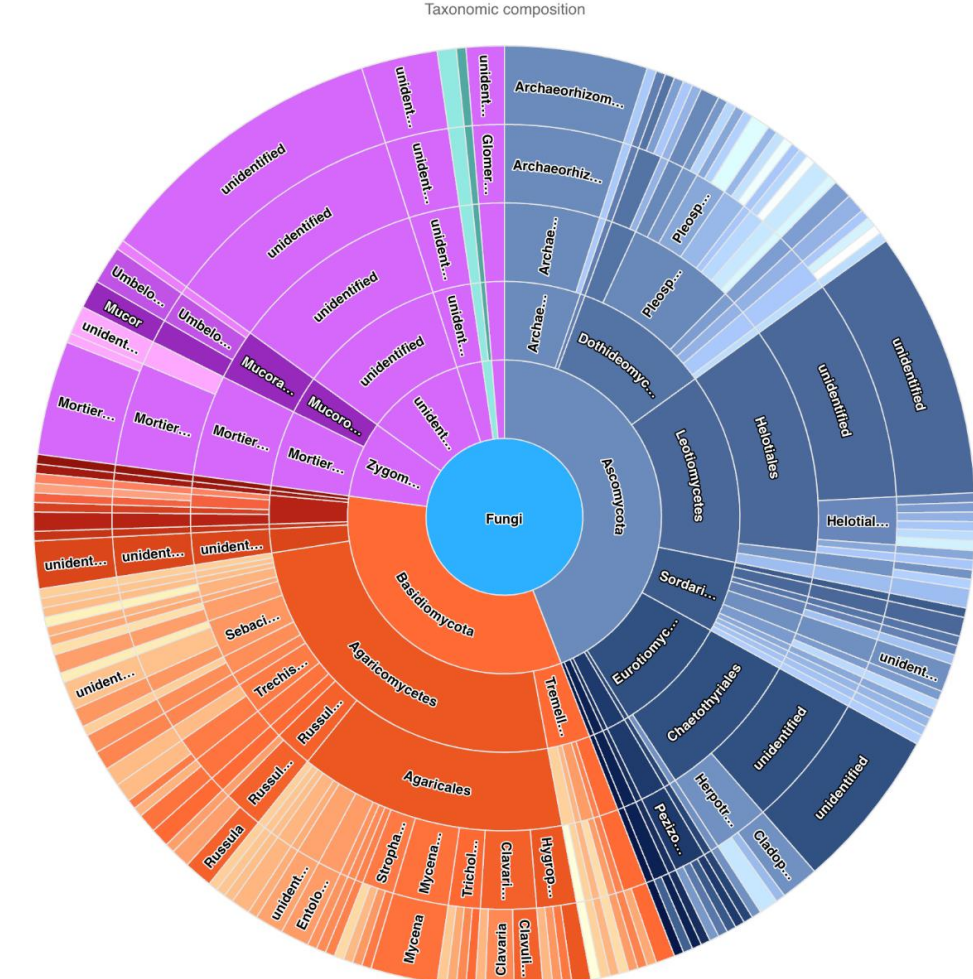
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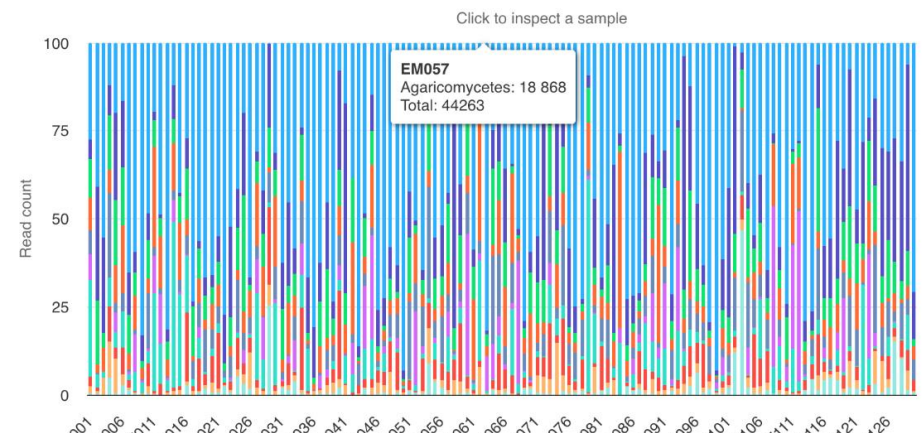
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Agaricomycetes: 18 868  
Total: 44263

Relative read abundance

Taxon rank: class



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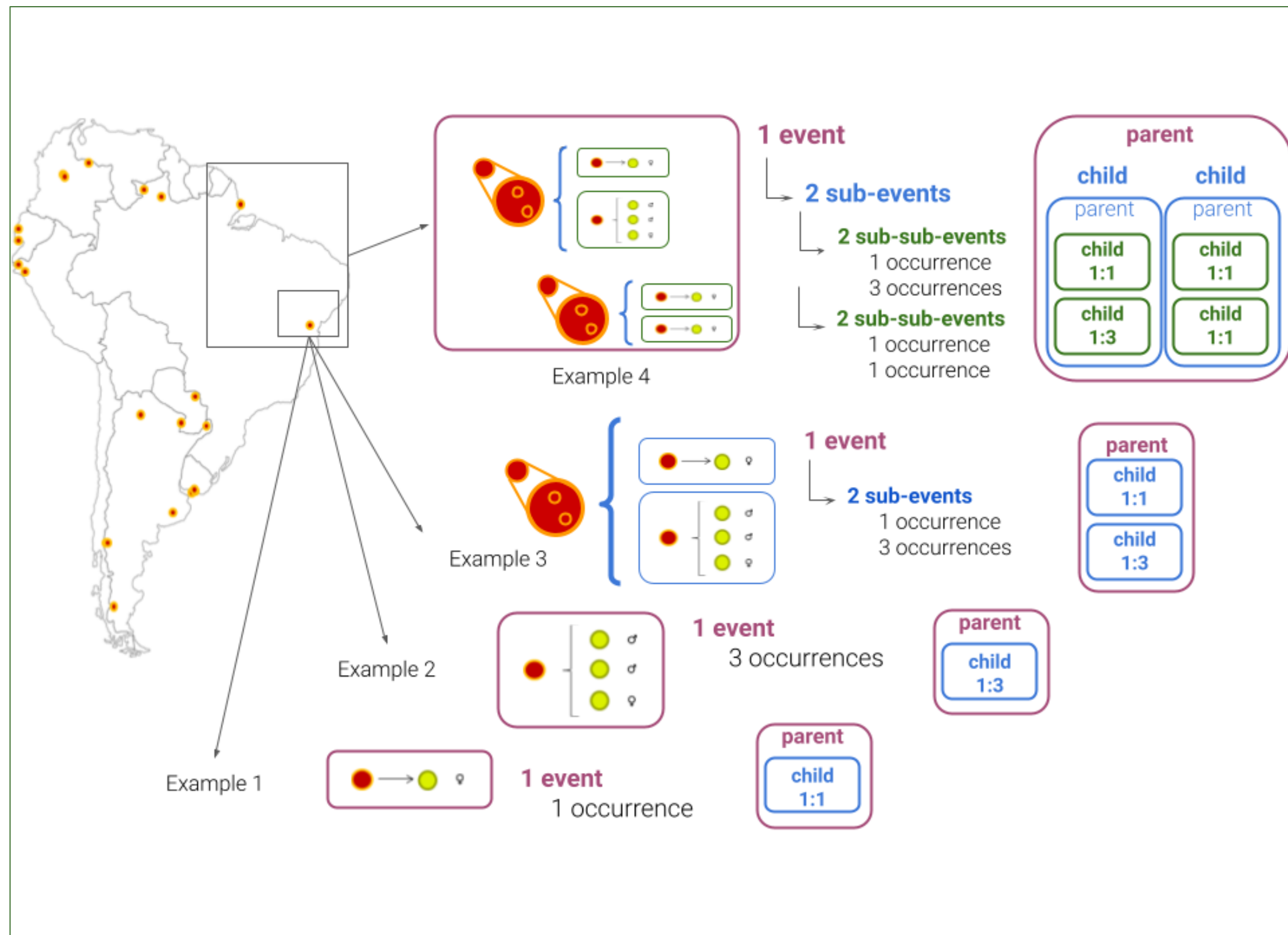


# Surveys and monitoring

Humboldt extension and data model



# What are survey and monitoring data?



- Reported sampling protocol
- Hierarchical w/ variable complexity
- Effort types
  - Bioblitzes, museum expeditions, long-term monitoring initiatives, ...

Figure 4, Sica et al. 2023. Humboldt Extension for Ecological Inventories: User Guide w/ Test IPT Instructions. <https://tinyurl.com/HEuserguide>





# Why are survey and monitoring data important to GBIF?

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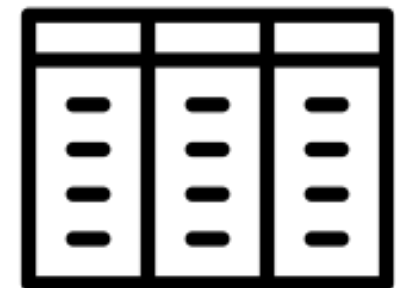


- Assessment of biodiversity trends and rates of change
- Impacts
  - Scientific research
  - Policy and management

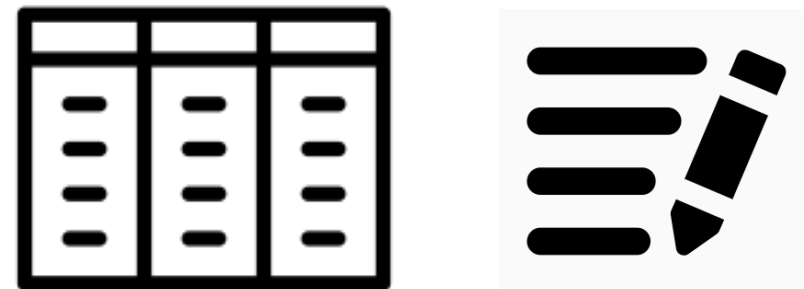


# Data sharing in science: the WHERE choices

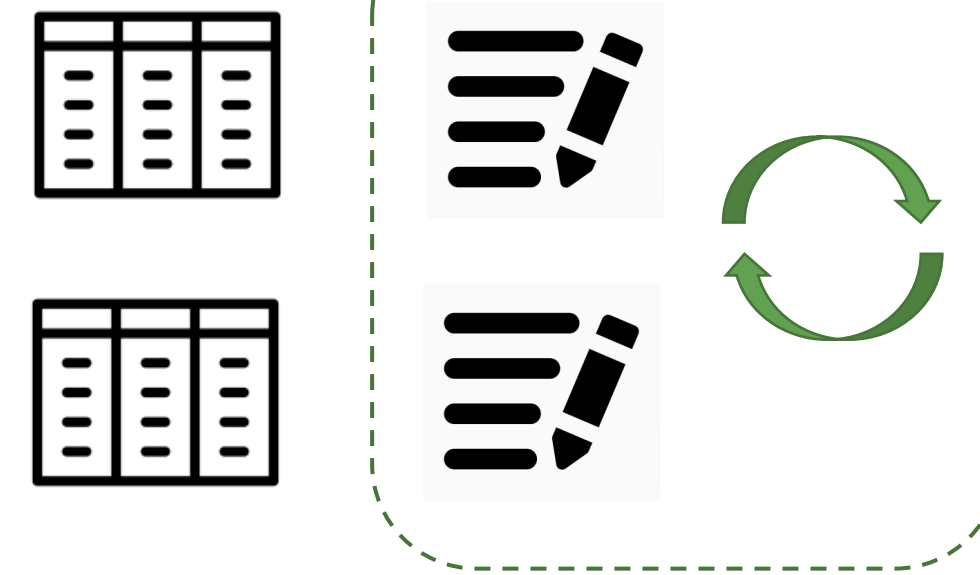
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Data catalogue



Data index



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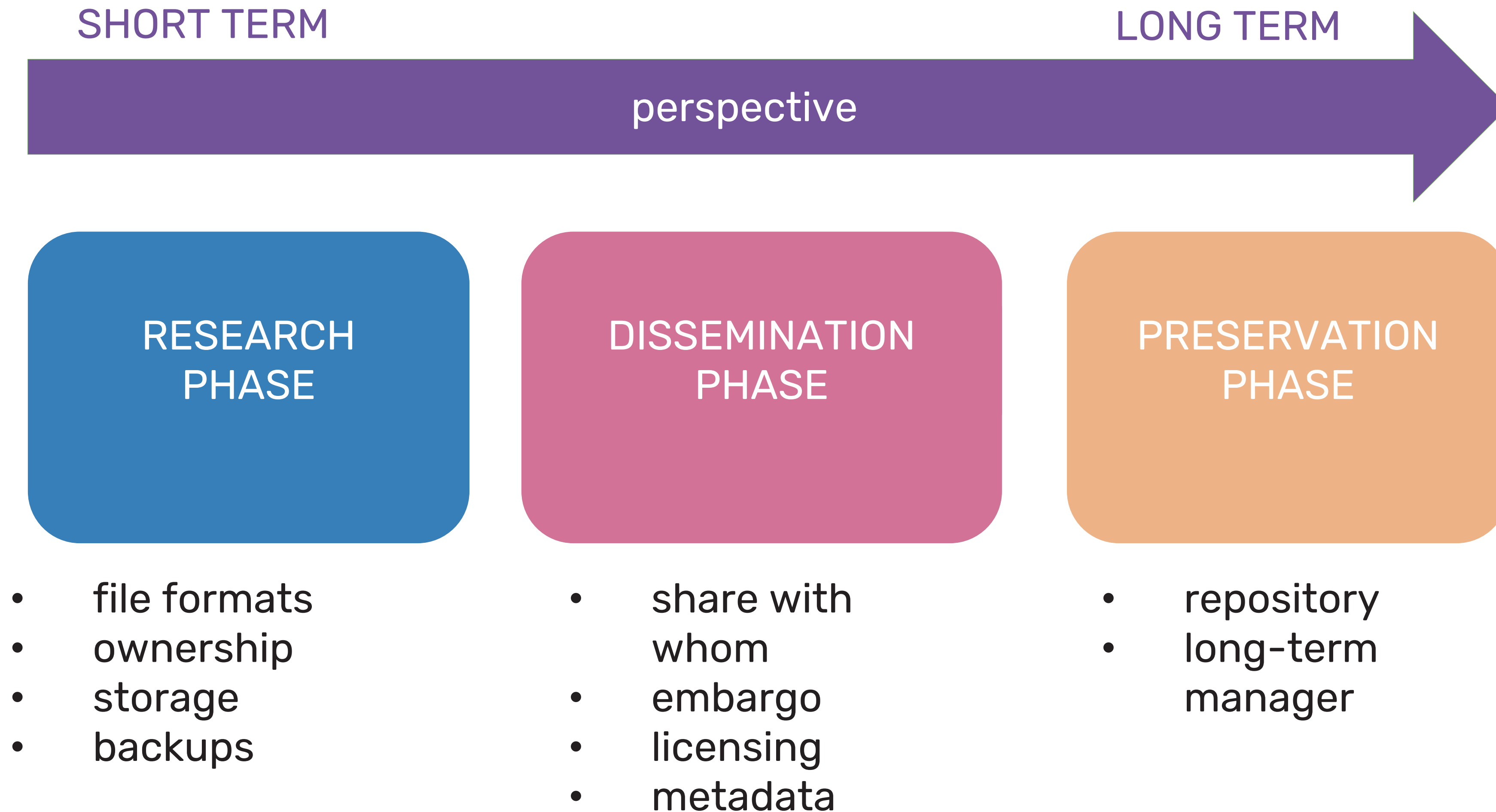
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**Data  
standardization**



# Data sharing in science: the WHEN choices



# Sharing Detailed Research Data Is Associated with Increased Citation Rate

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**Background.** Sharing research data provides benefit to the general scientific community, but the benefit is less obvious for the investigator who makes his or her data available. **Principal Findings.** We examined the citation history of 85 cancer microarray clinical trial publications with respect to the availability of their data. The 48% of trials with publicly available microarray data received 85% of the aggregate citations. Publicly available data was significantly ( $p=0.006$ ) associated with a 69% increase in citations, independently of journal impact factor, date of publication, and author country of origin using linear regression. **Significance.** This correlation between publicly available data and increased literature impact may further motivate investigators to share their detailed research data.

Citation: Piwowar HA, Day RS, Fridsma DB (2007) Sharing Detailed Research Data Is Associated with Increased Citation Rate. PLoS ONE 2(3): e308. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0000308

## INTRODUCTION

Sharing information facilitates science. Publicly sharing detailed research data—sample attributes, clinical factors, patient outcomes, DNA sequences, raw mRNA microarray measurements—with other researchers allows these valuable resources to contribute far beyond their original analysis[1]. In addition to being used to confirm original results, raw data can be used to explore related or new hypotheses, particularly when combined with other publicly available data sets. Real data is indispensable when investigating and developing study methods, analysis techniques, and software implementations. The larger scientific community also benefits: sharing data encourages multiple perspectives, helps to identify errors, discourages fraud, is useful for training new researchers, and increases efficient use of funding and patient population resources by avoiding duplicate data collection.

Believing that that these benefits outweigh the costs of sharing research data, many initiatives actively encourage investigators to make their data available. Some journals, including the *PLoS* family, require the submission of detailed biomedical data to publicly available databases as a condition of publication[2–4]. Since 2003, the NIH has required a data sharing plan for all large funding grants. The growing open-access publishing movement will perhaps increase peer pressure to share data.

However, while the general research community benefits from shared data, much of the burden for sharing the data falls to the study investigator. Are there benefits for the investigators themselves?

A currency of value to many investigators is the number of times their publications are cited. Although limited as a proxy for the scientific contribution of a paper[5], citation counts are often used in research funding and promotion decisions and have even been assigned a salary-increase dollar value[6]. Boosting citation rate is thus a potentially important motivator for publication authors.

In this study, we explored the relationship between the citation rate of a publication and whether its data was made publicly available. Using cancer microarray clinical trials, we addressed the following questions: Do trials which share their microarray data receive more citations? Is this true even within lower profile trials? What other data-sharing variables are associated with an increased citation rate? While this study is not able to investigate causation, quantifying associations is a valuable first step in understanding these relationships. Clinical microarray data provides a useful environment for the investigation: despite being valuable for reuse and extremely costly to collect, is not yet universally shared.

## RESULTS

We studied the citations of 85 cancer microarray clinical trials published between January 1999 and April 2003, as identified in a systematic review by Ntzani and Ioannidis[7] and listed in Supplementary Text S1. We found 41 of the 85 clinical trials (48%) made their microarray data publicly available on the internet. Most data sets were located on lab websites (28), with a few found on publisher websites (4), or within public databases (6 in the Stanford Microarray Database (SMD)[8], 6 in Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)[9], 2 in ArrayExpress[10], 2 in the NCI GeneExpression Data Portal (GEDP)(gedp.nci.nih.gov); some datasets in more than one location). The internet locations of the datasets are listed in Supplementary Text S2. The majority of datasets were made available concurrently with the trial publication, as illustrated within the WayBackMachine internet archives (www.archive.org/web/web.php) for 25 of the datasets and mention of supplementary data within the trial publication itself for 10 of the remaining 16 datasets. As seen in Table 1, trials published in high impact journals, prior to 2001, or with US authors were more likely to share their data.

The cohort of 85 trials was cited an aggregate of 6239 times in 2004–2005 by 3133 distinct articles (median of 1.0 cohort citation per article, range 1–23). The 48% of trials which shared their data received a total of 5334 citations (85% of aggregate), distributed as shown in Figure 1.

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# The research data lifecycle

Generate / **Access**

(re)Organize

Modify

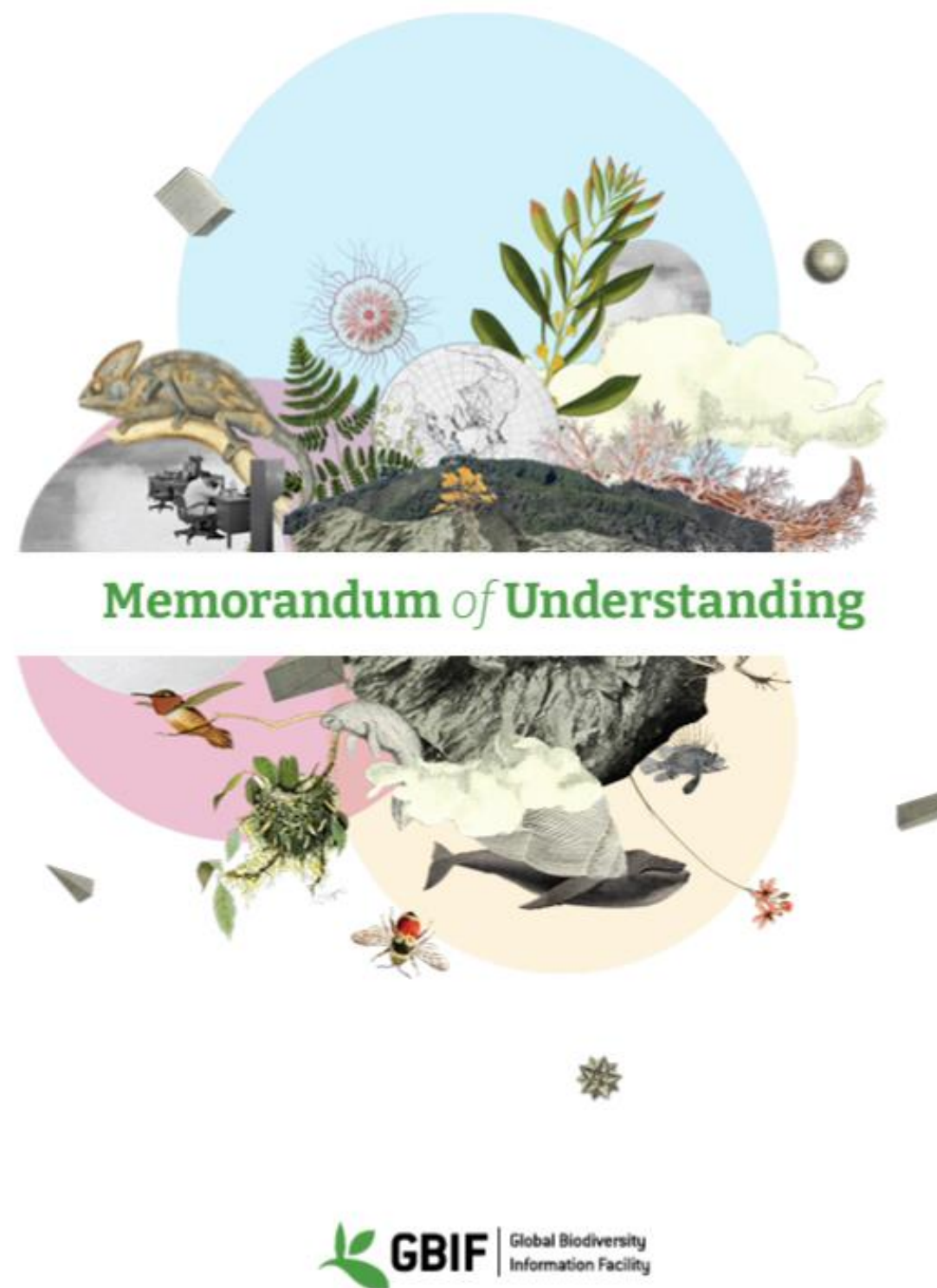
Analyze

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Cite



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Noting that GBIF was established in March 2001, and that the first and second MOU for GBIF had each a duration of five years (2001-2006/2007-2011), the signatories to this Memorandum of Understanding hereby express their intention either to continue their existing Participation in GBIF or to become new Participants in **GBIF as a mechanism of technical and scientific international co-operation.**

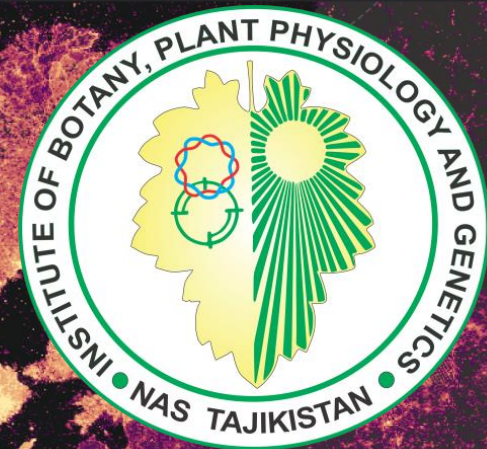
The Participants intend to encourage co-operation amongst themselves in the implementation of GBIF and in the development of joint work programmes in areas of mutual interest with the **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity and other appropriate bodies and initiatives** to avoid duplication and to benefit from existing resources and expertise.



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# Tajikistan National Report

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Tajikistan

Almaty 2024



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Global Biodiversity  
Information Facility

Illustration: GBIF data portal

# Tajikistan – Country Profile

- **Location** - The Republic of Tajikistan is an inland country located in the south-eastern part of Central Asia.
- **Population** - The population of Tajikistan as of January 1, 2023 is 10 million people.
- **Capital:** Dushanbe
- **Area:** 142,600 sq km
- **Languages:** Tajik, Russian, Uzbek, English and others





The biological diversity of Tajikistan today has more than 23,300 species of flora and fauna, and on average there are more than 164 species per thousand square kilometers of territory, which is ten times more than the world indicator.

Due to anthropogenic and other types of impact on nature, 226 plant species and 162 animal species are included in the Red Data Book of Tajikistan, which have become rare and are under threat of extinction.

The loss of agrobiodiversity in Tajikistan is especially negatively affected by the process of global climate change. Therefore, it is now necessary to take measures to preserve local biodiversity and increase the adaptive capacity communities to climate change.



Norway

# BioDATA

2018 - 2022



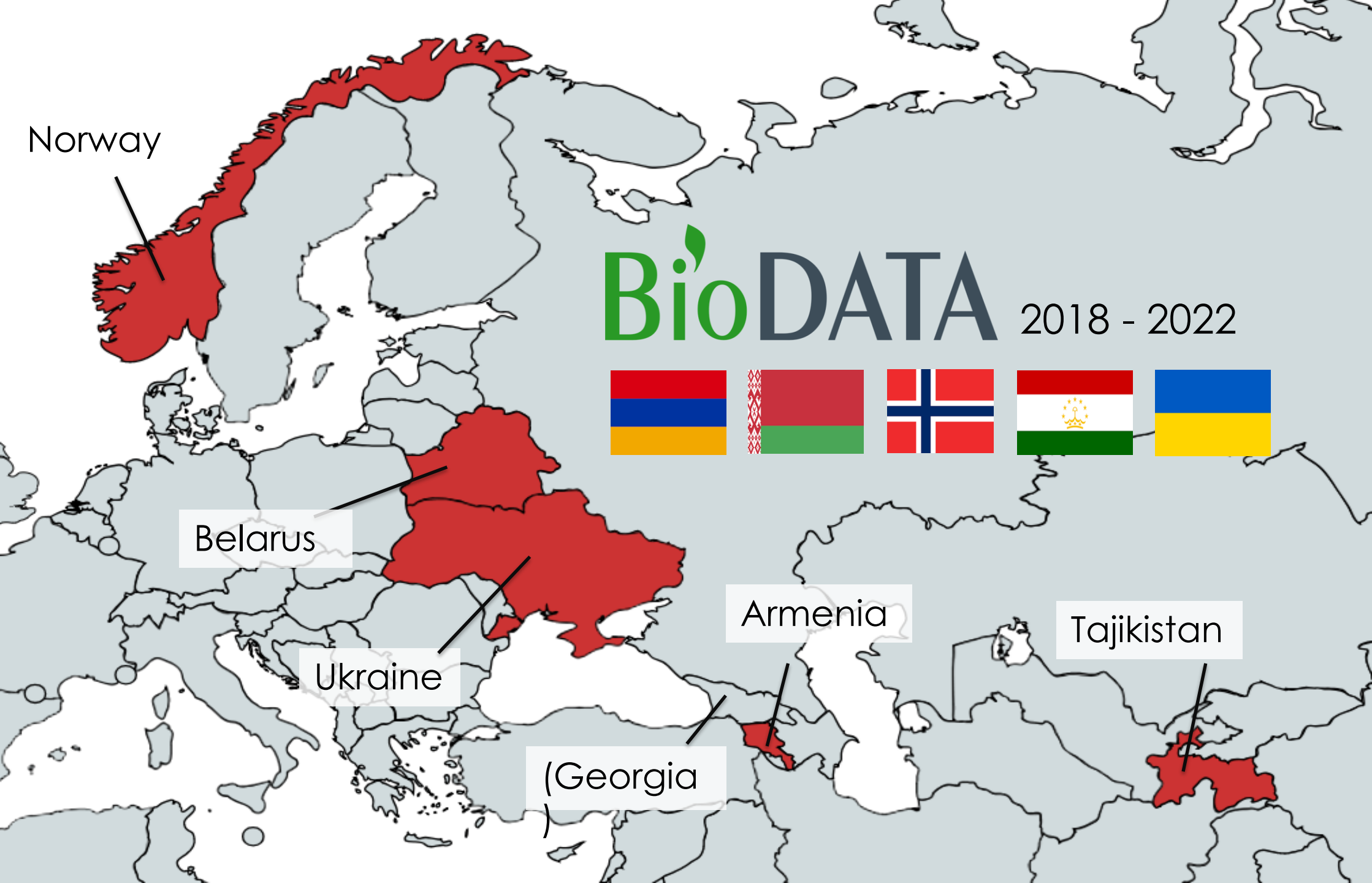
Belarus

Armenia

Tajikistan

Ukraine

(Georgia)





*Including additional students  
from Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan*



Regional training | June 2019 | Shambari, Tajikistan



# GBIF Tajikistan

# Kick-starting the biodiversity data publication process for Tajikistan ID:CESP2022-001

GBIF  
Norway  
main  
Partner

IBPPG  
TNAS

Khatlon  
SC  
TNAS

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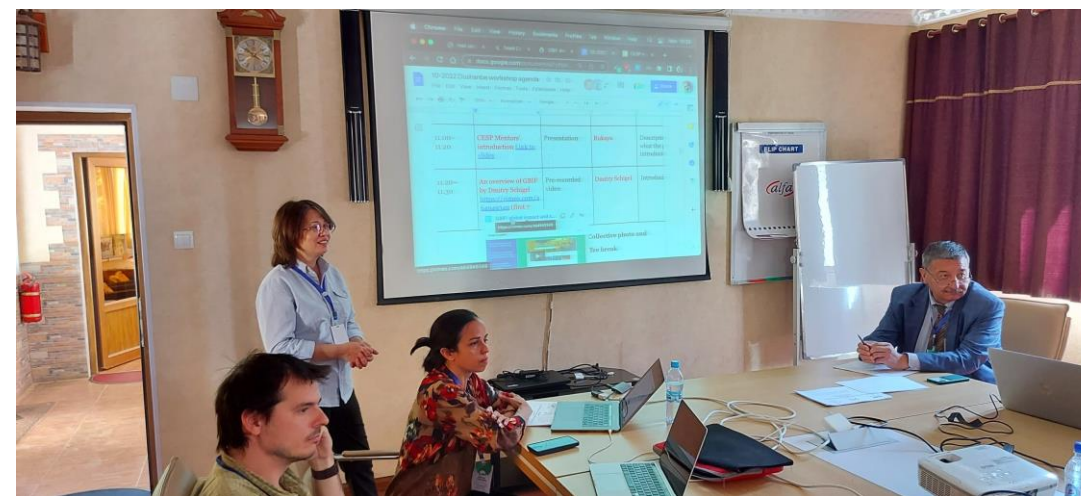
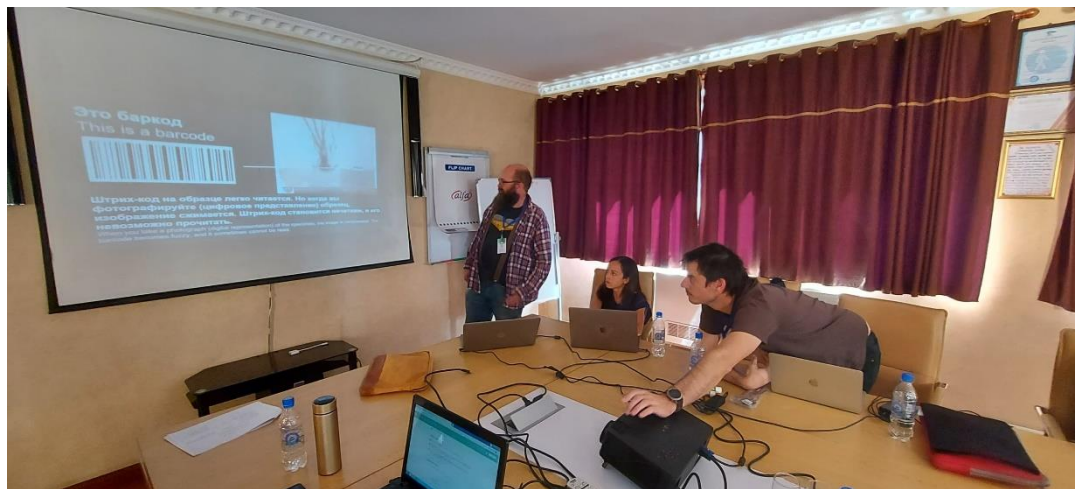
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## Activity Detail Summary

Activity	Description	Start Date	End Date	Deliverable or Impact
Identifying and inventorying the organizations in Tajikistan that hold specimen collections	A list of potential data publication partners and contact details. All these institutions will be registered into GRSciColl and Wikidata.	1/9/2022	26/9/2022	Impact: This will build communication and support capacity within the Tajikistan GBIF node.
Engaging key regional organizations	COVID -19 restrictions permitting, we plan 1 physical workshop/conference, with optional digital participation	27/9/2022	29/9/2022	Increased awareness of the data publication process in Tajikistan, and data publication support capacity at the Tajik GBIF Node. We can follow that up with an offer of one-on-one digital assistance from GBIF Norway in conjunction with the data publisher and GBIF Tajikistan

Digitization of legacy biodiversity datasets in Tajikistan	A digitisation workflow. This will include the setup for technical equipment and specimen imaging	3/10/2022	30/12/2022	Impact: Greater capacity for specimen digitisation at the Herbarium, and more importantly greater knowledge + capacity at the Tajik node for collection digitisation and data publication”
GBIF data publication	Deliverable: Data publication of approximately 645 records of which some recordings are in a BRAHMS database. Data will be visible on gbif.org and on <a href="https://tajik.ipt.gbif.no">https://tajik.ipt.gbif.no</a>	3/1/2023	30/6/2023	Impact: Increased coverage of important biodiversity information for a region with limited published data

# Training workshop in Tajikistan





# PUBLISH FIRST

A novel, rapid digitisation/publishing workflow for herbaria low on staff time and technical resources

26 - 28 SEPT 2022: GBIF  CESP WORKSHOP



STEPS - 1: SCAN

2: Upload



A python app listens to create events on the bucket



Google Vision API parses handwritten and printed text in image - some mistakes but generally good, even with handwritten Cyrillic



Google Translate API for the Russian translation (original and translation are stored verbatim in `desc:dynamicProperties`)

A simple parser splits out obvious label information (scientific name, altitude, etc). This is output into a `desc` stored on the bucket



IPT set up to publish automatically from source file on bucket



# Tajikistan

An associate participant from Europe and Central Asia  
Names of countries and areas are based on the [ISO 3166-1 standard](#)

## DATA FROM TAJIKISTAN

53,160

Published occurrences

4

[Published datasets](#)

26

Countries and areas covered by data from Tajikistan

5

Publishers from Tajikistan



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## DATA ABOUT TAJIKISTAN

126,438

Occurrences

454

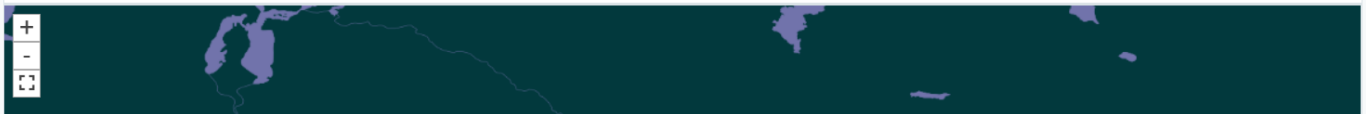
Datasets

35

Countries and areas contribute data

211

Publishers



# Achievements GBIF Tajikistan

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OCCURRENCE DATASET | REGISTERED OCTOBER 14, 2022

## The Herbarium Fund of the Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics at the Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences - BRAHMS records

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# Achievements GBIF Tajikistan

During the implementation project, we organized several virtual meetings about the evaluation and monitoring of the project with our main partners GBIF team Norway. About evaluation and monitoring local organization I personally visited to the Universities. During my 3h lecture, I explained for teachers and student's biological faculty about data publication in the GBIF one more again. From students and teachers were most interest about our project it talks about outputs and deliverables and capacity building young generations. Implementation project is going well efficiency that we connected 4 local organizations. The strength side that in our workshop participated around 27 young specialist from different of regions of Tajikistan.



# Achievements GBIF Tajikistan



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TPU

# BEFORE



Animalia  
**41,661**  
occurrences



Plantae  
**11,491**  
occurrences



Fungi  
**0**  
occurrences



Archaea  
**0**  
occurrences



Bacteria  
**0**  
occurrences



Chromista  
**0**  
occurrences



Protozoa  
**0**  
occurrences



Viruses  
**0**  
occurrences



Incertae sedis  
**8**  
occurrences

# NOW



Animalia  
**67,979**  
occurrences



Plantae  
**54,255**  
occurrences



Fungi  
**1,994**  
occurrences



Archaea  
**0**  
occurrences



Bacteria  
**224**  
occurrences



Chromista  
**1,213**  
occurrences



Protozoa  
**4**  
occurrences



Viruses  
**150**  
occurrences



Incertae sedis  
**619**  
occurrences

## The Herbarium Fund of the Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics at the Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences - BRAHMS records

Occurrence dataset

Specimens from the Herbarium Fund of the Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics at the Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences.

Published by Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics, National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

11 100 occurrences 12 citations

## The Herbarium of Tajik National University

Occurrence dataset

This dataset contains specimens from the herbarium at Tajik National University. Tajik National University was established by the Resolution of the Soviet of Ministries of the USSR 21st of March 1947,...



Published by Tajik National University

259 occurrences 3 citations

## Khatlon Scientific Center

Occurrence dataset

This dataset contains specimens from the herbarium at Khatlon Scientific Center. The specimens were imaged by herbarium staff, and published via an automatic process: 1) OCR text was gathered from th...



Published by Khatlon Scientific Center of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

140 occurrences 1 citation

## The Herbarium Fund of the Institute of Botany, Plant Physiology and Genetics at the Tajikistan National Academy of Sciences - BRAHMS records

Occurrence dataset

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Published by Khatlon Scientific Center of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

140 occurrences 6 citations



Thank you!!  
Questions?



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# Potential for Participation and Prospects for Membership in GBIF

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**November, 2024 Almaty**

# 1. Introduction



Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography,  
Chinese Academy of Sciences

## GBIF Chinese Academy of Sciences Node

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Joined in October 2013

PUBLISHER | SINCE MARCH 13, 2014

### Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)

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4,623,429 OCCURRENCES

4,615,375 HOSTED OCCURRENCES

35 DATASETS

1,204 CITATIONS

**Endorsed by:** [Chinese Academy of Sciences](#)

**Installations:** [GBIF CAS Node](#) • [GBIF CAS Node](#) • [Chinese Academy of Sciences \(CAS\) Node](#)

**Administrative contact:** [Dr. Keping Ma](#)

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**Country or area:** [China](#)

**Hosting:** [26 datasets](#) ( [1 publisher](#) • [1 country](#) )

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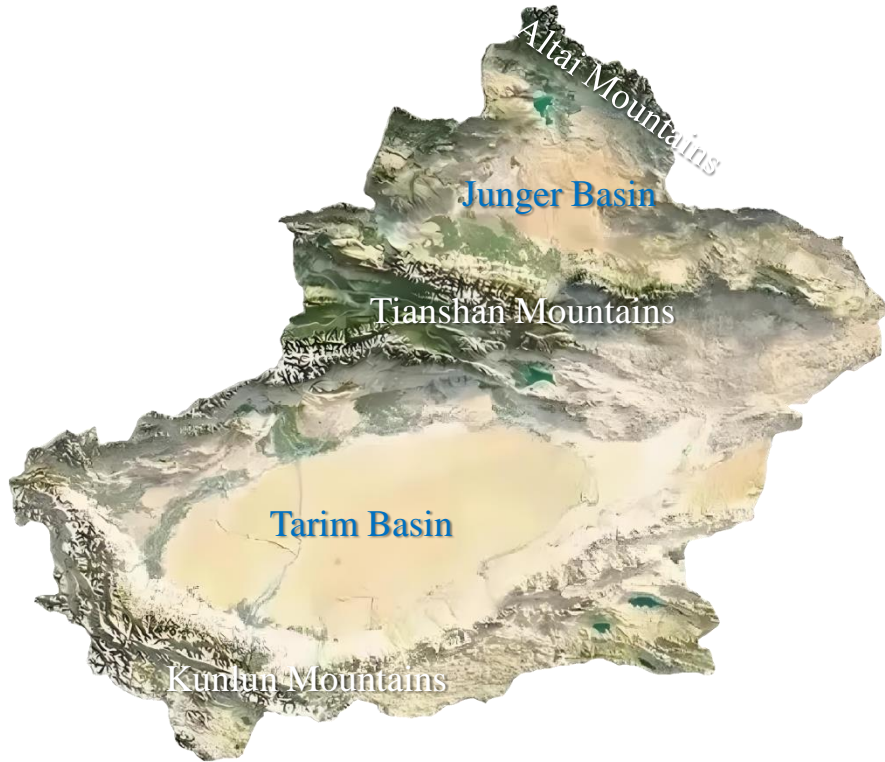
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# 2. Overview of Biodiversity in Xinjiang, China



Topographic map of Xinjiang, China  
Three mountains and two basins

## Vascular plants



**Lycopods and ferns: 52**



**Gymnosperms: 22**



**Angiosperms: 4035**

## vertebrates



**Fish: 92**



**Amphibian: 8**



**Reptile: 50**



**Bird: 498**



**Mammal: 144**

# 3. Current Status of Data Collection and Sharing in Xinjiang

## 3.1 Constructing a Digital Herbarium in Xinjiang and Radiating to Central Asia



Theoretical and technical training

编号	采集人	采集日期	国家	省	市/地区	地点	海拔
1	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
2	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
3	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
4	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
5	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
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12	XN1	1981-10-18	中国	新疆	哈密	哈密地区	1300
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Specimen Digitization and Information Extraction

**Digital Flora Portal Of Central Asia**

**About**  
The herbaria of Central Asia...  
**Local Research News**  
• Taxonomy of the knowledge about...  
**Today in History**  
• Solanum viticosum Mill. (1753)...  
• Actinidia reticulata (Thunb.)...  
• Lepium degenerum...  
• Gnomonia phoenicis...  
• Atractodes angustifolia...  
**Contact**  
National Science & Technology...  
**Data Links**  
National Academy of Sciences...  
**Institutions**  
National Academy of Sciences...  
**Statistics**  
Occurrences: 246,270  
Images: 10,000  
Checklist: 5,004  
DNA Barcode: 6,982  
Expert: 3,812

Data specification and technology development

- Xinjiang Digital Herbarium consist of Eight herbaria in Xinjiang, completing the task of **digitizing 610,000 specimens**.
- First constructed the **Chinese-English-Russian multilingual Xinjiang Digital Herbarium 1.0**.
- Next step, **digitization of specimens from arid areas in Central Asia**, start from Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Providing comprehensive basic information for biodiversity conservation in Xinjiang, China and Central Asia

# 3. Current Status of Data Collection and Sharing in Xinjiang

## 3.2 Constructed the Central Asian Arid Areas Plant Diversity Information Sharing Platform 1.0

### Resource statistics:

#### ➤ Specimens and observations:

246,210

#### ➤ Literature Library:

50,000

#### ➤ Image Library:

10,000

#### ➤ Directory Library:

9,584

#### ➤ DNA Barcode Library:

6,952

#### ➤ expert pool:

3,815

Digital Flora Portal Of Central Asia

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Solanum dulcamara

#### About

The Mountains of Central Asia Biodiversity Hotspot harbors significant numbers of wild crop relatives and around 5,000 species of vascular plants, almost one quarter of which are found nowhere else. The flora of the region is a mix of Siberian, Mediterranean, Indo-Himalayan and Iranian elements.

#### Local Research News

- Expanding the knowledge about *Affatunia ulmifolia* (Franch.) Vassilcz. (Rosaceae), a rare forest species of Central Asia
- Species Diversification of the Coniferous Pathogenic Fungal Genus *Coniferiporia* (Hymenochaetales, Basidiomycota) in Association with Its Biogeography and Host Plants
- Diversity, Distribution, and Classification of Chasmophytic Vegetation in the Central Asian Biodiversity Hotspot: Alpine Belt of the Eastern Pamir-Alai and Western Tian Shan Mountains

#### Today in History

- Solanum villosum* Mill.(1956 Nikitina E.V.)
- Achillea millefolium*(2019 ruslan)
- Lycium depressum* Stocks(1897 Illegible collector name)
- Coenococcus planctonicus* Korsch. (2013 H.E.Ergasheva)
- Astragalus oxyglottis* Stev. ex M. Bieb. (1838 Karelin)

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#### Data Links

NSII( National Science & Technology Infrastructure)  
CVH(Chinese Virtual Herbarium)  
GBIF  
Journal: PDCA (Plant Biodiversity of Central Asia)  
Flora of Central Asia

#### Institutions

Kazakhstan Academy of Sciences  
National academy of science of Kyrgyz  
Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan  
Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan  
Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan  
Russian Academy of Sciences  
Chinese Academy of Sciences

#### Statistics

Occurrence: 246,210  
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DNA Barcode: 6,952  
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Description Occurrence Media Literature Expert DNA Sequence

Family:Rosaceae

Genus:Potentilla

Species:Potentilla asiatica (Th. Wolf) Juz.

Vernacular names:

Chinese:亚洲委陵菜,黄花委陵菜

English:running clubmoss;stag's-horn clubmoss;Wolf's Claw;running clubmoss;Stag's-horn Clubmoss;common club moss;stagshorn club moss

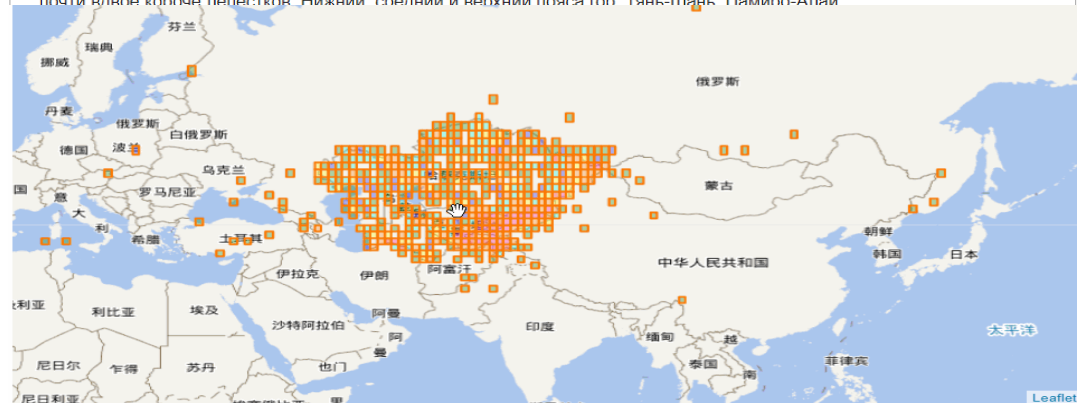
Russian:Лапчатка азиатская

Description:

**Chinese:**多年生草本。根粗壮，圆柱形。花茎直立或上升，高15-55厘米，被开展至伏生疏柔毛，有时脱落几无毛。基生叶为羽状5出复叶，连叶柄长5-20厘米，叶柄被开展或伏生疏柔毛，或脱落几无毛；小叶无柄或几无柄，小叶片倒卵长圆形，通常长1.5-7厘米，宽1-3厘米，顶端圆钝或急尖，基部楔形，边缘有少数急尖锯齿，两面绿色，被紧贴或微开展疏柔毛，有时脱落几无毛，仅在下面沿脉被长柔毛；茎生叶下部5出，上部3出，小叶与基生叶相似；基生叶托叶膜质，褐色，被长柔毛或脱落几无毛，茎生叶托叶草质，全缘，顶端渐尖，外被长柔毛。花序为伞房状聚伞花序，多花，松散，花梗长1-2厘米，密被短柔毛；花直径1.2-1.5厘米；萼片长三角形，顶端急尖或渐尖，副萼片披针形或椭圆披针形，顶端急尖或渐尖，稍短于萼片，外被短柔毛及稀疏长柔毛；花瓣黄色，倒卵形，顶端微凹，比萼片长1/2-1倍；花柱基部稍微扩大，柱头扩大。瘦果光滑或有不明显脉纹。花果期5-8月。(《中国植物志》第37卷(1985)) >> 321页)

**English:** Perennial, 15-75 cm high. Leaves palmate, with 5-7 oblong-obovate serrate-toothed leaflets. Flowers yellow, 2 cm in diameter, in lax many-flowered inflorescence. Sepals lanceolate, twice shorter than petals. Lower, middle and upper mountain belts. Tien Shan, Pamir-Alay.

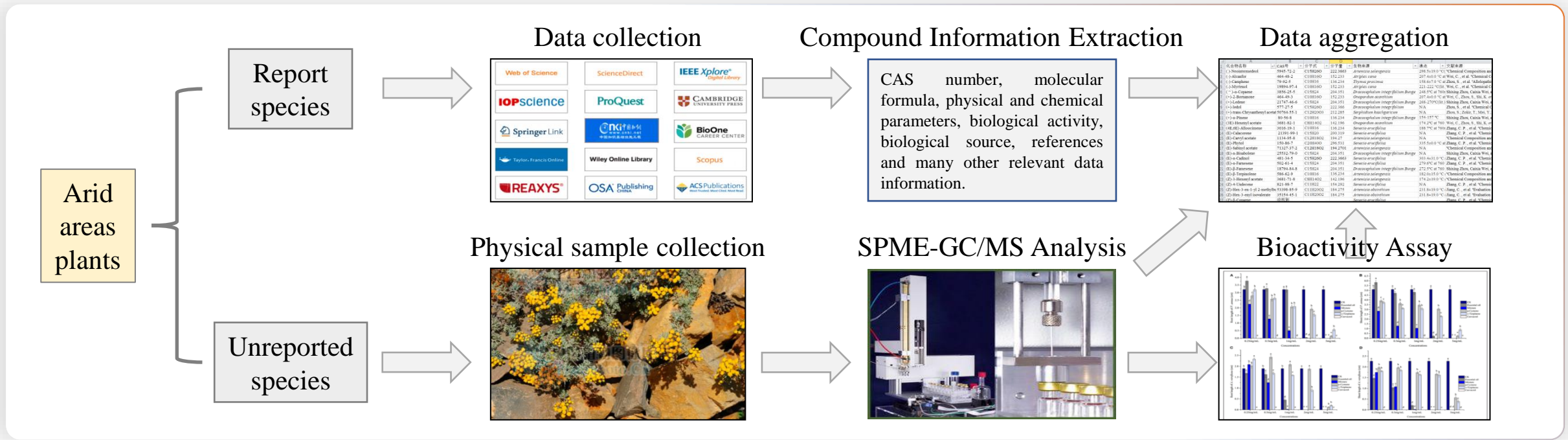
**Russian:** Многолетник 15-75 см выс. Листья пальчатые, с 5-7 продолговатыми обратнойцевидными пильчато-зубчатыми листочками. Цветы желтые, 2 см в диам., в рыхлом многоцветковом соцветии. Чашелистики ланцетные, почти втрое короче лепестков. Нижний спелный и верхний пояса гор. Тянь-Шань. Памиро-Алай



图例: <=5 5-10 10-50 50-100 100-500 500-1000 >1000

# 3. Current Status of Data Collection and Sharing in Xinjiang

## 3.3 Completing the Construction of a Database on Secondary Metabolites of Plants in Arid Areas



- completing a database of 2,000 plant secondary metabolites in conjunction with known data.
- Focusing on the secondary metabolites has dramatically improved the efficiency of exploiting plant resources in arid areas.

Construction of secondary metabolite databases creates an information-rich data platform for the development and utilization of plant resources in arid areas

# 4. Potential Benefits of Joining GBIF



- International Collaboration and Information Sharing.
- Improvement of Scientific Research.
- Enhanced Awareness of Ecological Conservation.

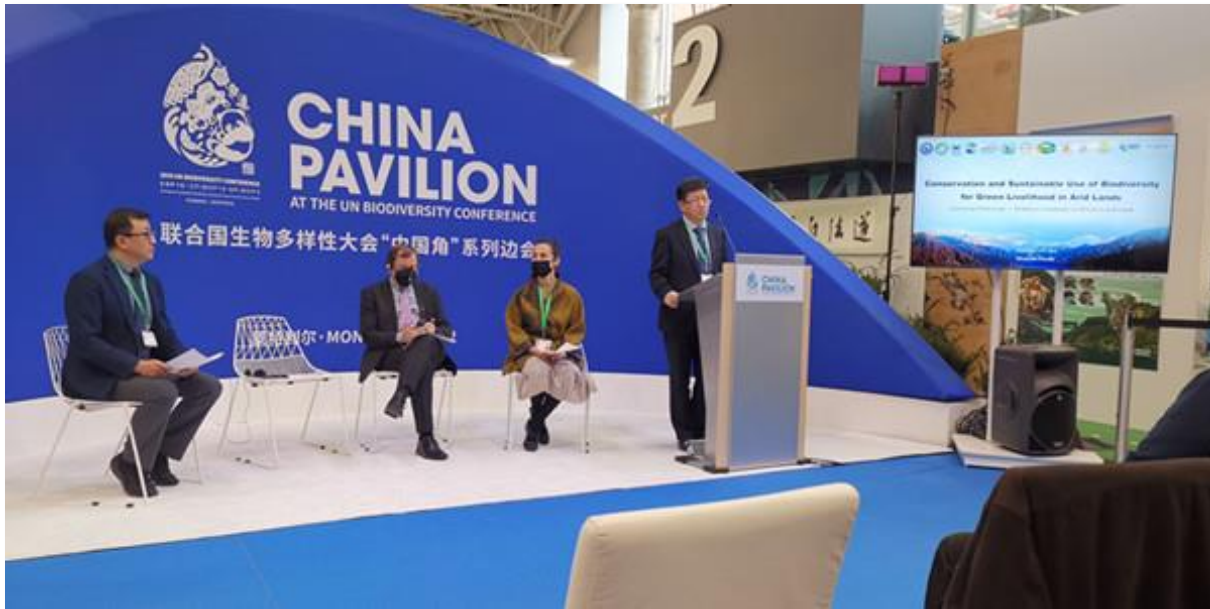




# 5. Future Prospects



- Establish Data Sharing Mechanisms.
- Strengthen International Cooperation.
- Public Education and Awareness Enhancement.





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# Thanks!





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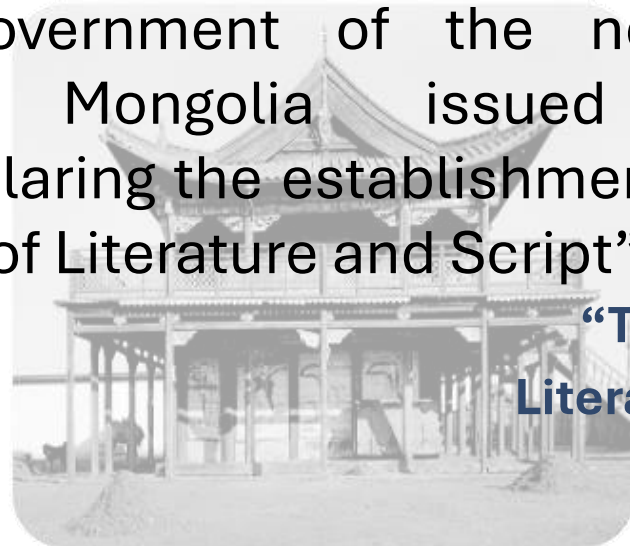
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БИОЛОГИ ИХ БУСЫН ДИРЕКТОР

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# BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF MONGOLIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

# About Mongolian Academy of Sciences

Mongolia's first Organization of the Modern Sciences was founded in 1921 when the government of the newly independent Mongolia issued a resolution declaring the establishment of "The Institute of Literature and Script".

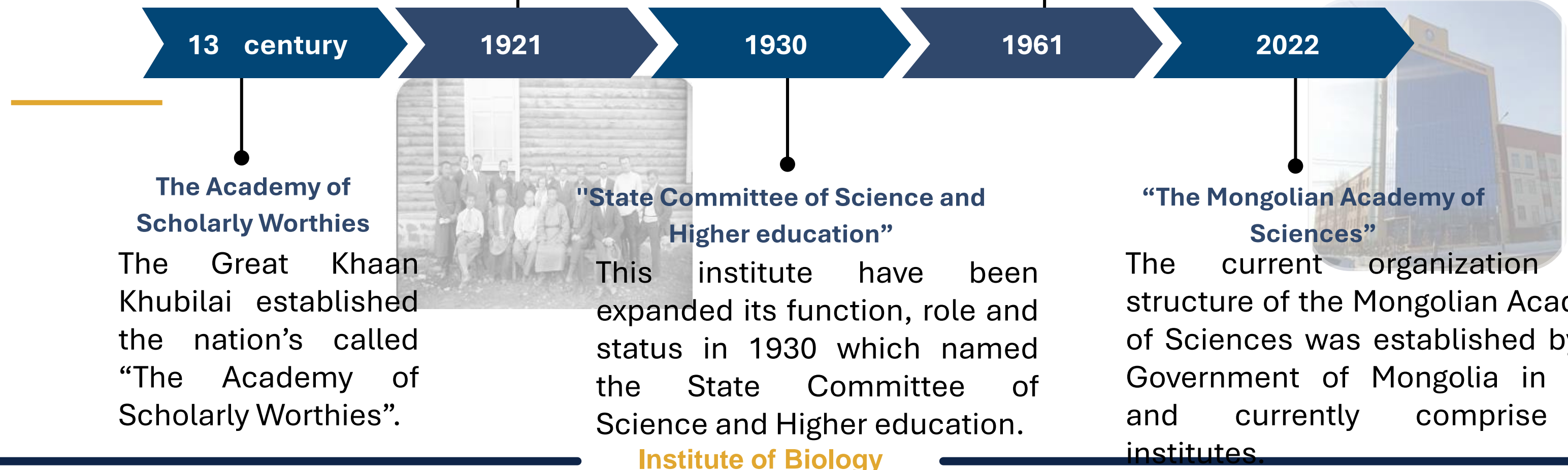


"The Institute of Literature and Script"

By the Decree of the Presidium of the Great People's Khural (Parliament) of the Mongolian People's Republic the State Committee for Science and Higher Education was reorganized to the Mongolian Academy of Sciences.



"The Mongolian Academy of Sciences"





# About Mongolian Academy of Sciences



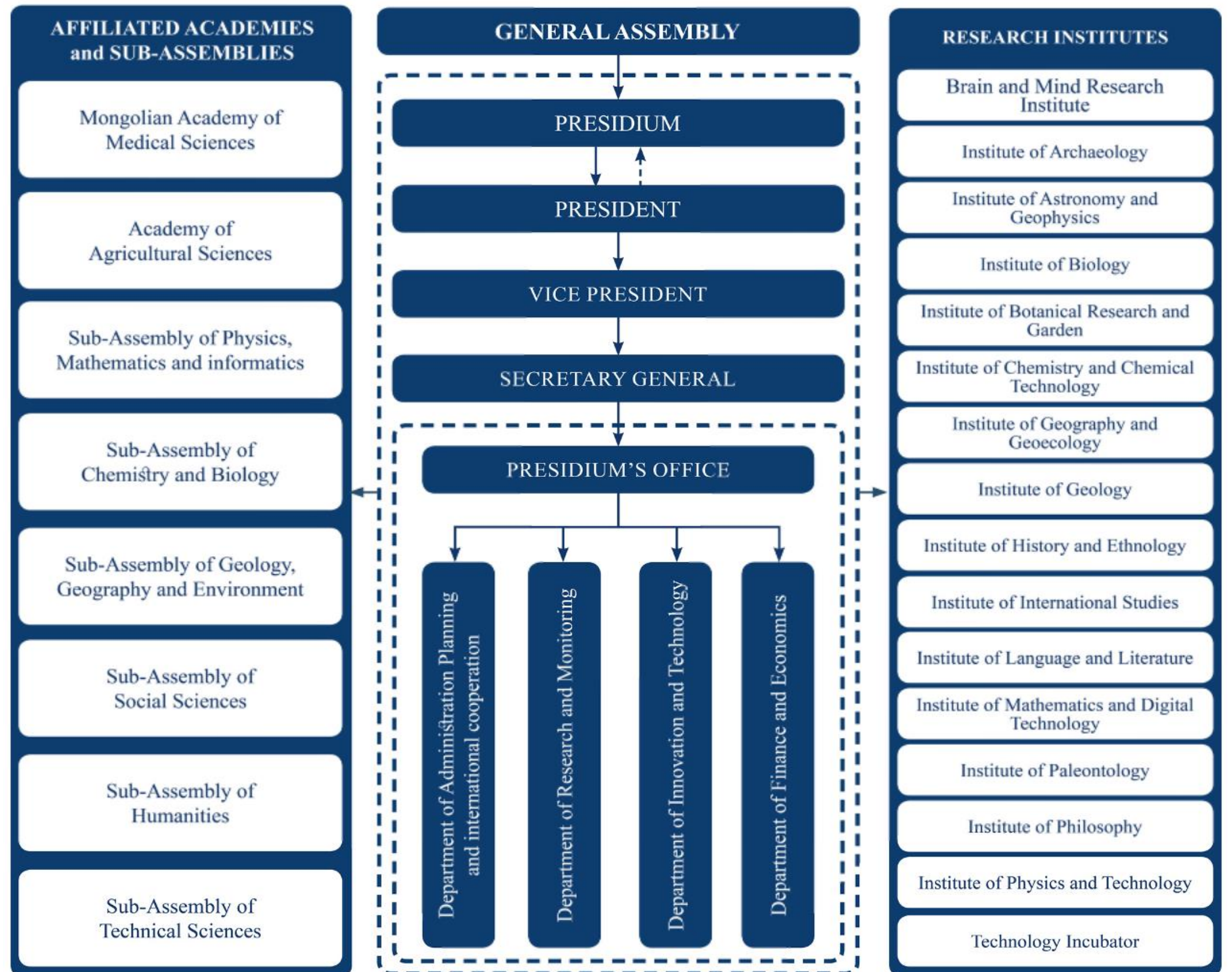
- MAS collaborates and engages with Academies, research institutions, universities, international organizations, industry and the community at large scale for sharing knowledge and research outputs to the well-being of the nation.
- The Mongolian Academy of Sciences cooperates within 35 countries over 138 official documents.



# MAS

## Organization structure

- 49 SCIENTIFIC DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT
- 173 LABORATORY
- 7 INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL CENTER
- 45 EXPERIMENTAL SITE AND CENTERS
- LIBRARY, OBJECTIVE AREA, AWS SITES
- ETC



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## BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY





# INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY

Since its establishment in **1965**, the institute aims to preserve the biodiversity of the fauna and flora, and micro-organisms of Mongolia by fostering innovation, new knowledge and excellence through the integration of fundamental and applied research.

## VISION

To develop into a competitive and globally renowned research institution.

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**LABORATORIES**

1

**RESEARCH CENTER**

95

**HUMAN RESOURCE**

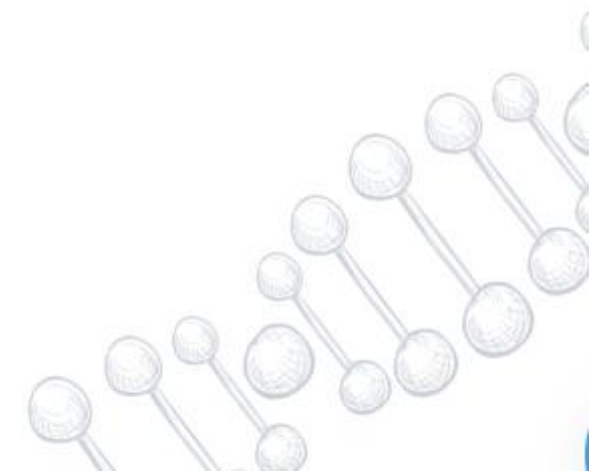
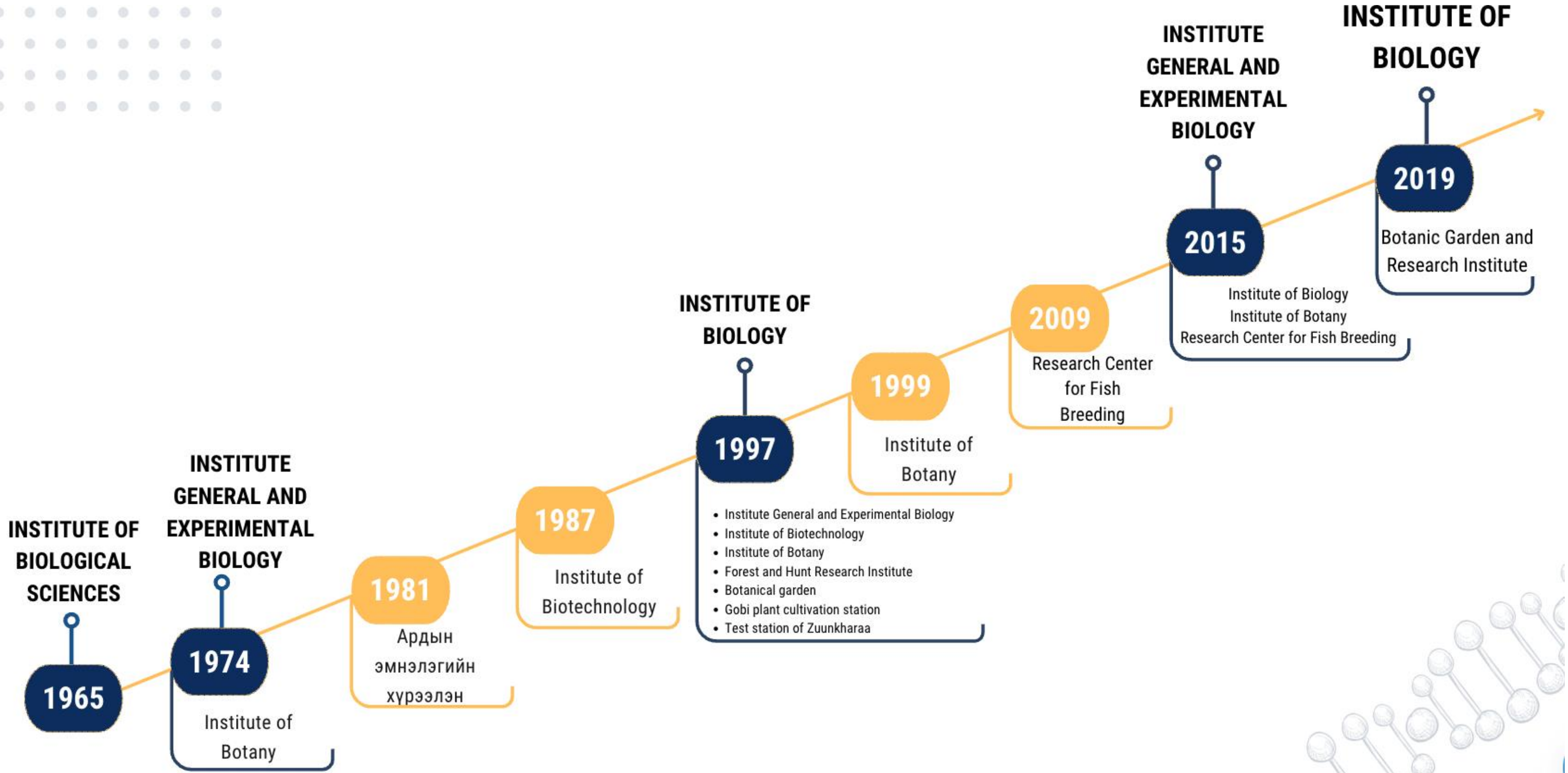


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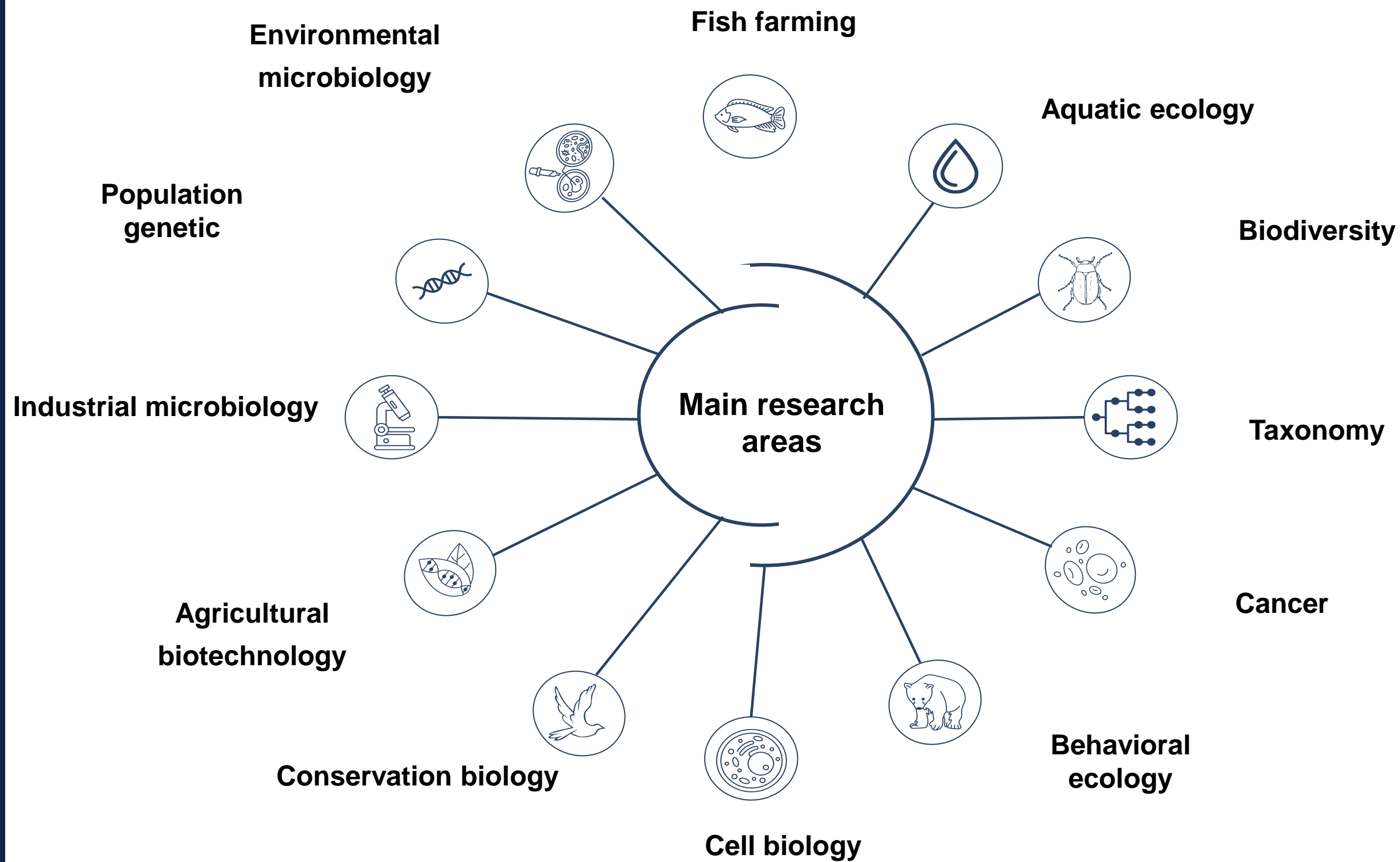
# Timeline



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# Main research area



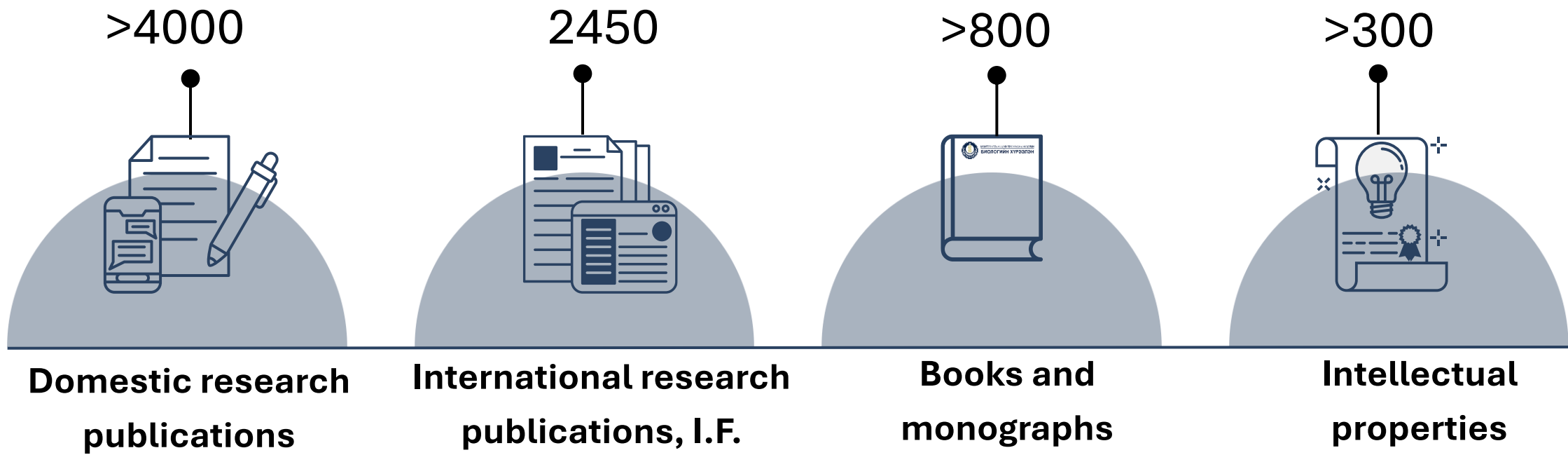
The Institute of Biology was established in 1965.

The institute has since expanded to become one of the most distinguished research institutions with outstanding scientists in the field of Biology in Mongolia.



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# Scientific achievements



Our own publication “Proceedings of The Institute of Biology” has now become the first journal in Mongolia to publish scientific articles in both English and Mongolian, and it receives scientific articles on a yearly basis.



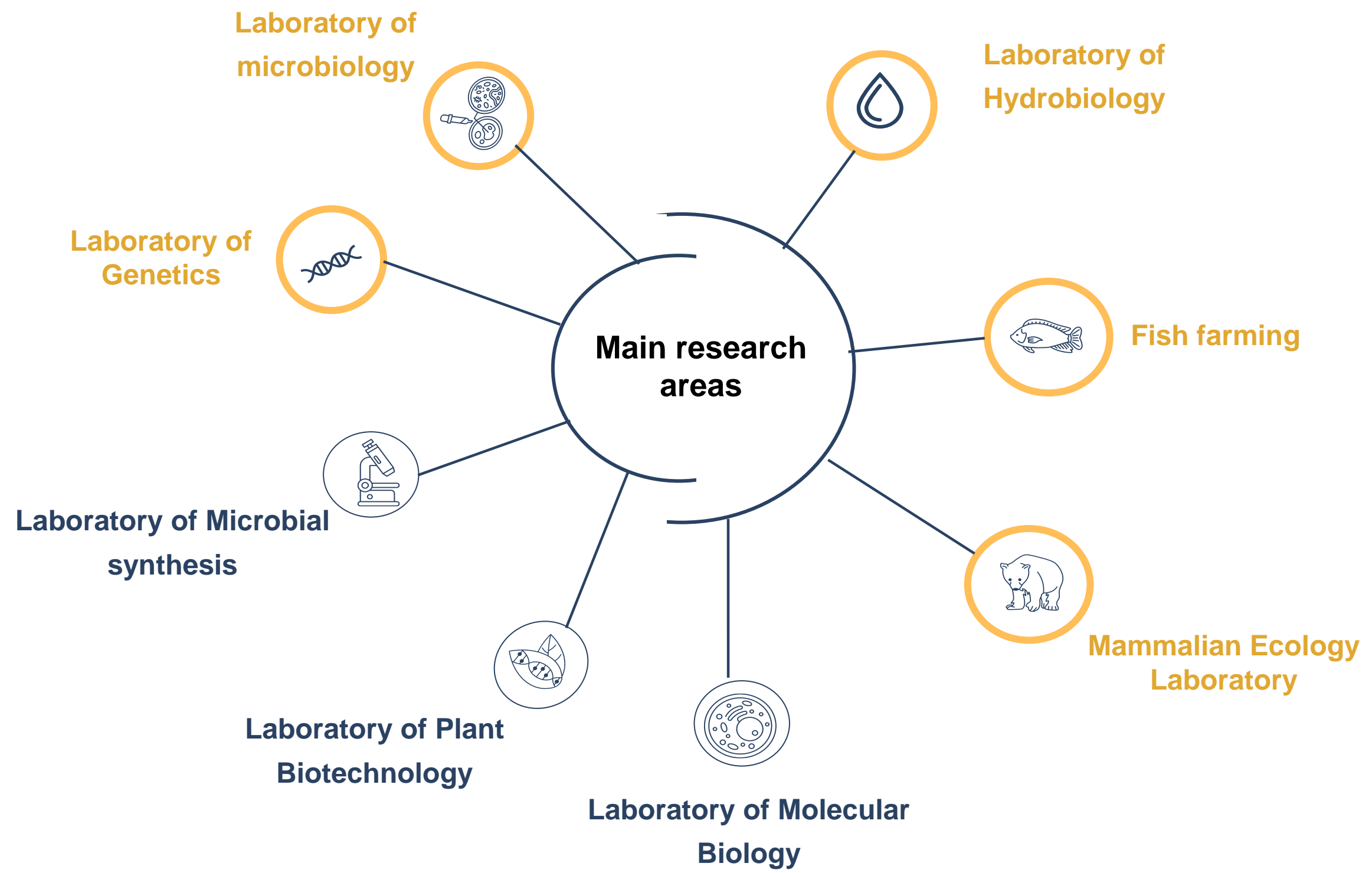
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## LABORATORIES



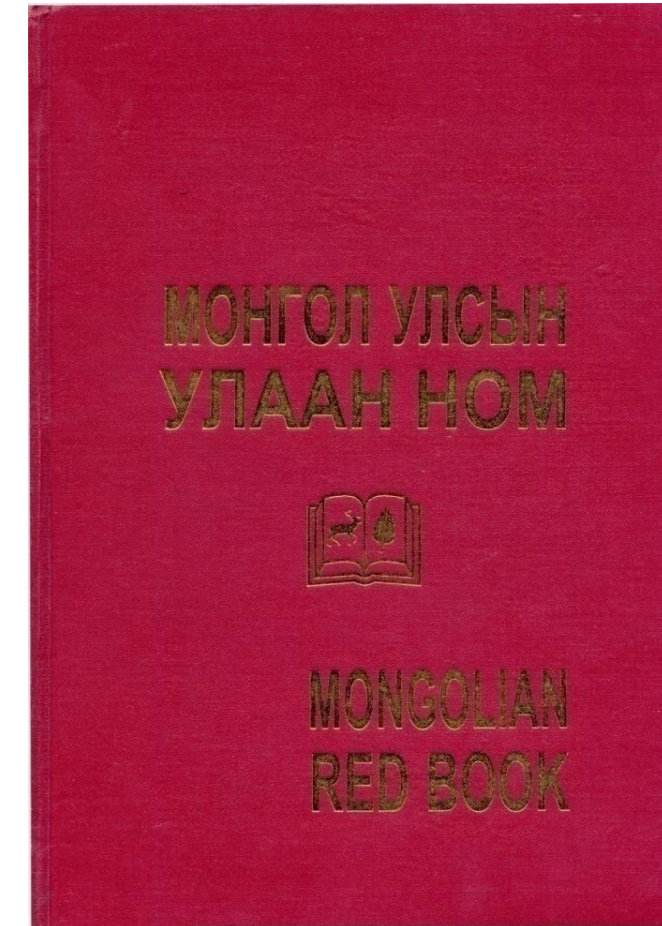
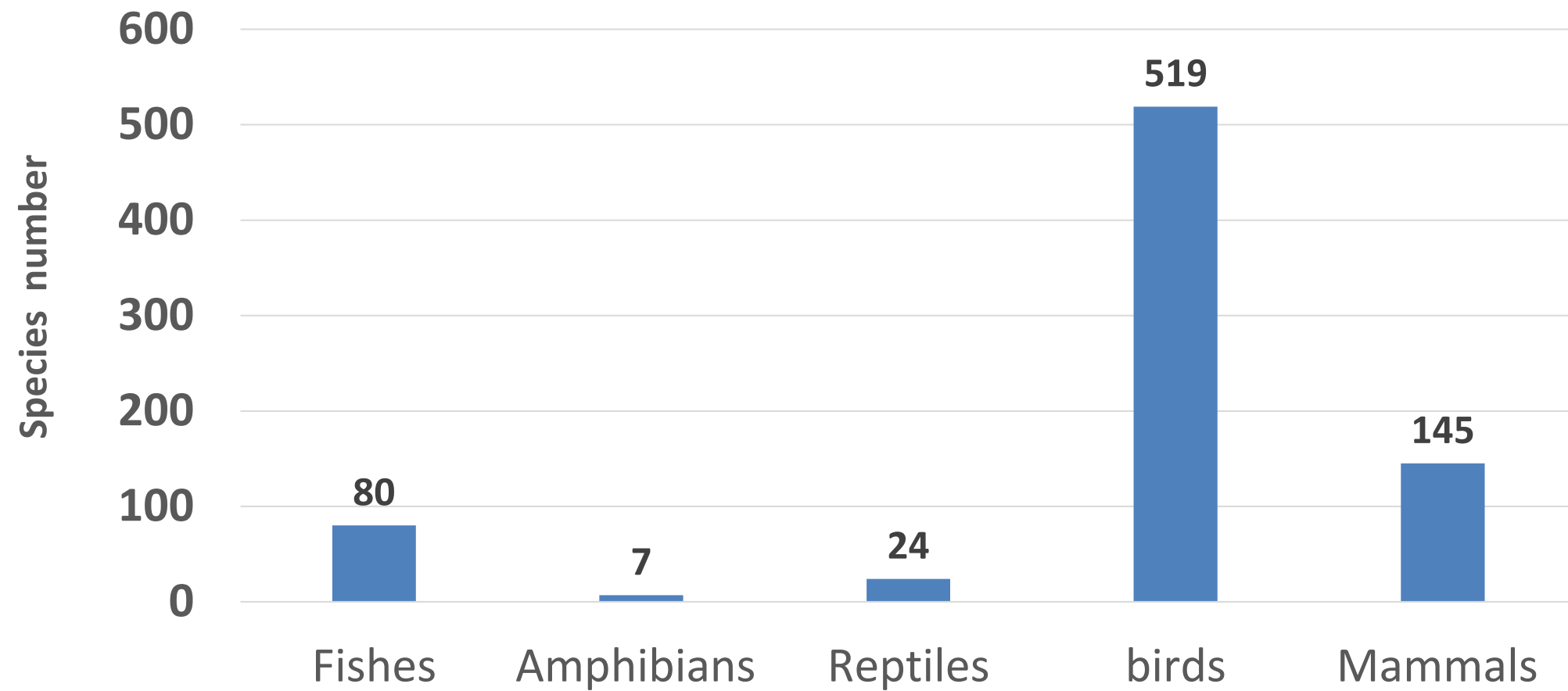
# Laboratories



Our institution operates 8 diverse research laboratories, out of which 5 are dedicated to exploring various aspects of biodiversity. These laboratories play a vital role in advancing our understanding of ecosystems, species interactions, and genetic diversity.



# Vertebrate diversity of Mongolia

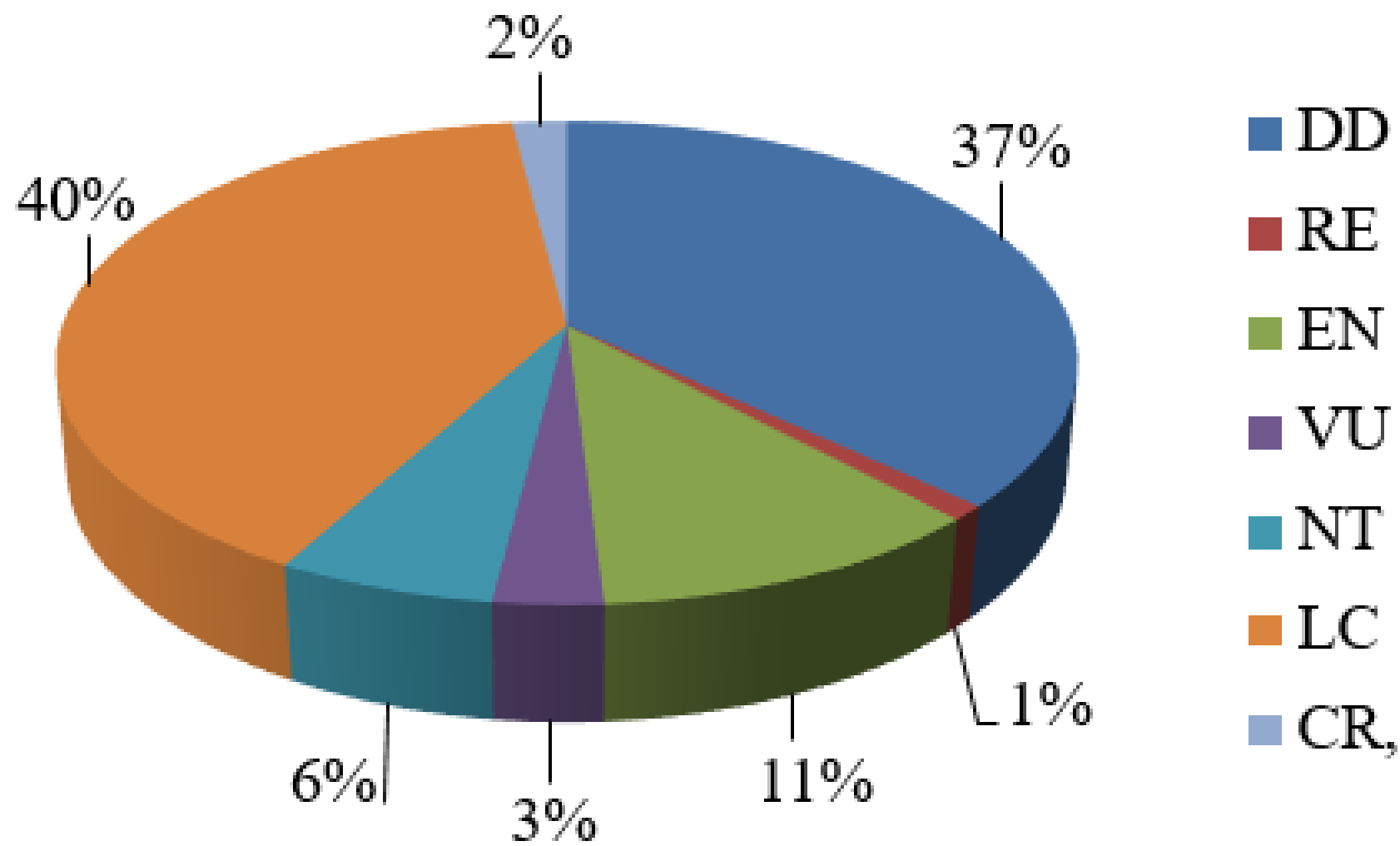


- 30 species of mammals
  - 30 species of birds
  - 5 species of reptiles
  - 4 species of amphibians
  - 6 species of fishes
  - 1 species of agnathan
  - 19 species of insects
  - 2 species of crustaceans
  - 4 species of mollusks
  - 100 species of vascular plants
  - 4 species of mosses
  - 6 species of algae
  - 12 species of lichens
  - 6 species of fungi
- Total 229 species





# Regional Mammal Assessment



Regional conservation status of the 128 native Mongolian mammals according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria. RE = Regionally Extinct, CR = Critically Endangered, EN = Endangered, VU = Vulnerable, NT = Near Threatened, LC = Least Concern, DD = Data Deficient.





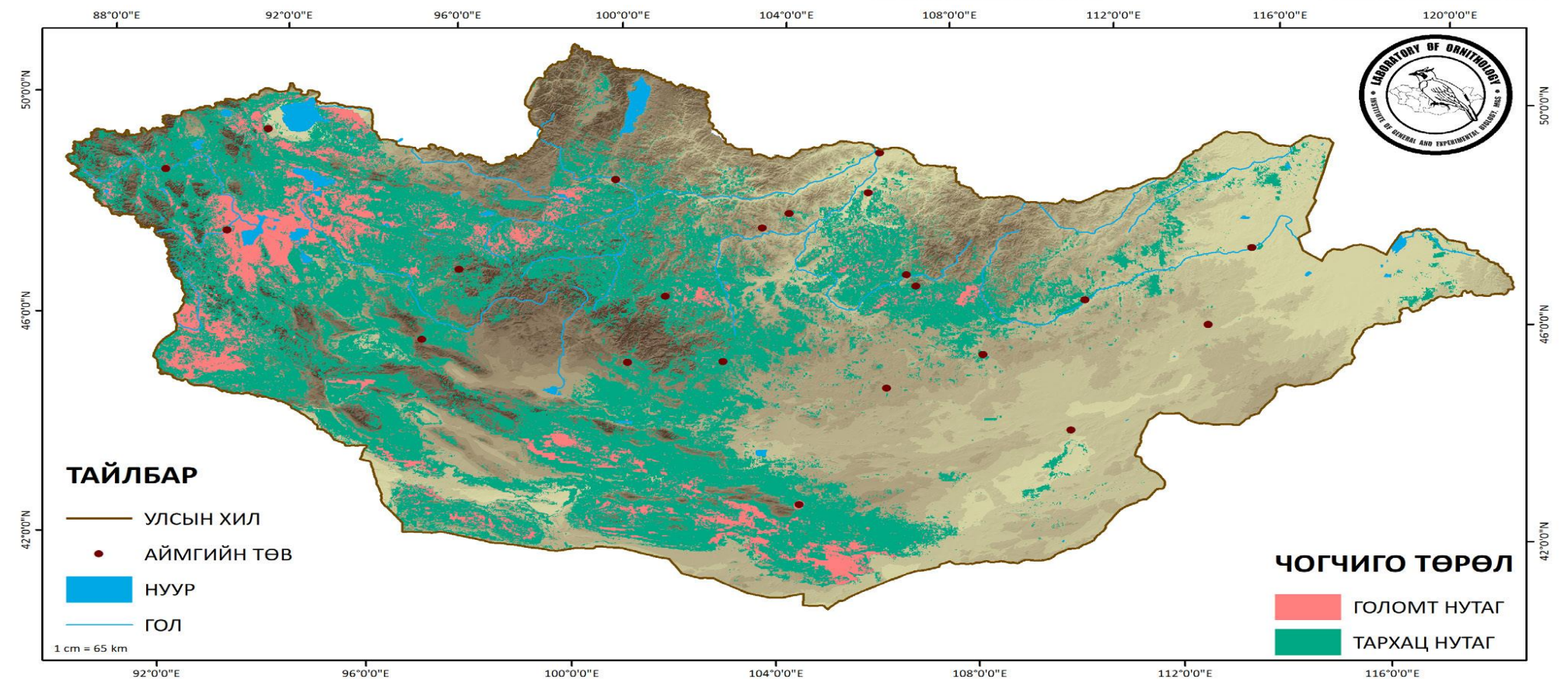
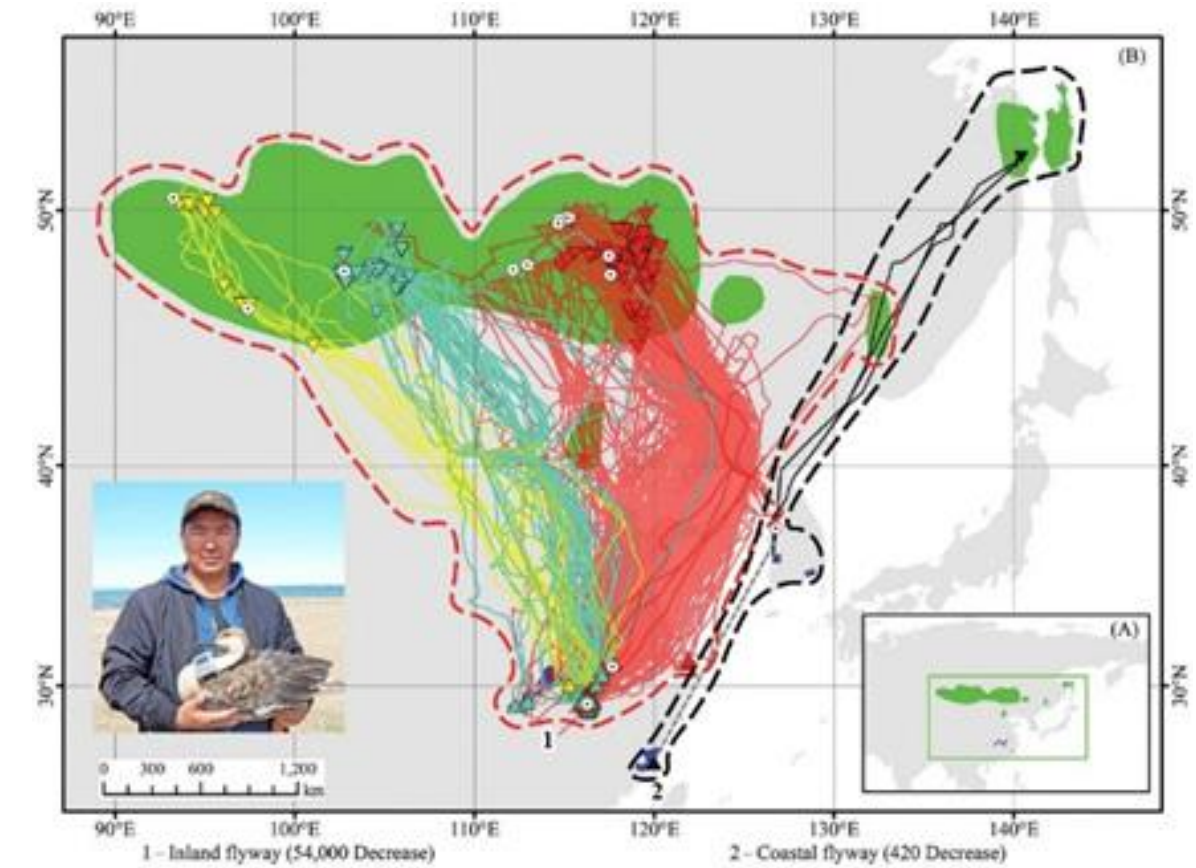


# Laboratory of Ornithology

Total of 519 species of birds belonging to 237 genera, 70 families and 23 orders have been registered in Mongolia.

## Primary Study Goals

- Composition of species
- Birds biology and ecology
- Migration route
- Conservation issue
- Habitats quality
- Number and
- Distribution





# Insect diversity



- To date, approximately 13,000 insect species across 28 orders have been registered in Mongolia, The most endemic species are found in the families Coleoptera (481 species) and Homoptera (208 species)

Number of rare and endangered species of Mongolia

#	Name of orders	# Species		
		Rare	Endangered	Total
1	Odonata	-	6	6
2	Mantoptera	1	-	1
3	Coleoptera	8	55	63
4	Mecoptera	1	-	1
5	Lepidoptera	15	31	46
6	Hymenoptera	-	43	43
7	Diptera	-	104	104
8	Megaloptera	1	-	1



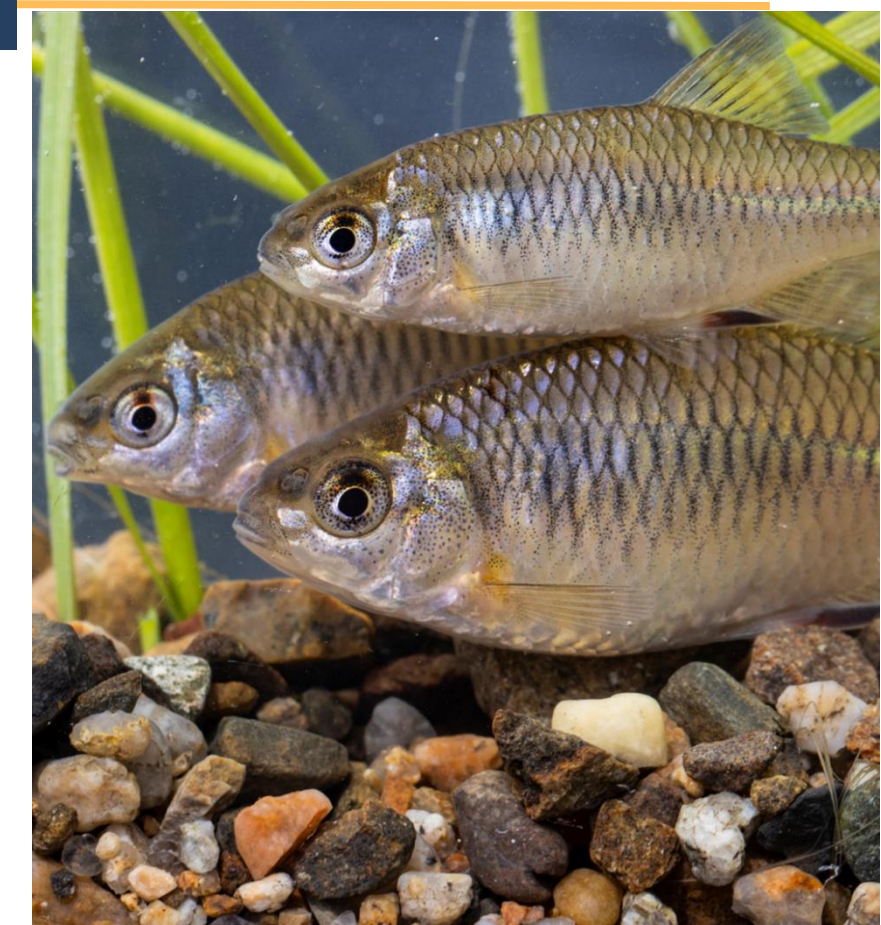
# Mongolian ichthyofauna



Mongolia has relatively few fish species compared to other neighboring countries due to land-locked geographical location and inland ecosystem, but its ichthyofauna is characterized by own unique elements.

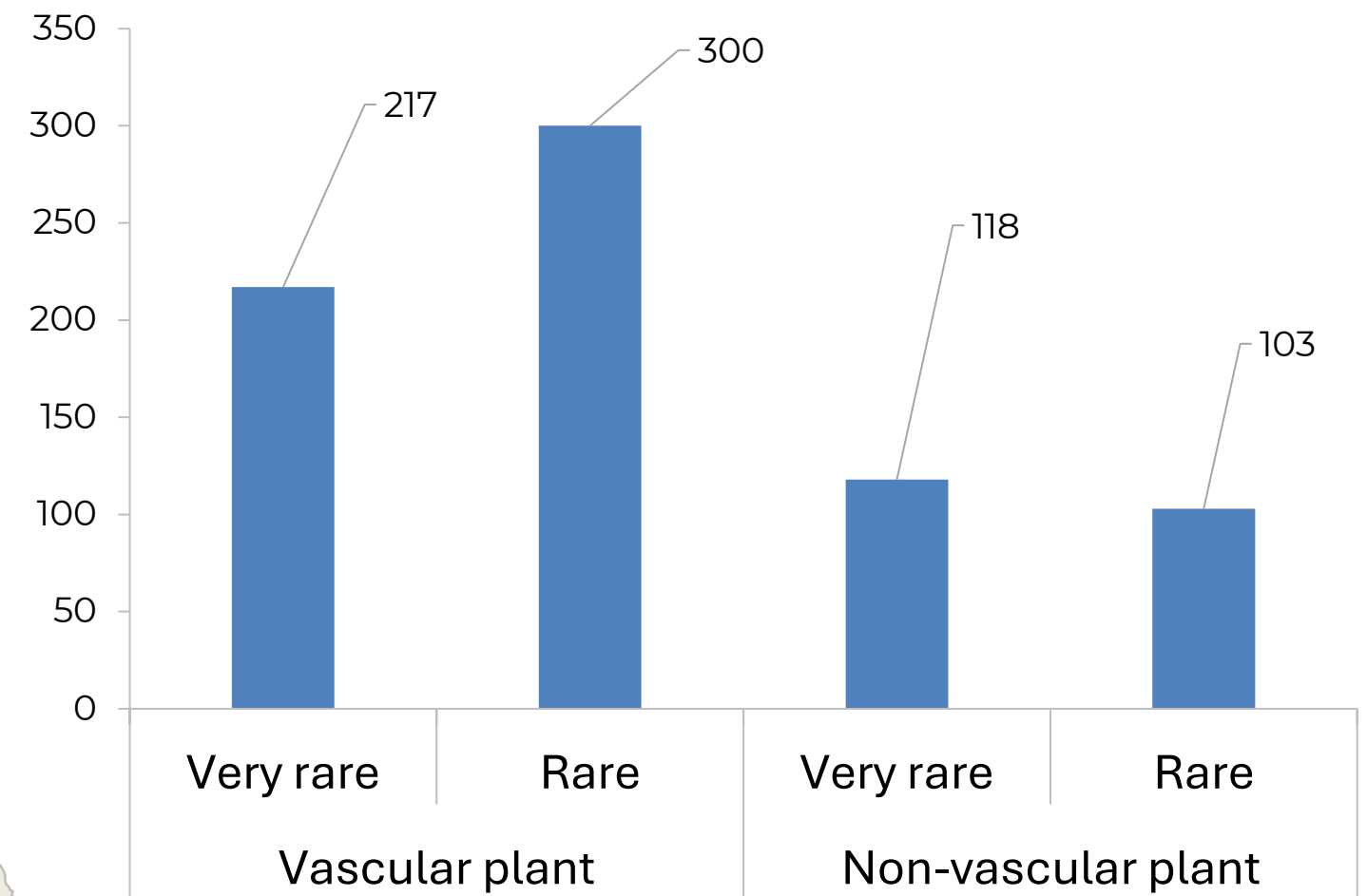
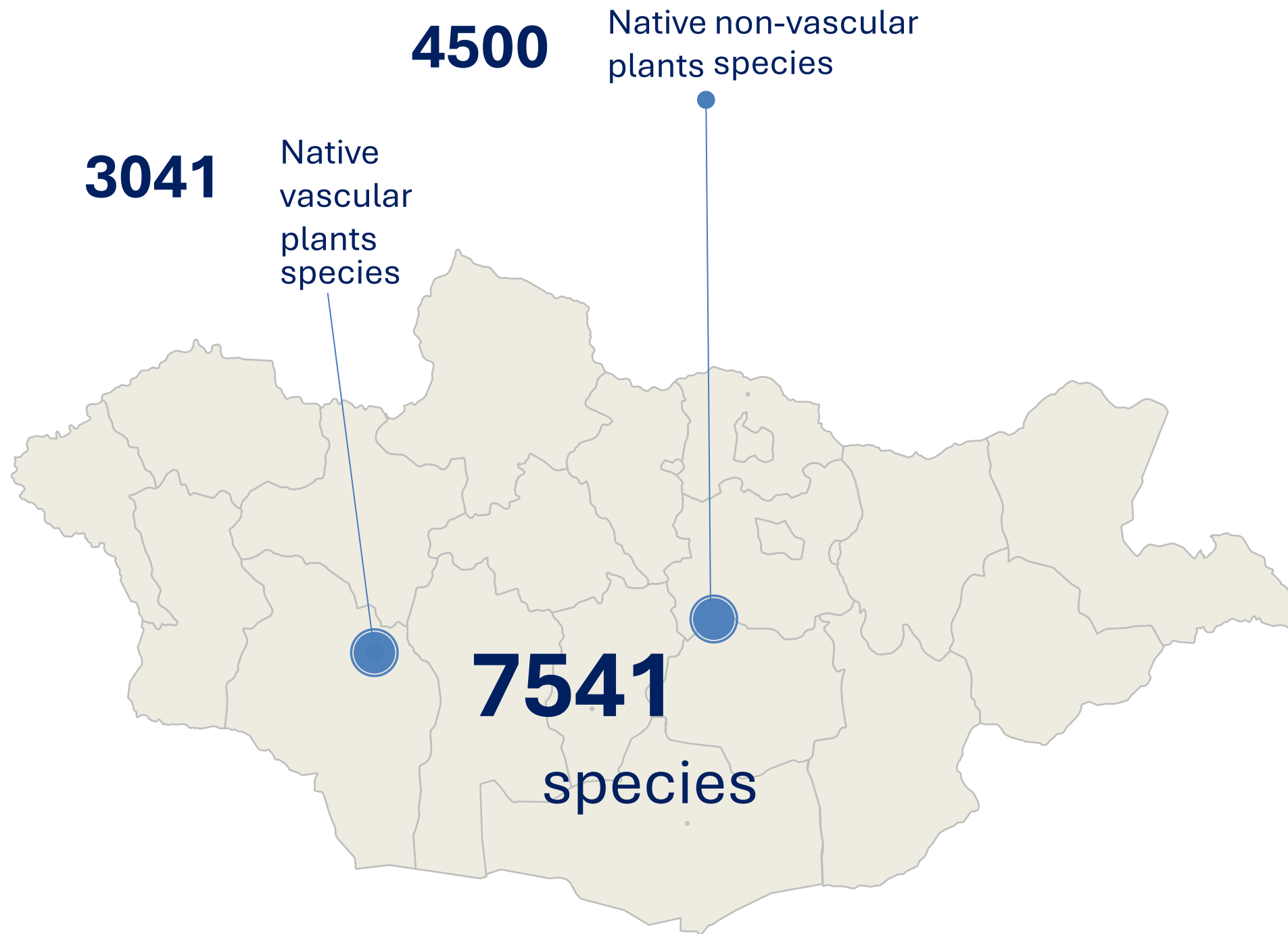
According to the recent taxonomic status of fish, in total two classes, eight orders, eight sub-orders, 18 families, 9 sub-families, 51 genera and 80 species of fish distributed in the Mongolia.

In addition, recent molecular genetic studies have revealed taxonomic differences between species, and new species and new distribution points have been identified.





# FLORA OF MONGOLIA



**Endemic**

102 taxa

**Sub-endemic**

275 taxa

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## INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY'S COLLECTIONS

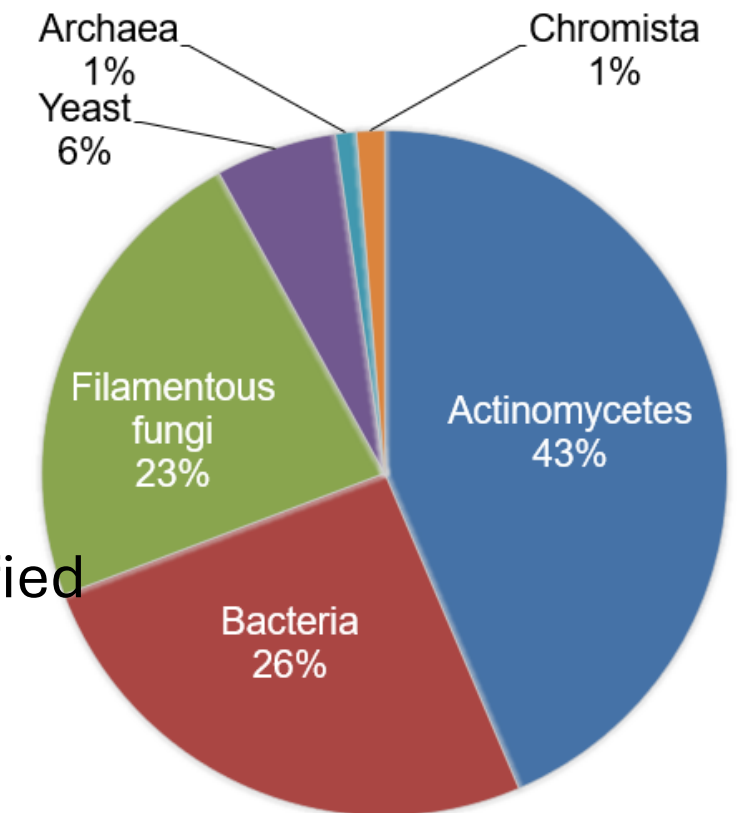


# Other Museum collection and culture collection

- ✓ 4147 specimens of 333 bird species of Mongolia.
- ✓ 3000 etalon specimens and 100,000 catalogs of insect species of Mongolia.
- ✓ Over 1370 etalon materials of 50 fish species of Mongolia.
- ✓ 4107 collections of 115 Mongolian mammal species including 3249 skulls, 868 pelts, and 1797 taxidermies.



~9000 Microbial Cultures  
~8000 isolated - ~5600 Identified



Identified strains by using molecular markers

	Strains	Genera
Actinomycetes	2443	66
Bacteria	1437	81
Filamentous fungi	1275	178
Yeast	321	22
Archaea	55	5
Chromista	55	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>5604</b>	<b>358</b>





# Museum collection on mammals skeleton

- We have collections of the skeleton (whole body bones) in amount 307 exhibition of 101 mammals (145 mammalian species registered in Mongolia).





# Bird Collection



## Mongolia's Largest bird collection

Our collection Data-Base is consisted from three main sources as following:

- 1,643 birds specimens accounting for 39.7% of the total collection was sampled during the survey conducted by zoologists from the Insitute of Biology between 1949 and 2015.
- 225 species belongs to 779 specimens representing 18.8% of the total collection was sampled during the “Birds of South and Western Mongolia” survey in 1962 and 1964 conducted by a joint Mongolian-German expedition.
- From 1949 to 1988, Ornithological Researchers from the Joint Russian-Mongolian Complex Biological Expedition sampled 1,725 bird specimens over Mongolian territory, accounting for 41.5% of the overall collection.
- The first bird specimens was the “Rose-coloured Starling” collected by D.Eregdendagva from Baga Bogd Mountain, Uvurkhangai on June 18, 1949.





3041 native vascular plant taxa from 653 genera and 111 families in Mongolia. (Baasanmunkh et al., 2021).



## 01

The herbarium of Botanic Garden and Research Institute of MAS (UBA)

- Currently holds more than 120,000 individual specimen of wild plants in Mongolia, including vascular plants, algae, mosses, mushrooms and lichens.
- For higher plants, a total of **75,878** individual specimen from **2,594** species across **681** genera **101** families have been registered and **85.3%** of total **3,041** vascular plant species are represented in our collection.
- The non-vascular plant collection (UBA) contains over **44,085** individual specimen which represents **62.8%** of the **4500** non-vascular plant species, with **2,830** species included.

## 02

Digital herbarium collection

- Since 2020, efforts have been made to digitize the herbarium collections, and currently about **16,000** specimen from the Plant Collection (UBA) have been digitized.

## 03

Collection of Mongolia's native plants

- Currently, **12%** of the total **3,041** vascular plant species and **21.5%** of the rare and very rare plant species of Mongolia are conserved and protected ex situ.



## 04

Seed Gene Bank of Natural Plants

- Seeds of **170** plant species/ 5.6%/ from **116** genera belonging to **47** families of Mongolia's native plants are being preserved.



# Public awareness and promotion

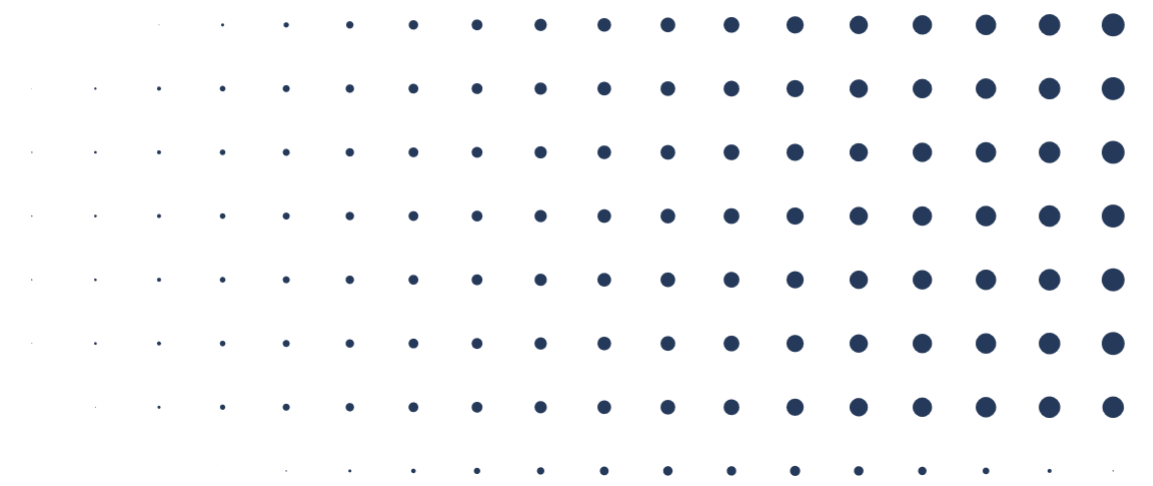
In the past, the scientists of the laboratory have published 6 single-theme works, 30 books, and more than 550 scientific articles on the birds of Mongolia, made 45 maps for research and training, and given more than 250 presentations at international and domestic scientific conferences. We are working together with Mongolian National Broadcaster to produce short documentaries about Spotted Capercaillie, White-naped Crane, White-crowned Penduline Tit and other bird species.



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# GBIF and new opportunities for large-scale knowledge of plant diversity in Central Asia



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**Biodiversity data in montane and arid Eurasia**

**18 - 19 November 2024, Almaty, Kazakhstan**





Central Asia (Middle Asia) is a rich in native flora country which comprises two major mountain ranges: the Pamir-Alay and the Tian- Shan has been recognized as an important global biodiversity hotspot

Myers et al., 2000

# Central Asia is important for phytogeography and evolutionary studies!

## Why?

- the greatest similarity with its western part of the Irano–Turanian, which stretches from the Anatolian Plateau to the Tian Shan and Pamir Mountains
- the CA as a part of the IT region plays a key role in understanding how current plant diversity in Eurasia changed through space and time
- The CA mountains support around 7000 species of vascular plants, accounting for more than 75% of the total plant diversity in the region
- the vegetation types are mostly semi-desert and steppe ecosystems at both lower and higher altitudes, with a substantial variety of endemics
- the primary source and centre of diversity for the current xerophytes found across Eurasia, the Mediterranean Basin, North Africa, and potentially South Africa
- desert ecosystems are home to a variety of halophytes and are centres of the origin and differentiation of ephemeral plants, containing more than 400 such species
- Its biogeographical relationships with adjacent areas remain poorly understood, especially when compared to neighboring regions (e.g. Mediterranean, South-East Asia)
- The oldest plant domestication sites are located in Central Asia



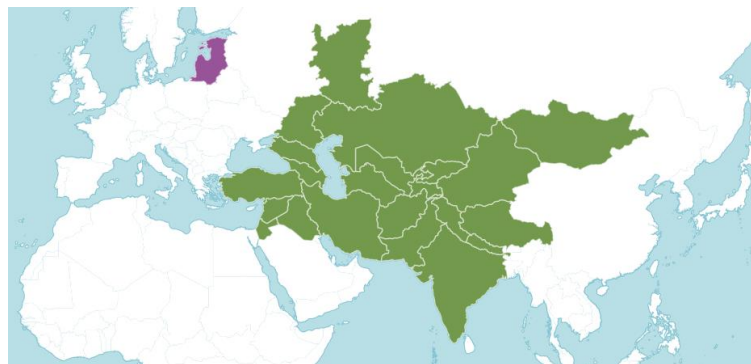
# Characteristic genera of the flora of Central Asia (as part of Irano-Turanian region )

*Haplophyllum* A.Juss. (Rutaceae)



71 Accepted Species (25 in CA)

*Cousinia* Cass. (Asteraceae)



670 Accepted Species (255 in CA)

*Acantholimon* Boiss. (Plumbaginaceae)



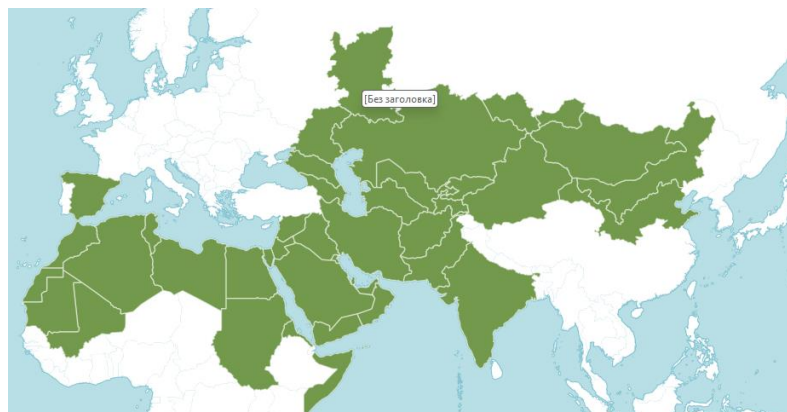
321 Accepted Species (89 in CA)

*Acanthophyllum* C.A.Mey.  
(Caryophyllaceae)



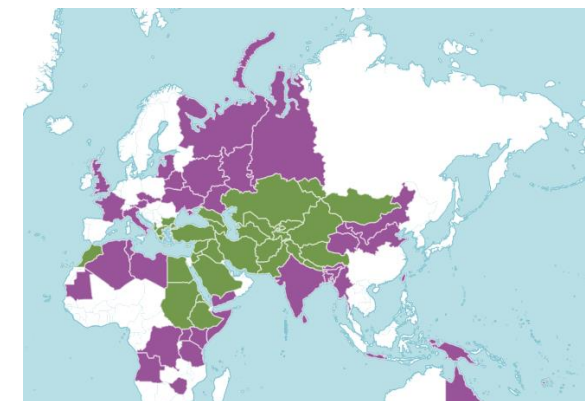
82 Accepted Species (35 in CA)

*Anabasis* L.  
(Amaranthaceae)



30 Accepted Species (17 in CA)

*Cicer* L. (Fabaceae)



46 Accepted Species (18 in CA)

# Interesting examples connecting the floras of China and Central Asia

*Incarvillea* Juss. (Bignoniaceae)



18 Accepted Species



*Incarvillea delavayi*  
Bureau & Franch.

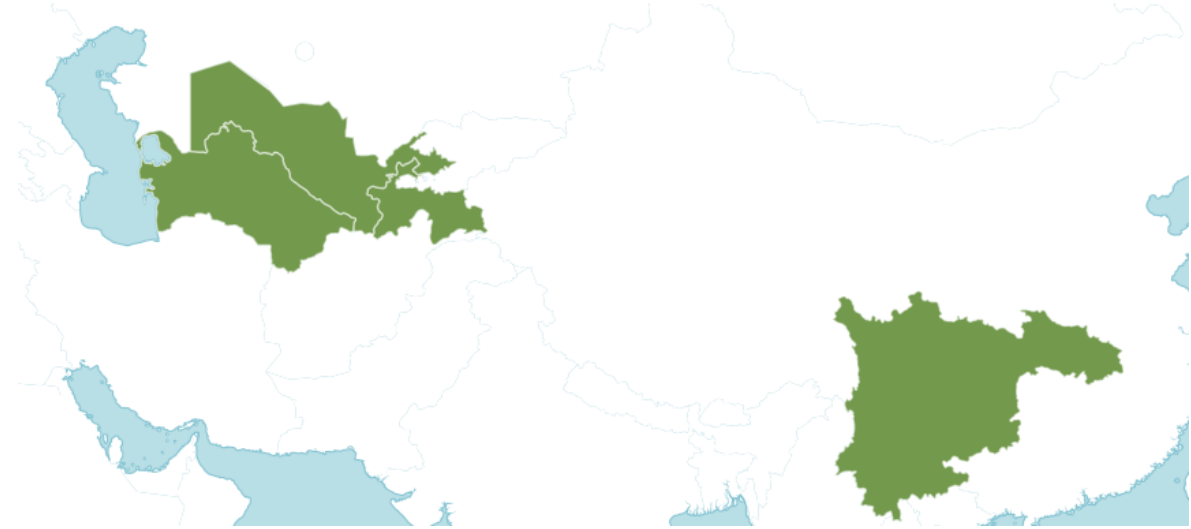


*Incarvillea olgae*  
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*Incarvillea uniflora*  
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*Triaenophora* Soler. (Plantaginaceae)



4 Accepted Species



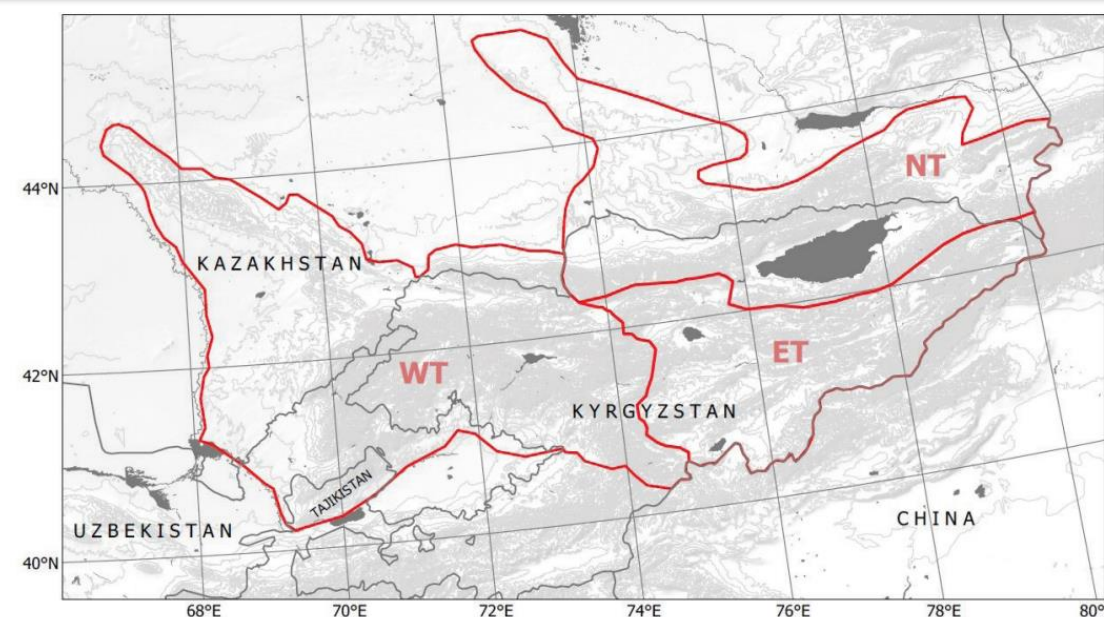
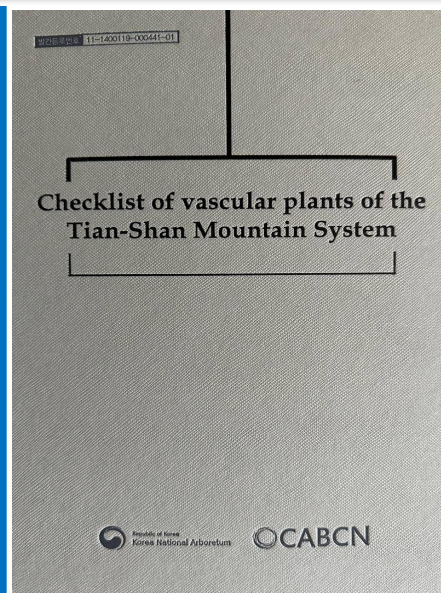
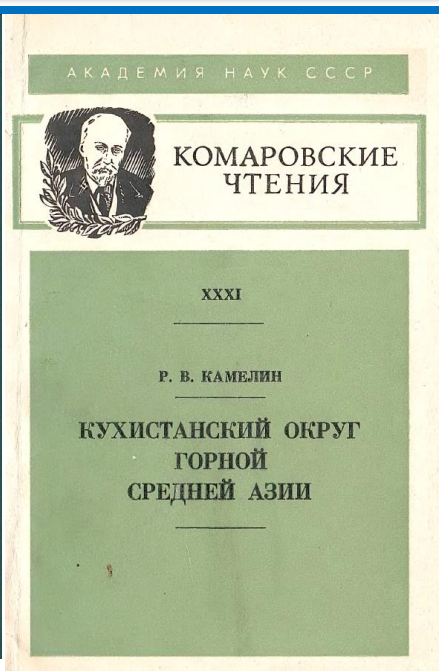
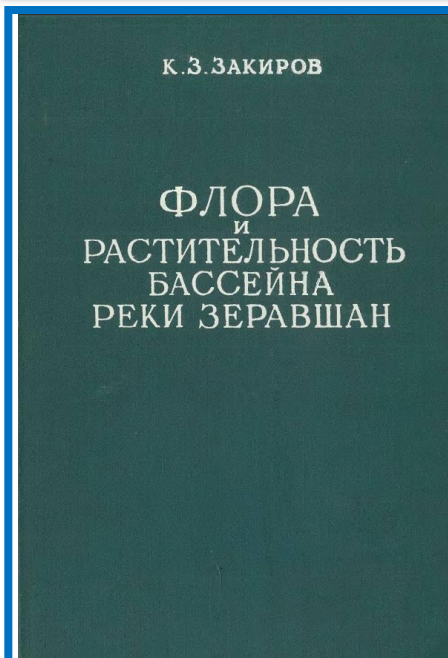
*Triaenophora bucharica*  
B.Fedtsch.



*Triaenophora rupestris*  
(Hemsl.) Soler.



# Check-list of vascular plants of the Flora of Tian-Shan Mountains. Central Asian part



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This work is novel for Central Asia as a whole; and it led to major rearrangements in some families and genera, including a number of new nomenclatural combinations (81) and 2 new nothogenera

**Species and subspecies** — 4283 (4080 are native)    West Tian-Shan — 3440 taxa  
**Genera** — 835 (759 are native)    North Tian-Shan — 2532 taxa  
**Family** — 116 (110 are native)    East Tian-Shan — 1361 taxa

**Endemic** — 821 taxa (species and subspecies)  
Western Tian-Shan — 634 taxa  
Northern Tian-Shan — 100 taxa  
Eastern Tian-Shan — 27 taxa

Tojibaev K.Sh. & al., 2021

**The checklist includes 34 hybrid species, which belong to 18 genera**

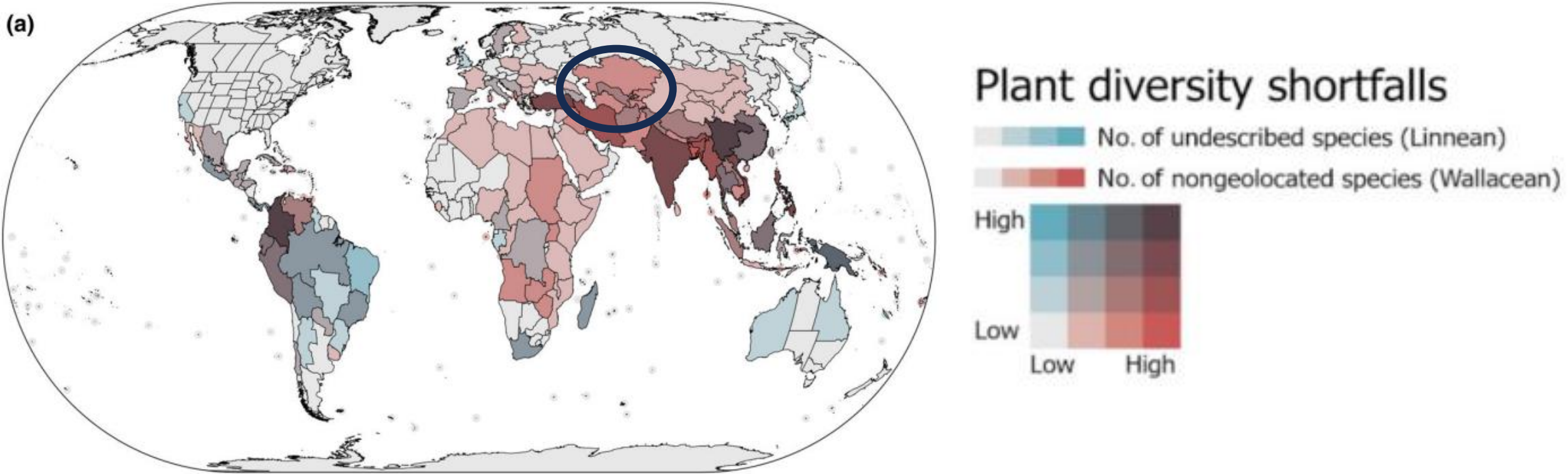
Central Asia is one of botanically poorly-known part of Asia

Is it accurate to conclude that and the flora of Central Asia remains under-researched?

**In an attempt to categorize global knowledge limits, seven biodiversity shortfalls have been described**

<b>Shortfall</b>	<b>Aspect of biodiversity</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>Linnean</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Most of the species on Earth have not been described and cataloged (Brown &amp; Lomolino 1998)</b>
<b>Wallacean</b>	<b>Geographic distribution</b>	<b>Knowledge about the geographic distribution of most species is incomplete; it is inadequate at all scales most of the time (Lomolino 2004)</b>
<b>Prestonian</b>	<b>Populations</b>	<b>Data on species abundance and population dynamics in space and time are often scarce (Cardoso et al. 2011)</b>
<b>Darwinian</b>	<b>Evolution</b>	<b>Lack of knowledge about the tree of life and the evolution of species and their traits (Diniz-Filho et al. 2013)</b>
<b>Raunkiaeran</b>	<b>Functional traits and ecological functions</b>	<b>Lack of knowledge about species' traits and their ecological functions</b>
<b>Hutchinsonian</b>	<b>Abiotic tolerances</b>	<b>Lack of knowledge about the responses and tolerances of species to abiotic conditions</b>
<b>Eltonian</b>	<b>Ecological interactions</b>	<b>Lack of knowledge on species' interactions and these interactions' effects on individual survival and fitness</b>

- The Linnean shortfall
- The Wallacean shortfall



**The region was estimated to be one of the world's 33 global diversity dark spots**

## The Linnean shortfall and its solution

### Checklist of vascular plants of the Tian-Shan Mountain System



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### Checklist of Vascular Plants in Central Asia

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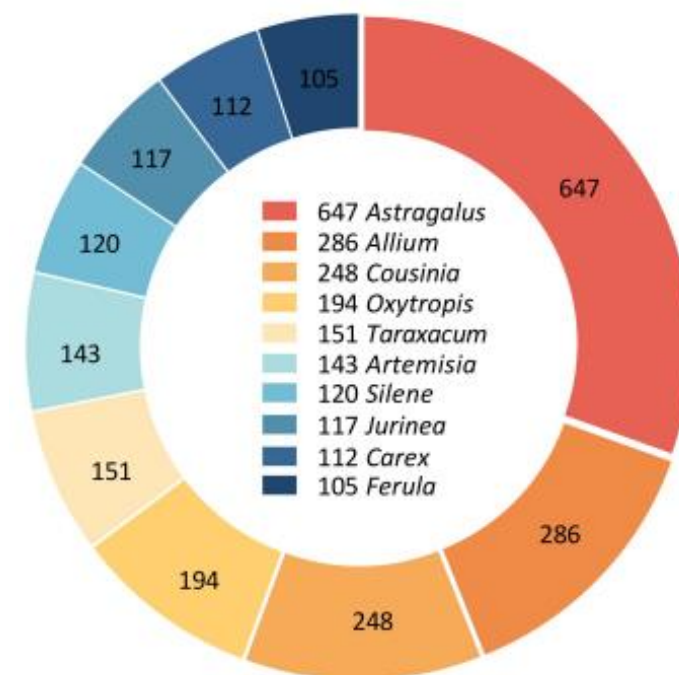
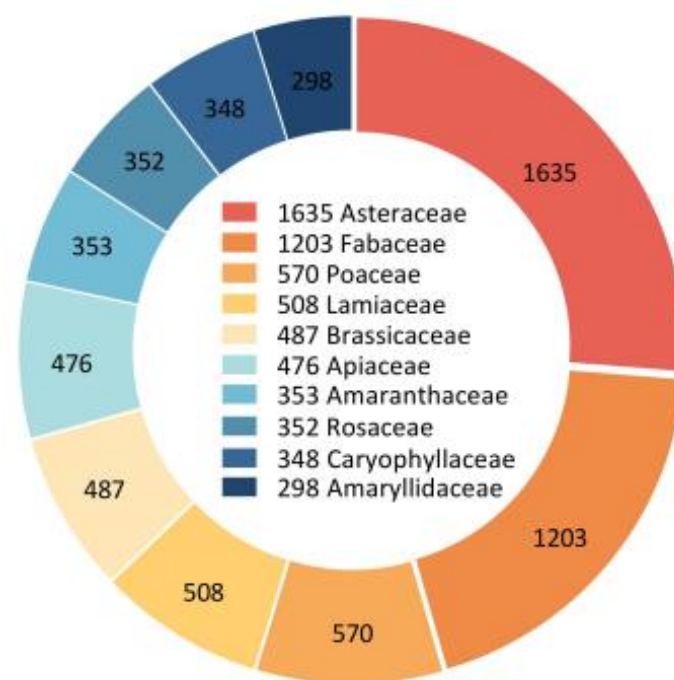
9640 spec., 1199 gen., 139 fam.

### Endemic genera in the flora of Middle Asia (by Khassanov et al., 2024)

**Summary.** Flora of Middle Asia (in the ranks of *Conspectus Florae Asiae Mediae* (Adylov, Tsukerwanik, 1993)) consists at least of 9500 species of vascular plants and 1100 genera. Out of them strongly endemical are 41 genera and 19 can be treated as subendemical ones for this region. 8 blocks of endemical and subendemical genera were revealed: relic Paleogene Afro-Arabian, Neogene Mediterranean, Transhimalayan, autokhtonic Mountainous Middle Asiatic, Kashgar-Ferganean, Xinjiang-Dzhungarian-Tien-Shanic, Iranean-Paro (Без заголовка) amiralayan and Turanean. 18 genera having been treated as endemical became synonyms.

# Species richness

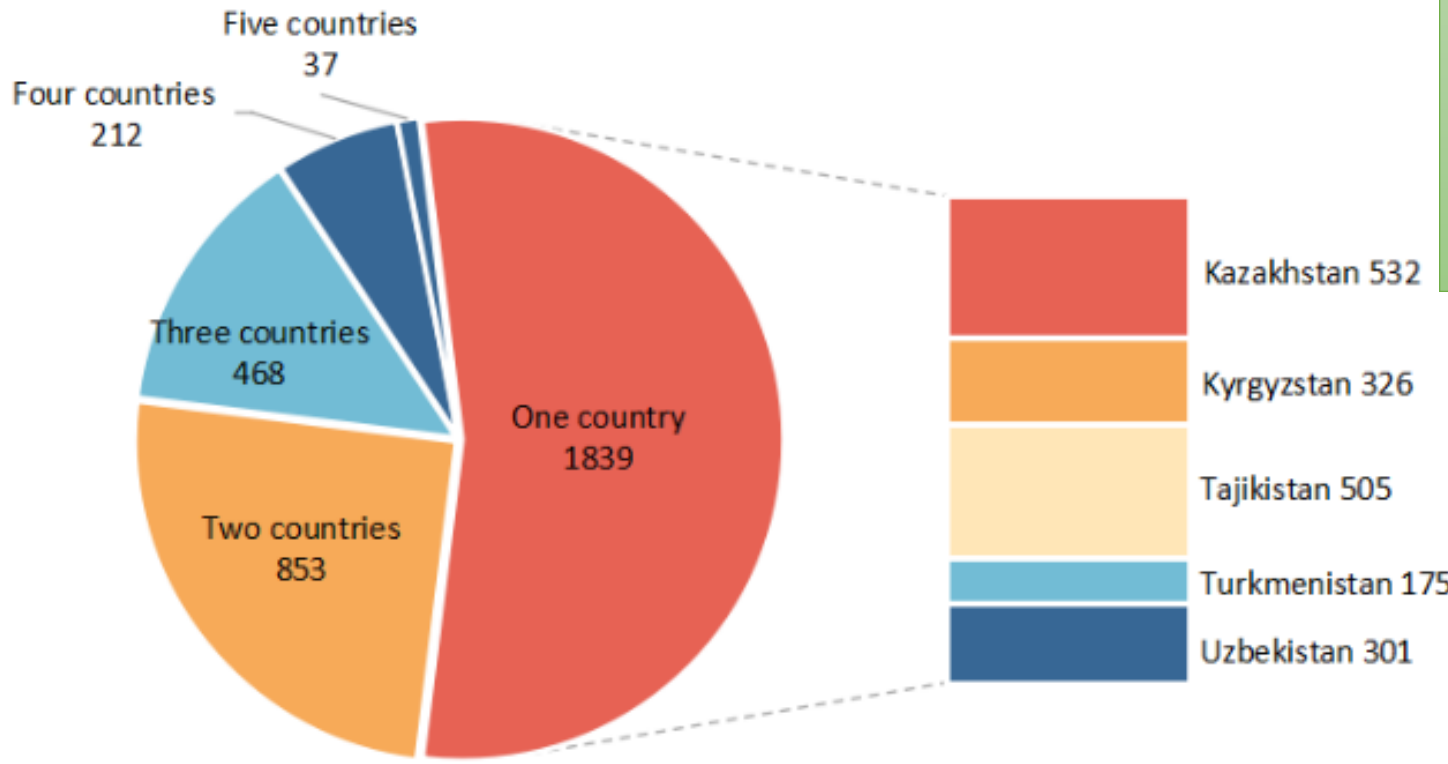
## Taxonomic composition of the native vascular flora of Central Asia



	Family	Genera	Species and infraspecific taxa
<b>Lycophytes</b>	2	3	6
<b>Ferns</b>	14	25	64
<b>Gymnosperm</b>	3	6	36
<b>Angiosperms:</b>	120	1165	9534
monocots	25	213	1591
dicots	95	952	7943
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>1199</b>	<b>9640</b>

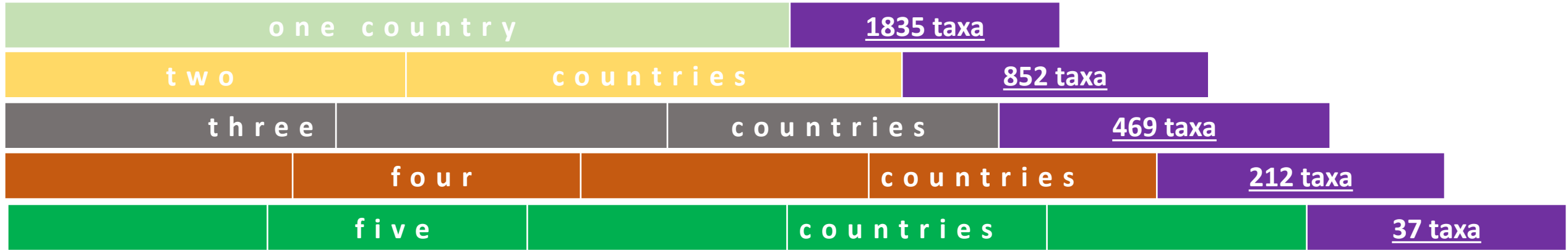
Families	Genera	Species	Source
125	1151	8094	CFAM (1969–1993)
<b>161</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>9341</b>	Khassanov (2015)
<b>+36</b>	<b>+149</b>	<b>+1247</b>	

# The endemic taxa in Central Asia from one country to five countries

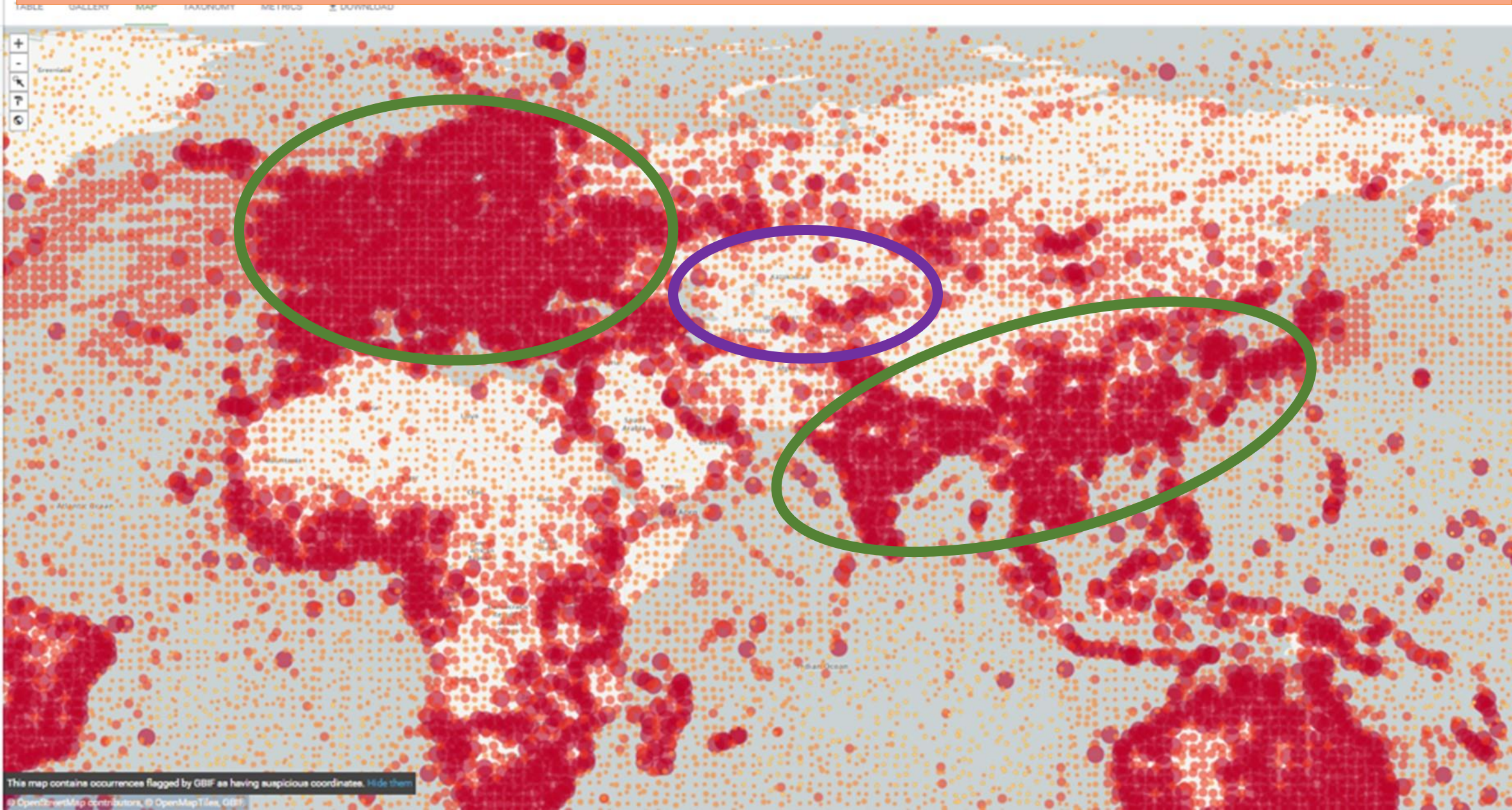


A few number of species with a wide distribution (4 or more countries) shows:  
 (a) Environmental heterogeneity  
 (b) Geographical heterogeneity

(a) Stein et al., 2014  
 (b) Duarte-Cunha et al., 2015



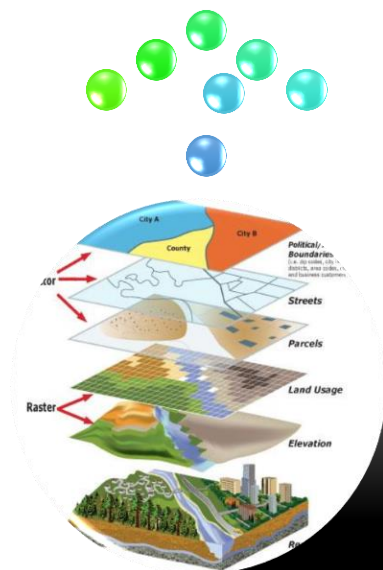
# The Wallacean shortfall and the role of GBIF in its solution. GBIF – Addressing Wallacean shortfall in Central Asia





## The Wallacean shortfall

geographical distributions of most species are poorly understood and usually contain many gaps (Bini et al., 2006)



**Georeference  
Database**

**General information about  
the distribution of species**

(old literature data, printed maps, etc.)

**Массив текстовой разобщенной информации:**

- национальные, региональные флоры (1930–1980)
- определитель растений Средней Азии (1969–1993)
- диссертации, статьи, чеклисты

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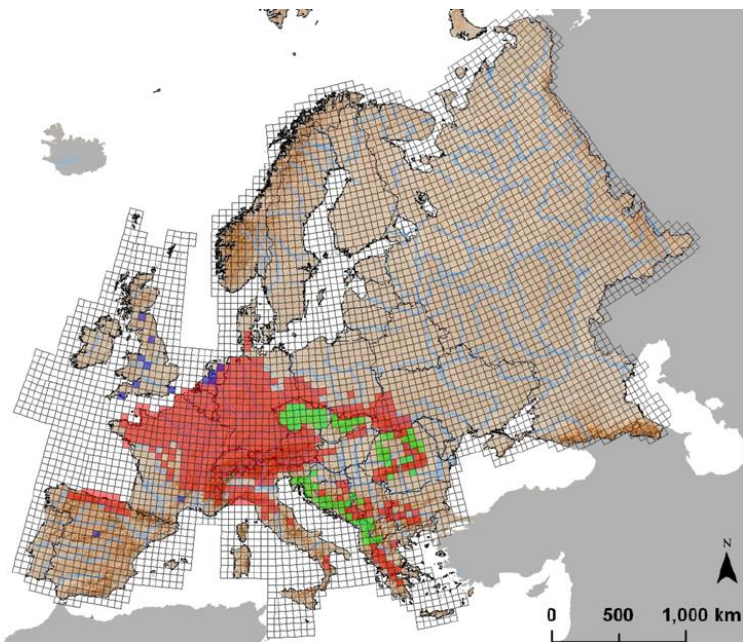


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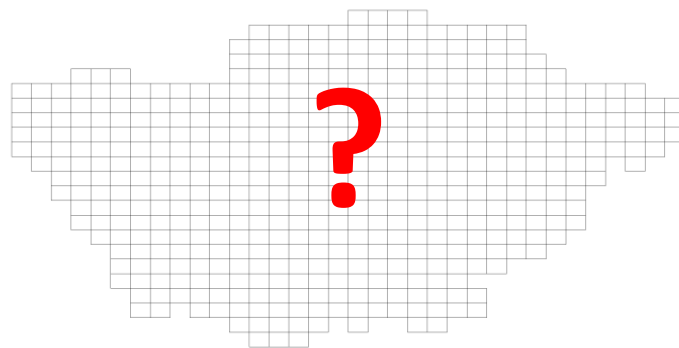
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Grid maps were developed as a method not only showing the range of species, but also universalizing the scientific research of several (even several generations) florists, gathering scattered information into one system.

New grid system – Atlas Florae Europaeae



Central Asia



New grid system – China



Mapping the flora of the British Isles (<https://bsbi.org/maps-and-data>)

Distribution Atlas of Vascular Plants of Austria (<https://plantbiogeography.univie.ac.at/research/distribution-atlases/>)

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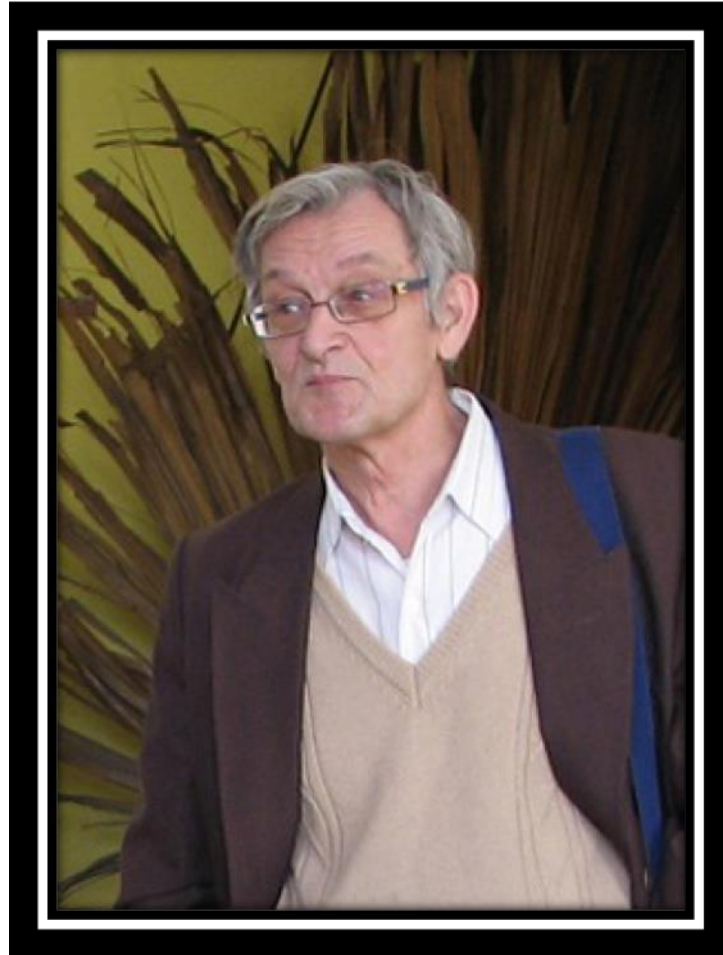
## Weak regional cooperation between Central Asian countries

### The Kamelinian shortfall

#### Cooperation

Limited collaboration in the sharing of biodiversity data

Non-digitized herbaria specimens, old (specific) literature data, and research are generally limited to the borders of individual countries



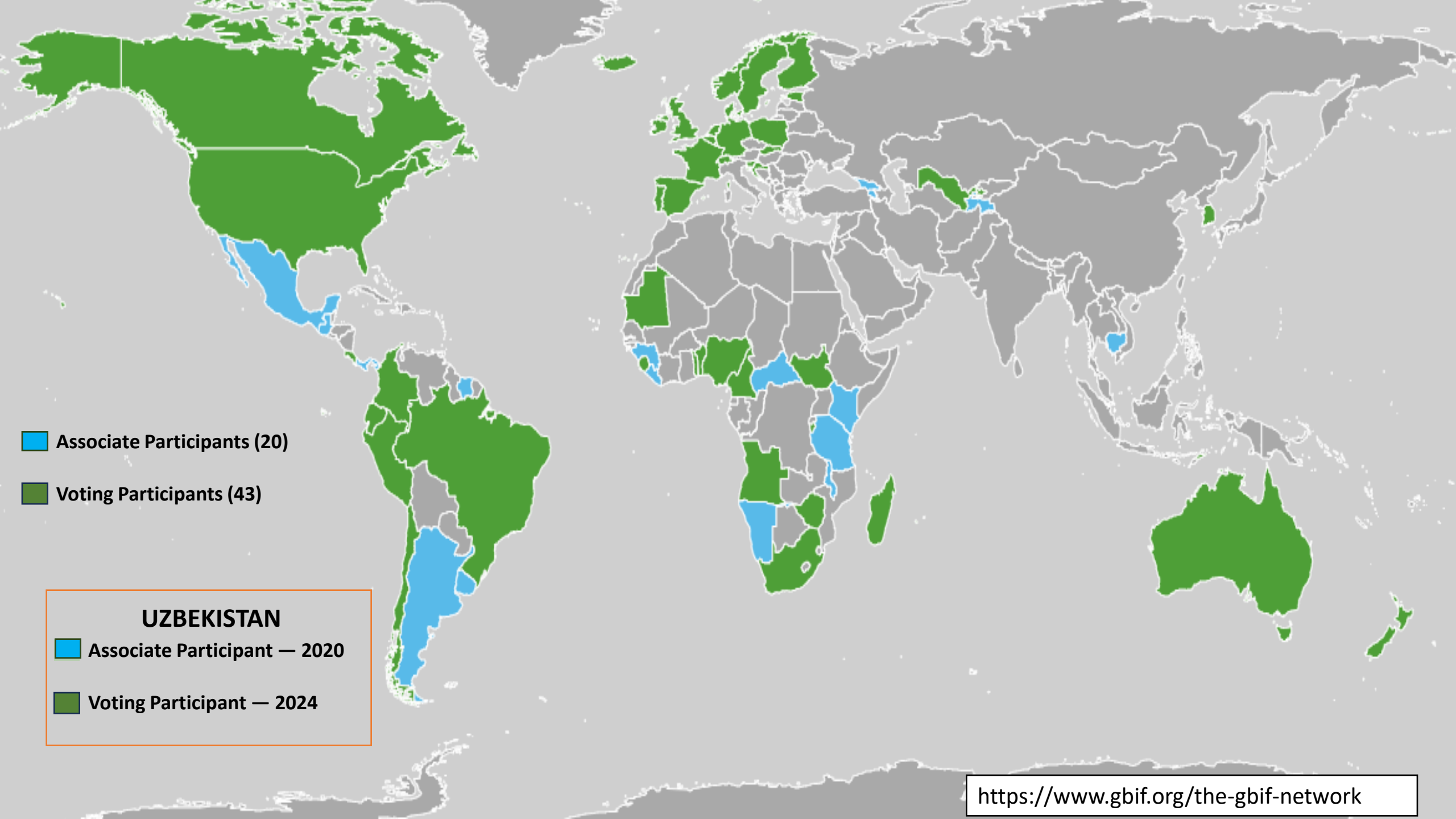
**Rudolph Kamelin**  
(1938–2016)

The outstanding taxonomist and tireless researcher of the flora of Central Asia, the editor and author of the ‘*Conspectus Florae Asiae Mediae*’, and various taxonomic publications, described dozens of new genera and hundreds of new species of vascular plants from Central Asia



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- Type collection of the National Herbarium of Uzbekistan (TASH) - 3955 гербарных образцов из 10 стран (<https://www.gbif.org/ru/dataset/0c1237c3-be8c-498b-bb2d-d5cf3c930dec>).
- Monocotyledonous Geophytes of Fergana Valley – 1061 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/1962b370-4fd5-4b22-a30e-0adb8570688d>)
- Checklist of the flora of the Chatkal State Biosphere Reserve (Uzbekistan) - 771 вид из 71 семейства (<https://www.gbif.org/ru/dataset/fb8d42a1-8a07-42d6-967f-c01785d52145> )
- Phenology of Liliaceae – 297 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/e12e5ea3-86bf-4cb0-9c70-384ee6ef6137>)
- Phenology of Crocus – 444 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/5c1f02e2-234b-4d0c-8246-2cd5c76db26a>)
- Phenology of Iridaceae – 1061 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/30d93881-56ca-47dc-8651-42cdc7f2a251>)
- Genus Elymus L. in the flora of Uzbekistan – 7 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/4c29b045-018c-4f71-81a0-500ca9edf3a9>)
- Water reservoir's algoflora of Fergana valley – 871 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/df007302-0f3f-44cc-b474-1ce4bf563e08>)
- Aphylophoroid fungi of Uzbekistan – 692 occurrences (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/f68d4d58-fd61-4e44-be35-a99e1bd99351>)

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(1) National Herbarium of Uzbekistan

(2) Flora of Uzbekistan project

(3) Grid mapping project

(4) State cadaster of plant diversity of administrative units of the Republic of Uzbekistan

(5) Local plant diversity researchers and PhD students

TARGET  
2024

300 000  
records

# (1) National Herbarium of Uzbekistan (since 1920)

The main taxa of monocots have been digitized (*Poaceae*, *Cyperaceae*, *Allium*, *Eremurus*, *Gagea*, *Juno* etc.)

Some polymorphic families have been digitized (*Lamiaceae*, *Amaranthaceae*, *Polygonaceae*, *Caryophyllaceae* and etc.)

Number of annual new arrivals is ~ **8 000–10 000** (georeferenced specimens)



TASH is the largest collection of Central Asian plants worldwide (more than 1.6 mln. specimens since 1831)

Historical collections of first explorers of the CA flora and prominent botanists of the 20th Century (Popov, Korovin, Vvedensky, Kamelin etc)

Included in the top 30 largest herbaria of the world and 4th in Asia

Over 380,000 specimens in the database; over 180,000 specimens scanned; over 120,000 specimens barcoded





# (2) The Flora of Uzbekistan Project (since 2016)



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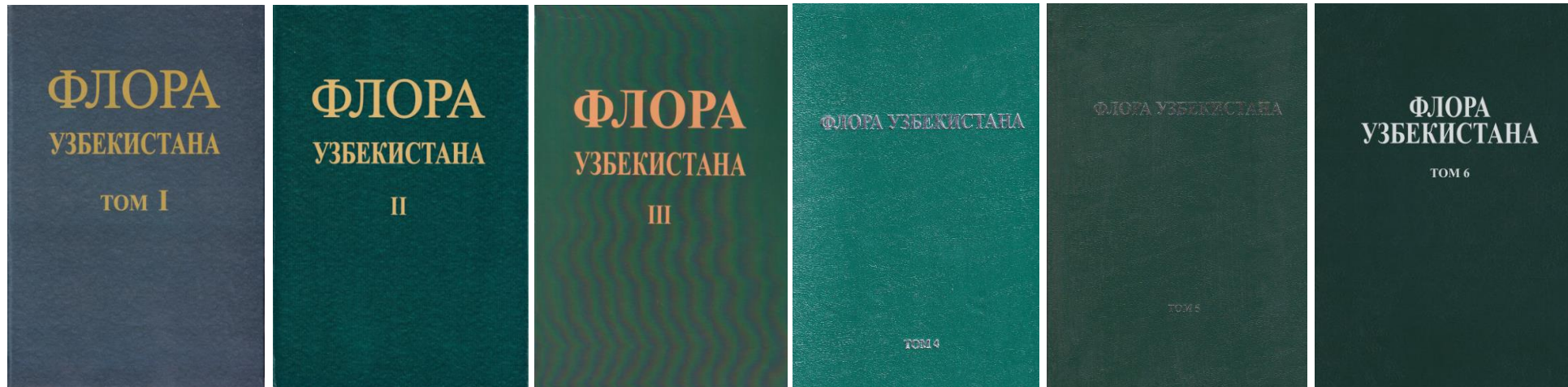


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## The Flora of Uzbekistan Project

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- ❖ Botanical Garden of Moscow University
- ❖ Korea National Arboretum
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Family

20

Genera

184

Species and subspecies

820

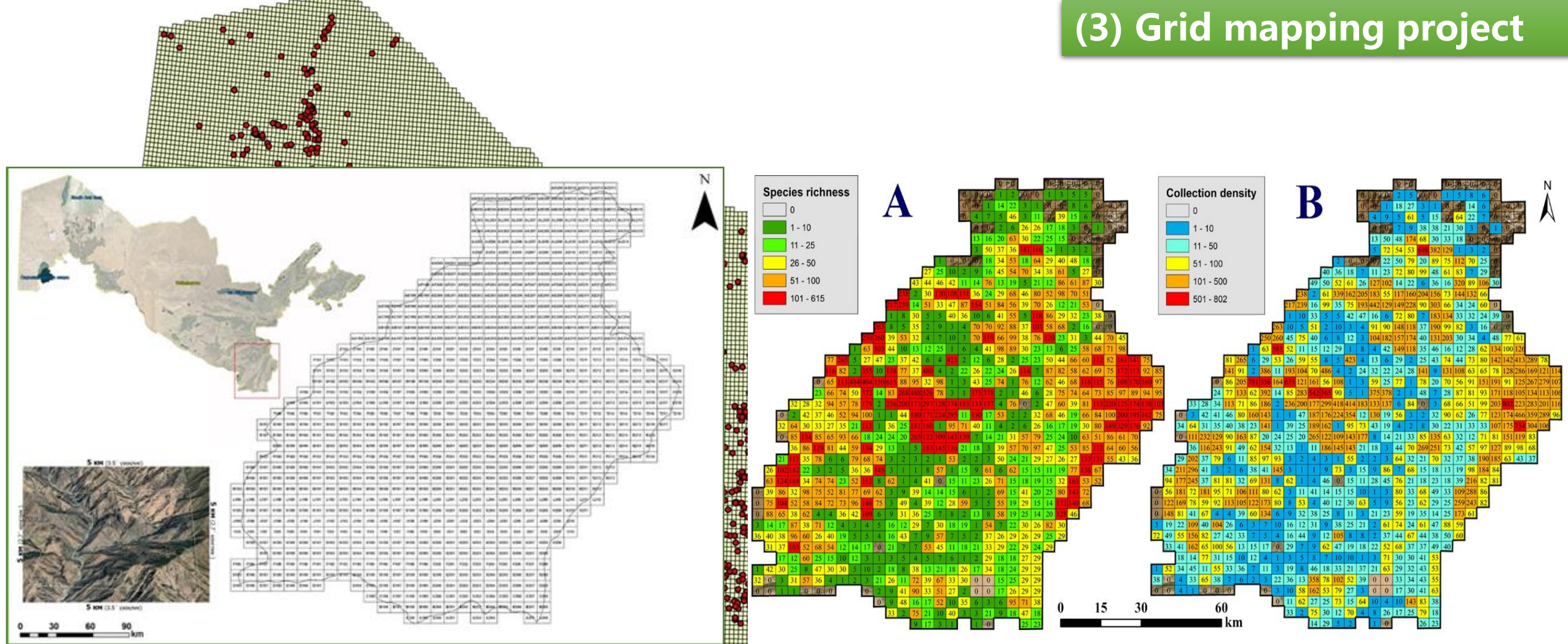
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Georeferenced specimens

Amaryllidaceae (*Allium*), Primulaceae, Plantaginaceae, Scrophulariaceae, Campanulaceae, Plumbaginaceae, Caprifoliaceae, Gentianaceae, Boraginaceae, Apiaceae and **Brassicaceae**, **Lamiaceae**

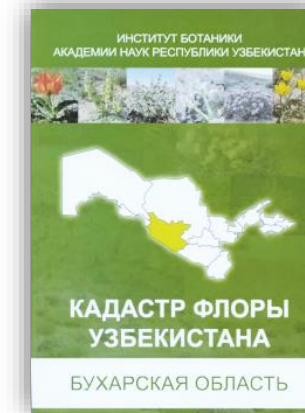
### (3) Grid mapping project



Family — 115  
Genera — 819  
Species — 3876  
Georeferenced data < 200000  
The data was collected during the years — 1842–2023

2191 species belong to 614 genera and 98 families is grid mapped; 820 grid cells 5x5 km each (92% of research area); 67,261 georeferenced records

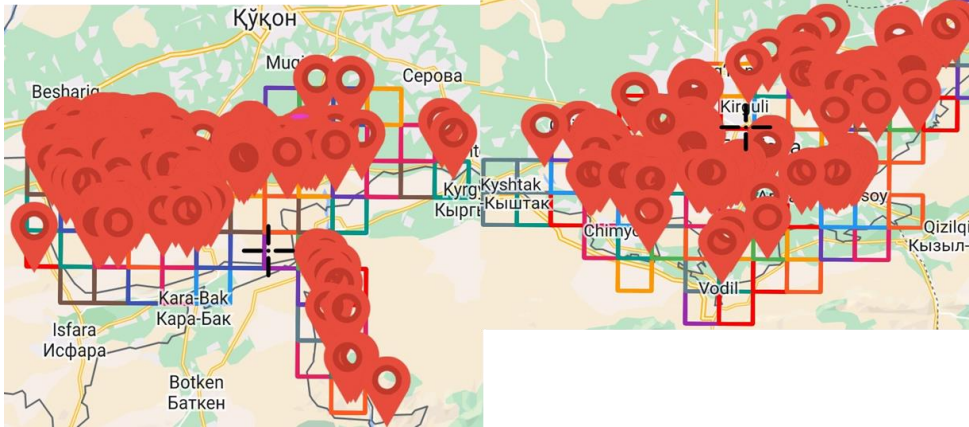
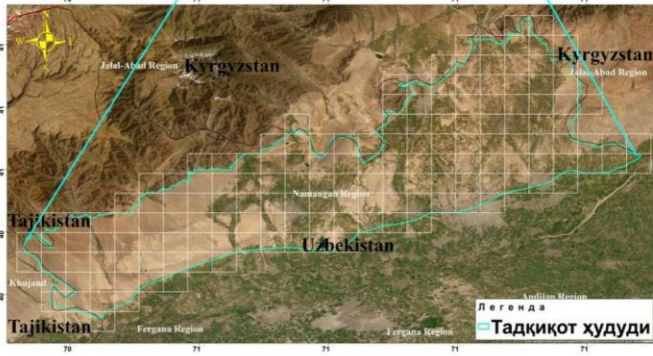
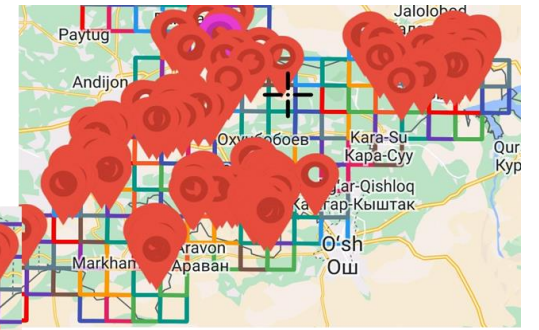
## (4) State cadaster of plant diversity of administrative units of the Republic of Uzbekistan



В 2013-2020 гг. Институтом ботаники АН РУз опубликован кадастр флоры 5 административных областей, Джизакской, Кашкадарьинской, Самаркандской, Навоийской и Бухарской. С 2021 г. осуществляется проект по составлению кадастра флоры Ташкентской области.

Область	Площадь, км <sup>2</sup>	Место по площади	Семейств / родов / видов	Кол-во	
				Краснокнижных видов	Адвентивных видов
Бухарская	41 831	3	66/339/764	25	89
Джизакская	21 179	5	106/617/1991	50	111
Кашкадарьинская	28 568	4	97/613/2022	88	104
Навоийская	109 481	2	90/534/1561	51	48
Самаркандская	16 772	7	95/573/1687	53	118
Ташкентская	15 150	8	117/663/2313	71	164

# (5) The local plant diversity researchers and PhD students



Local floristic research makes a major contribution to the expansion of georeferenced database  
More than **20,000** herbarium specimens have been collected from the Fergana Valley in two years (2023–2024)



# Uzbekistan IPT

As an integral part of this project, Uzbekistan IPT was established on September 29, 2023, to publish local information aimed at strengthening the infrastructure of **GBIF** nodes in Uzbekistan. As part of the huge digitization program, **19191** records from the flora of Uzbekistan were digitized and published.

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Name	Organization	Type	Subtype	Records	Last modified	Last publication	Next publication	Visibility	Author
Elymus L. in the flora of Uzbekistan	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	414	2024-03-31 12:35:03	2023-12-20 04:03:08	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
Species of Fritillaria L. (Liliaceae) distributed in the flora of Uzbekistan.	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	457	2024-03-31 12:34:05	2024-02-15 05:41:32	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
Mycobiota of trees and shrubs of Ferghana Valley (in the territory of Uzbekistan).	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	1,205	2024-03-31 12:31:59	2024-03-31 12:30:41	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
Deliverables of Herbarium of Institute of Botany, Academy of Science of Uzbekistan for the CESP2023-007 project	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	331	2024-03-29 13:48:01	2024-03-29 13:45:02	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
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Deliverables of Herbarium of National University of Uzbekistan for the CESP2023-007 project	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	308	2024-03-28 04:37:17	2024-03-28 04:37:20	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
Pathogenic micromycetes of vascular plants of the Zaaminsu River basin	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	381	2024-03-15 09:21:47	2024-03-15 09:21:51	-	Registered	Kumush Aliyeva
Taxonomy and geography of species of the genus Parrya in the flora of Uzbekistan	Institute of Botany of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Uzbekistan	Occurrence	Specimen	401	2024-03-15 09:21:36	2024-03-15 09:21:38	-	Registered	Rukaya Sarah Johaadien

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The results allowed a global analysis of endemic plant species by geography and phylogeny.

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The researcher presented information on the distribution of *Gagea* species in Uzbekistan. The data is available at <https://www.gbif.org/dataset/c98c96fc-e1dc-41ec-b083-ba92d08323b3>.

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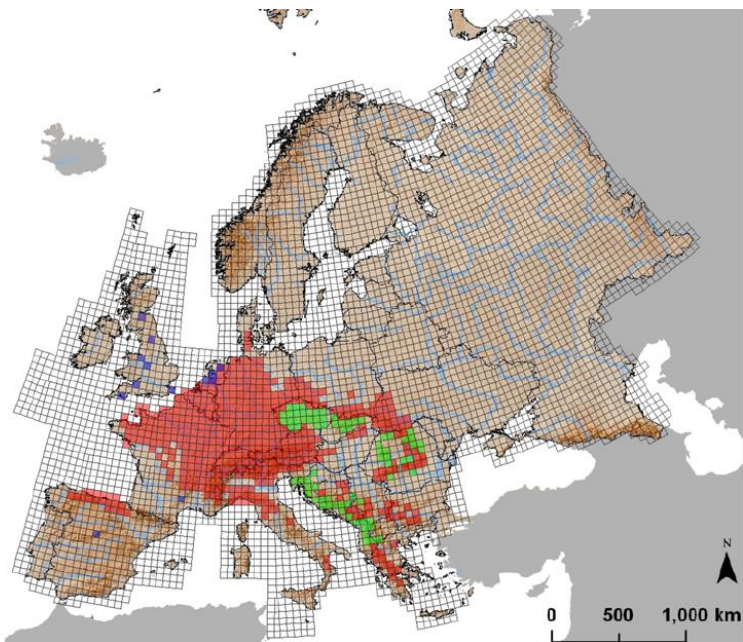
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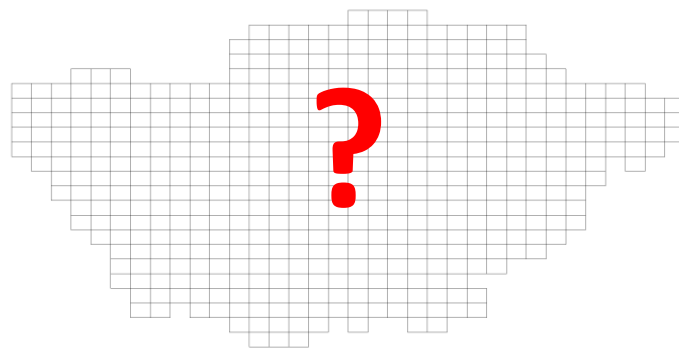


Grid maps were developed as a method not only showing the range of species, but also universalizing the scientific research of several (even several generations) florists, gathering scattered information into one system.

New grid system – Atlas Florae Europaeae



Central Asia



New grid system – China



Mapping the flora of the British Isles (<https://bsbi.org/maps-and-data>)

Distribution Atlas of Vascular Plants of Austria (<https://plantbiogeography.univie.ac.at/research/distribution-atlases/>)

Italy (<http://dryades.units.it/floritaly/>)

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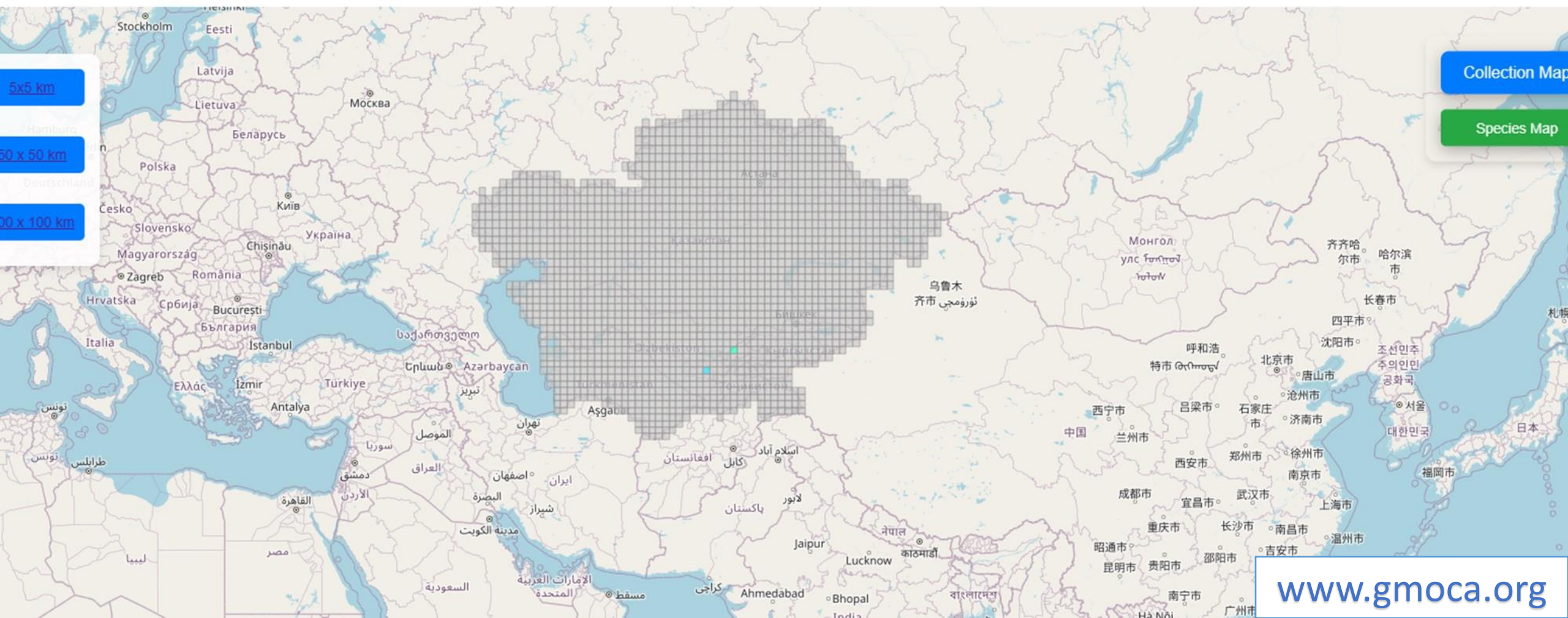
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## CONCLUSIONS



Despite the results achieved for many decades, Central Asia can still be included in the world's 33 global diversity darkspots. This is largely due to the limited array of geoinformation

Weak regional cooperation between the countries of Central Asia is one of the shortfalls in the knowledge of the flora of Asia's largest subregion

Cooperation with the GBIF, the largest international network and biodiversity data infrastructure:

- can play a key role in filling these biodiversity shortfalls
- strengthen cooperation between Central Asian countries in sharing biodiversity information
- strengthen collaboration with other GBIF nodes
- serve to improve the level of large-scale knowledge of Central Asian biodiversity

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