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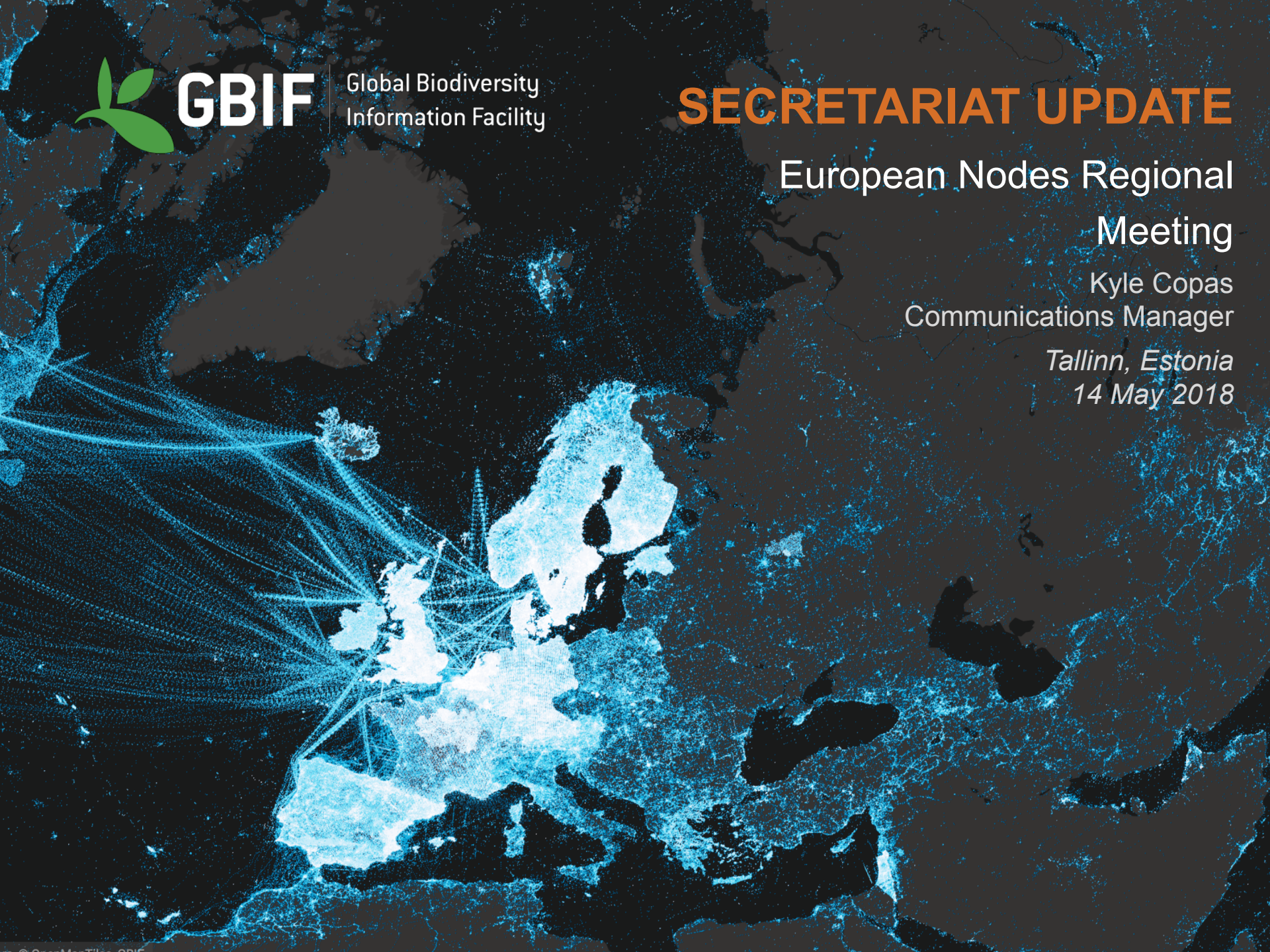
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# SECRETARIAT UPDATE

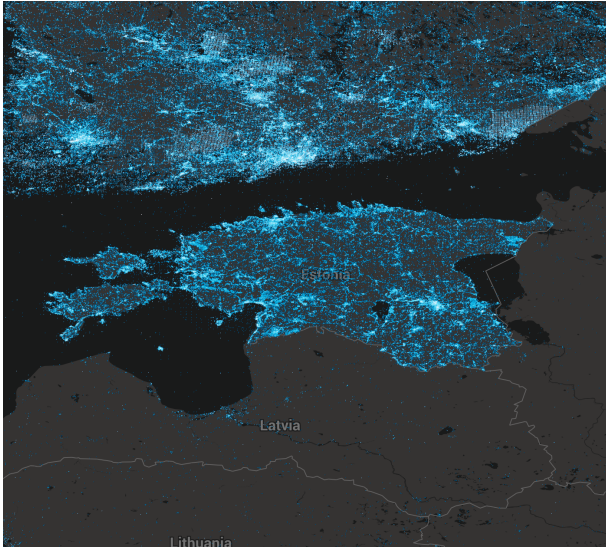
## European Nodes Regional Meeting

Kyle Copas  
Communications Manager

*Tallinn, Estonia  
14 May 2018*



# OVERVIEW



- Refresher on GBIF 2017-2021 Strategic Plan
- Summary of current activities on 2018 Work Programme, with **highlights of key initiatives**
- A provocation or two for the future

*Detailed, line-by-line set of background slides available at*

**[bit.ly/gbif-wp18q2](https://bit.ly/gbif-wp18q2)**



# 1 EMPOWER GLOBAL NETWORK

Ensure that governments, researchers and users are equipped and supported to share, improve and use data through the GBIF network, regardless of geography, language or institutional affiliation



# ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

The image features a central white circular hub with the GBIF logo (three green leaves) and the text "GBIF STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2021". This hub is connected to a vast network of smaller circles and nodes across the entire page. Various scientific and technological icons are scattered throughout, including DNA helices, a microscope, a satellite, a leaf, a globe, a cube, a compass, and several maps of different regions. Dashed red and blue lines trace paths through the network, suggesting data flow or thematic connections between different areas of research and policy. The overall design is intricate and visually engaging, emphasizing the interconnected nature of the strategic plan's goals.



# FILL DATA GAPS

Prioritize and promote mobilization of new data resources that combine with existing resources to maximize the coverage, completeness and resolution of GBIF-mediated data, particularly with respect to taxonomy, geography and time



# IMPROVE DATA QUALITY

Ensure that all data within the GBIF network are of the highest-possible quality and associated with clear indicators enabling users to assess their origin, relevance and usefulness for any application





# DELIVER RELEVANT DATA

Ensure that GBIF delivers data in the form and completeness required to meet the highest-priority needs of science and, through science, society



# QUARTERLY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

gbif / portal16

Unwatch 13 Unstar 10 Fork 6

Code Issues 237 Pull requests 1 Projects 0 Wiki Insights

## 2018 Q2

Due by June 30, 2018 38% complete

Tasks that are a priority to get done by June 2018

11 Open 7 Closed

- ☐ ① **translate - find way to load locales in client depending on env and language** **release focus**  
#754 opened 28 days ago by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **Create items in Contentful (similar to what we do for participants)** **blocked** **release focus**  
#747 opened 29 days ago by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **translation: moment should load custom for locales** **release focus**  
#744 opened 29 days ago by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **dataset download stats** **api** **blocked** **dataset** **impact high** **release focus**  
#563 opened on Sep 26, 2017 by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **OTUs in GBIF** **release focus**  
#743 opened 29 days ago by MortenHofft 3 of 7
- ☐ ① **translation - changing translation source** **release focus**  
#734 opened on Apr 11 by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **translation - locale vs number format** **release focus**  
#727 opened on Apr 11 by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **Personalisation** **release focus** **secretariat idea**  
#726 opened on Apr 11 by MortenHofft 6 of 8
- ☐ ① **Network pages** **release focus**  
#725 opened on Apr 11 by MortenHofft 4 of 18
- ☐ ① **translation: clarify possible occurrence field keys** **release focus**  
#723 opened on Apr 10 by MortenHofft
- ☐ ① **translations** **idea** **release focus**  
#721 opened on Apr 9 by MortenHofft 14 of 30

- New quarterly roadmaps for informatics & data products teams in CPH
- Publicly accessible through GitHub
- ‘portal16’ is one of **dozens of project repositories** where you can track (and also contribute to) the work of the GBIF Secretariat

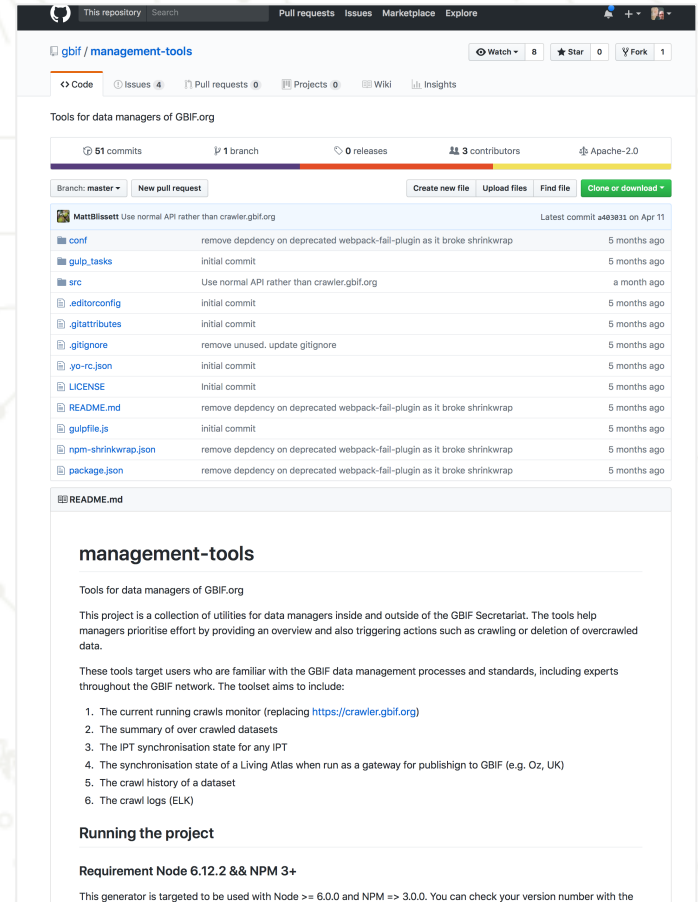


# 1 EMPOWER GLOBAL NETWORK

## 1a. Focus on people

### Management tools

- Collection of utilities for data managers familiar with the GBIF data management processes and standards
- Trigger actions like crawling, IPT synchronization, and deletion of overcrawled data

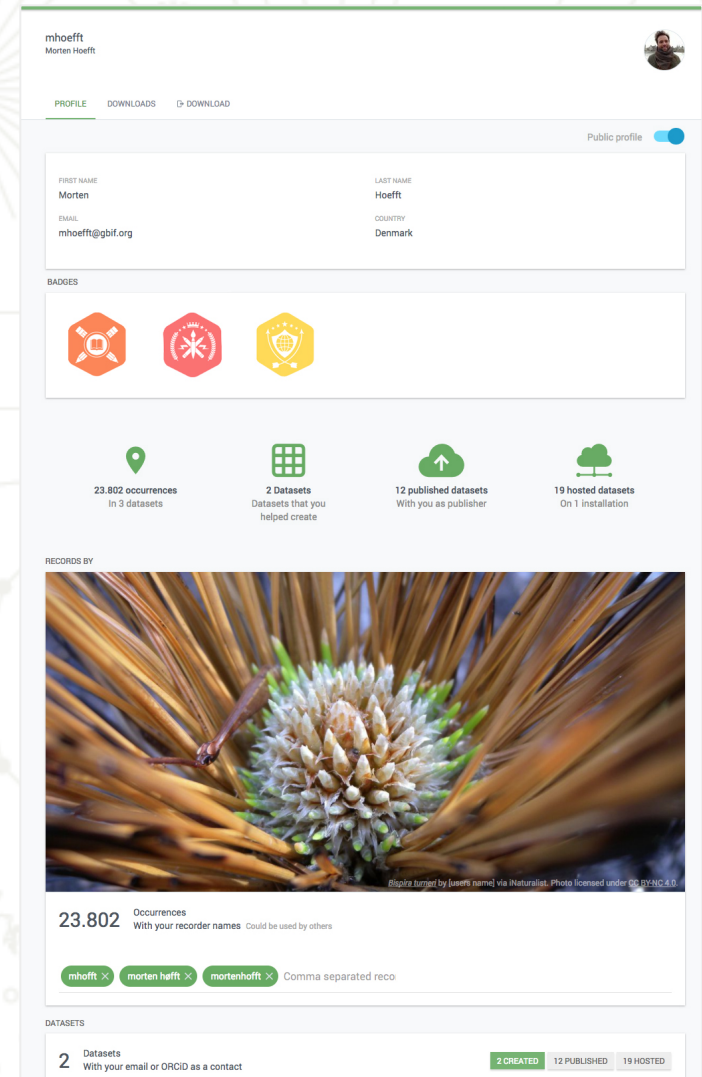


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### Personalization

- Preparing expanded user profile
- Leverage ORCID iDs to link opt-in users (**esp. from nodes**) with datasets (as contributor, publisher or host), badges, research papers, occurrences et al.
- Builds on implementation of 'trusted contacts' for management tools





# 1

# EMPOWER GLOBAL NETWORK

Other items worth consider, imho, include:

All opt-in users

- \* ☐ ORCID
- \* ☐ Institutional affiliations
- \* ☐ Project affiliations (CESP, BID, BIFA)
- \* ☐ GBIF-related publications (via literature tracking and/or ORCID)
- \* ☐ GBIF featured data uses

Network members (esp. node managers)

- \* ☐ GBIF network and committee roles and assignments
- \* ☐ GitHub profile/contributions/issues/assigned-issues
- \* ☐ Events attended

Data holders

- \* ☐ Dataset stats/metrics, as above—including download activity, too, perhaps?
- \* ☐ GitHub profile/issues/assigned-issues
- \* ☐ Events attended

Biological knowledge experts

- \* ☐ Described species (long-term: claim via COL+?)

Science ambassadors could introduce other fields, too, in consultation w/ @dschigel

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## 1a. Focus on people

### GBIF Community Forum

The screenshot displays the GBIF Community Forum interface. At the top, the GBIF logo is on the left, and search, menu, and profile icons are on the right. Below the header, there are tabs for 'all categories', 'Latest', 'Top', and 'Categories' (which is highlighted in green). A '+ Open Draft' button is also present. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists categories with their respective counts and descriptions. The right column, titled 'Latest', shows a list of recent topics with user avatars, topic titles, category icons, and timestamps.

Category	Topics
<b>Data Publishing</b> For matters related to data publishing in GBIF.	1 / month
<b>Data Use</b> This category is for matters related to use of GBIF-mediated data.	4 / month
<b>Mentors</b>	1 / month
<b>Nodes</b>	2 / month
<b>Site Feedback</b> Discussion about this site, its organization, how it works, and how we can improve it.	0
<b>Staff</b> Private category for staff discussions. Topics are only visible to admins and moderators.	5 / month

Avatar	Topic Title	Category	Count	Time
	Powerpoint slides updated	Nodes	0	3d
	2018 European Nodes meeting	Nodes	0	4d
	★ First stop for new data users	Data Use	1	4d
	Citation of the week/month/you name it	Data Use	0	5d
	Expanded user profiles on GBIF.org	Mentors	0	8d
	What we're reading: April 2018	Data Use	0	8d
	Close to 3,000 papers use GBIF-mediated data	Data Use	0	10d
	Editing text on a publisher page	Data Publishing	0	10d
	★ Welcome to the new GBIF community		1	

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## 1e. Expand national participation

### Support for multilingual content on GBIF.org



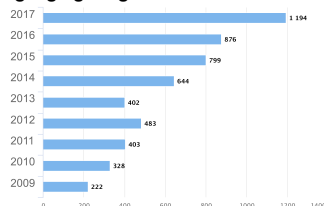
#### National rapport

### Danmark

12-måneders rapport  
varende til 31. december 2017

Denne rapport giver en række opsummerende grafer, statistikker og andre detaljer om mobilisering og brug af open-access artsdata gennem GBIF netværket på global og lokal skala. Disse summeringer viser ændring over de seneste 12 måneder, hvis ikke andet er angivet. Samlet set kan elementerne i denne rapport bruges til at guide og måle fremskridt i informationstilgængelighed for nationale og internationale forpligtelser ift biodiversitet og bæredygtig udvikling.

#### > Adgang og brug



Figur 1. Antal peer-reviewede publikationer, som citerer brug af global GBIF-medieret data



#### > Datatilgængelighed i Danmark



**Animalia**  
21,746,076  
observationer



**Plantae**  
4,376,523  
observationer



**Fungi**  
774,393  
observationer



**Unknown**  
242  
observationer



**Protozoa**  
8,525  
observationer



**Bacteria**  
4,087  
observationer



**Virus**  
4,087  
observationer



**Chromista**  
77,050  
observationer



**Archaea**  
375  
observationer



# 2

# ENHANCE INFRASTRUCTURE

## 2b. Deliver names infrastructure

### Support Catalogue of Life Plus

#### New COL+ infrastructure

- includes GBIF Backbone Taxonomy
- separates names & taxonomy
- provides avenues for (infrastructural) support to content authorities

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Sp2000 / colplus'. The repository is described as 'The Catalogue of Life plus project' and includes tabs for taxonomy, life, science, biodiversity, and nomenclature. It shows 74 commits, 2 branches, 0 releases, and 3 contributors. A table lists recent commits with details like the commit message, author, and date. Below the commit list, the README file is displayed, titled 'Catalogue of Life Plus (CoL+)'. The README contains a mission statement, a list of goals for the project, and a list of partners. At the bottom, there is a diagram titled 'A clearinghouse for taxonomy and nomenclature' showing the flow of data from source datasets to a clearinghouse.

**Catalogue of Life Plus (CoL+)**

The **Catalogue of Life** has the mission to catalogue all known species as an authoritative consensus taxonomy produced by the global taxonomic community. Up to now it has completed peer-reviewed inclusion of nearly all extant species.

Many large institutional users (i.e. GBIF, EOL, ALA, Lifewatch) extend their copy of the catalogue with additional names and species to complete it to serve their own specific purpose. These disconnected efforts result in 'taxonomic inconsistencies' and cause confusion amongst users.

The **CoL+ project** seeks to replace these efforts with a shared, extended catalogue and complete the reviewed name coverage without sacrificing quality. Creating an open, shared, and sustainable consensus taxonomy to serve the proper linking of data in the global biodiversity information initiatives is the ultimate goal the project contributes to.

The goals for the **Catalogue of Life Plus (CoL+) project** are:

1. creating both an extended and a strictly scrutinized taxonomic catalogue to replace the current GBIF Backbone Taxonomy and Catalogue of Life
2. separating nomenclature (facts) and taxonomy (opinion) with different identifiers and authorities for names and taxa for better reuse
3. providing (infrastructural) support to the completion and strengthening of taxonomic and nomenclature content authorities
4. ensuring a sustainable, robust, and more dynamic IT infrastructure for maintaining the Catalogue of Life.

Specifically the **project** will establish a clearinghouse for taxonomy and nomenclature and rebuild all existing infrastructure of the Catalogue of Life including webservices, the portal and the software for the assembly of the catalogue and its editorial work.

**Partners**

Catalogue of Life Plus is a collaboration between the **Catalogue of Life**, the **Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat**, **Naturalis Biodiversity Center** and partners with financial support by the **Netherlands Biodiversity Information Facility** and the **Netherlands Ministry of Education, Science, and Culture**.

**A clearinghouse for taxonomy and nomenclature**

The diagram illustrates the data flow for the clearinghouse. It shows 'Source datasets' (ZooBank, IPNI, FaEu, WoRMS, Pazi article, Fishbase, ACDB) feeding into 'Names & References' (DNC-A, DNC-A, DNC-A, DNC-A, DNC-A, DNC-A). These then feed into 'GBIF Backbone sources' (FaEu, WoRMS, Pazi article, Fishbase, ACDB). Finally, the data is processed through a 'Clearing' step (browse - search -) to produce 'Taxonworks'.

<https://github.com/Sp2000/colplus>

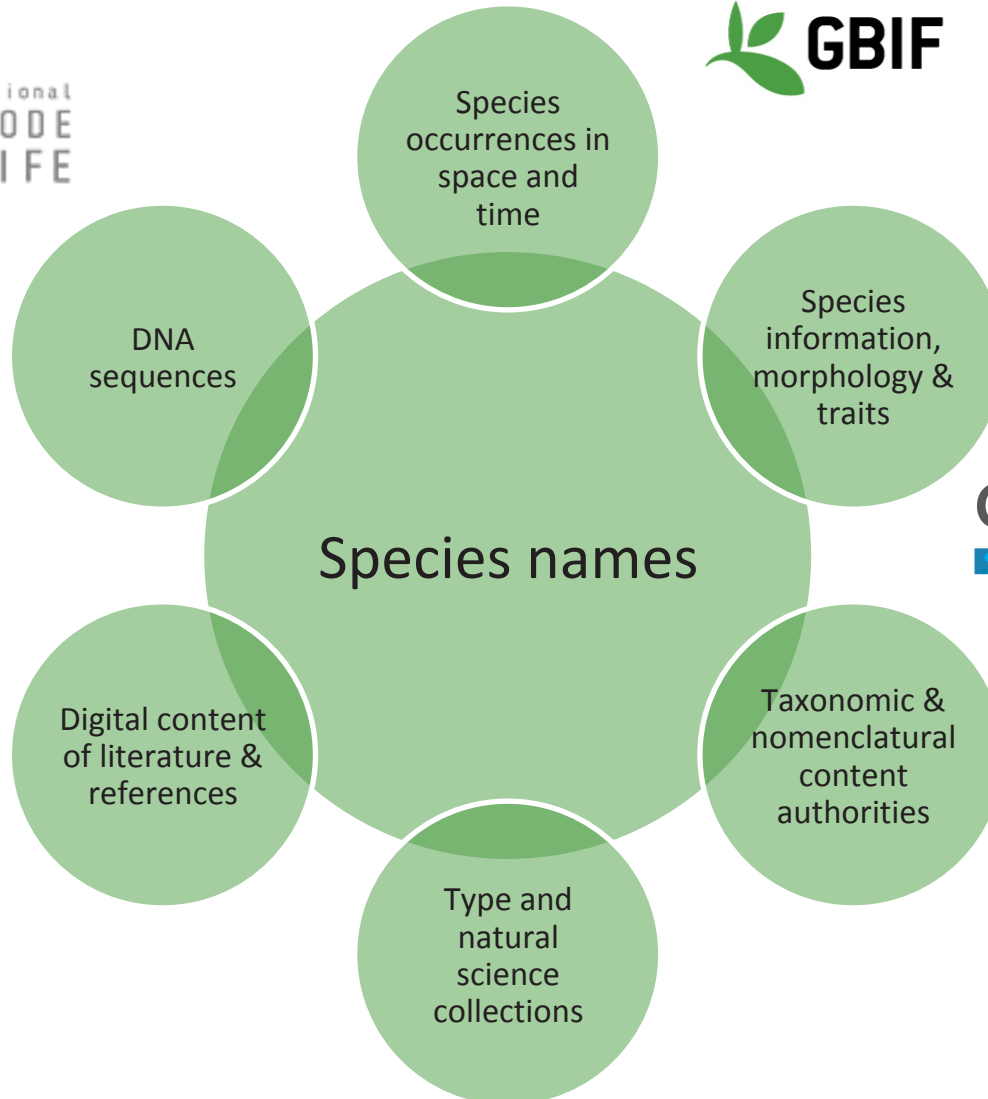
# COL+ BUILDING A GLOBAL VISION



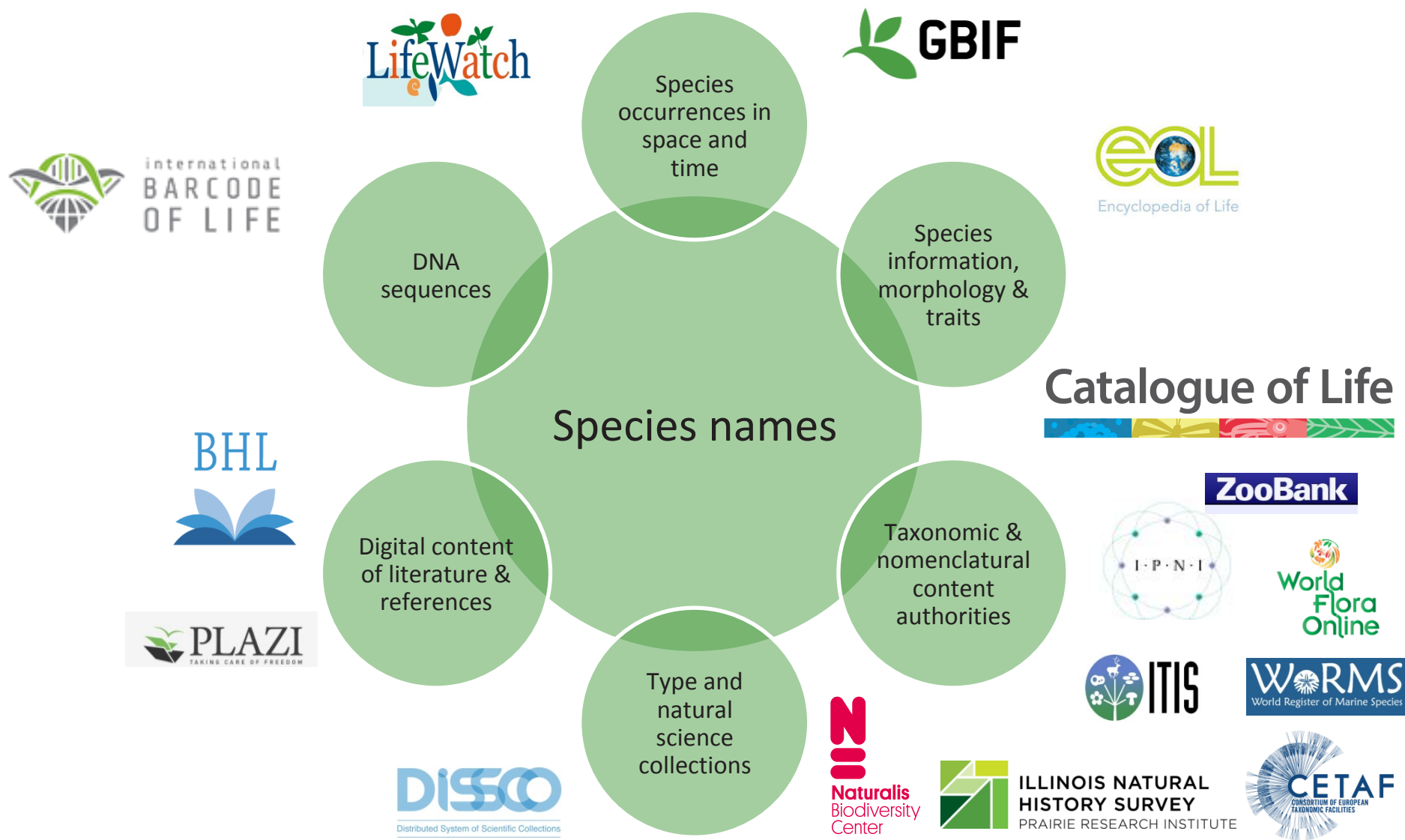
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**Catalogue of Life**

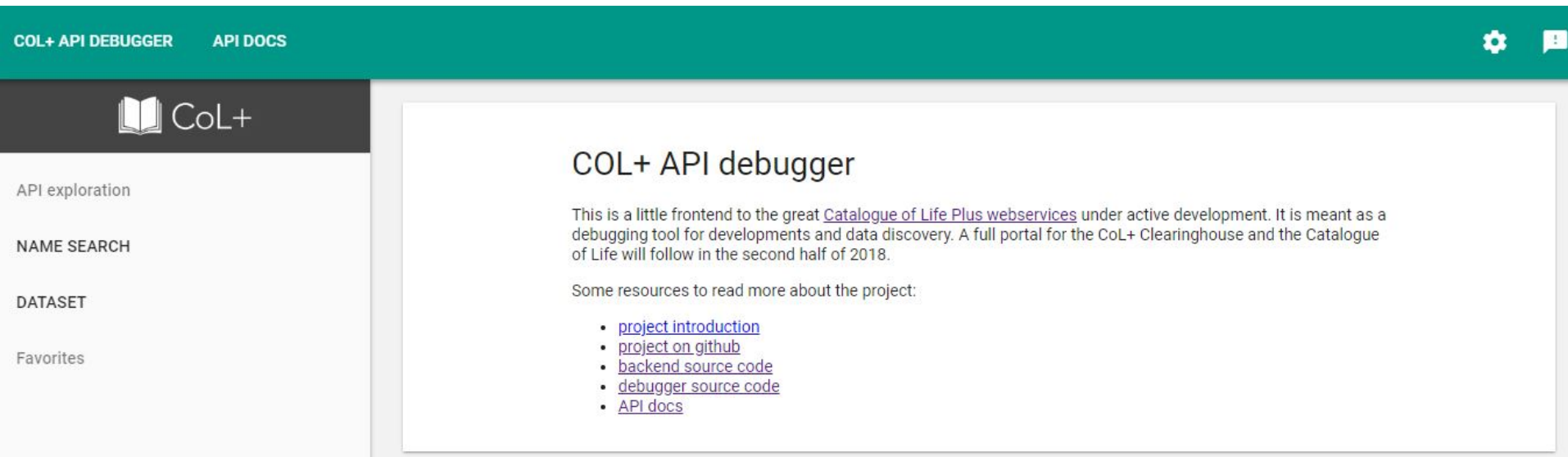


# PROGRESS IN BUILDING THE CONSORTIUM





# PROGRESS: DATA STORE MILESTONE



COL+ API debugger

This is a little frontend to the great [Catalogue of Life Plus webservises](#) under active development. It is meant as a debugging tool for developments and data discovery. A full portal for the CoL+ Clearinghouse and the Catalogue of Life will follow in the second half of 2018.

Some resources to read more about the project:

- [project introduction](#)
- [project on github](#)
- [backend source code](#)
- [debugger source code](#)
- [API docs](#)

## CoL+ project documentation

[CoL+ slide doc](#)

## API installation & documentation

<http://api.col.plus>

Work in progress, frequent changes

## Quick debugger frontend

<http://tools.col.plus/>

## Documentation & source code

<https://github.com/Sp2000/colplus>

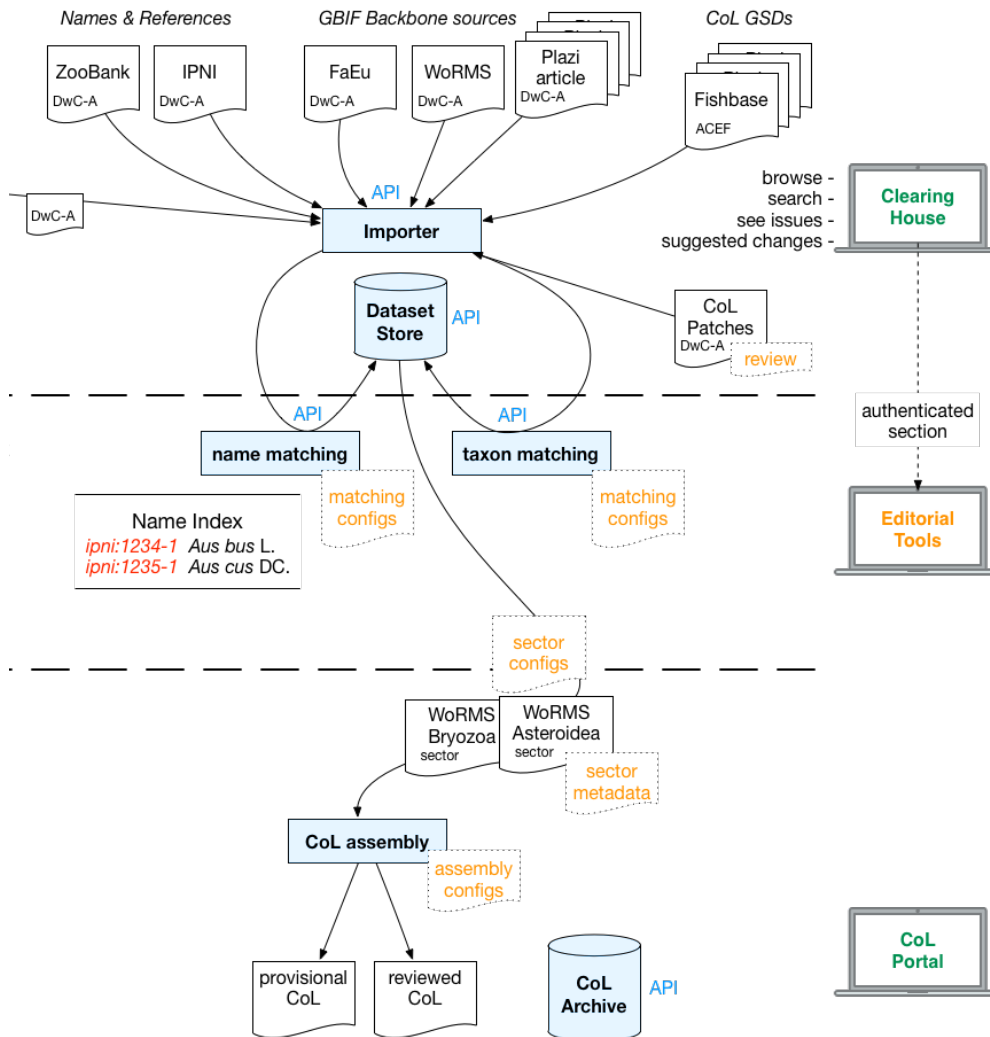
<https://github.com/Sp2000/colplus-backend>

<https://github.com/Sp2000/colplus-debugger>

## ACEF GSD Data

<https://github.com/Sp2000/colplus-repo>

# DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP



Dataset Store ✓

Importer ✓

Names Index

Editorial Tools

Archive Store

Taxon Index

User Comments

Review Queues

Final Deployment

# 3

## FILL DATA GAPS

### 3a. Identify priority gaps

New data analyst & data administrator in CPH

- **John Waller** and **Marie Grosjean** joined data products team on 3 April
- Will (*among other things*) synthesize available tools for visualizing data gaps to support mobilization targets





# 3

## FILL DATA GAPS

### 3b. Expand data streams

#### Incorporating OTUs in the GBIF backbone

- Pilot project with UNITE to integrate Operational Taxonomic Units for sequence-based 'dark matter fungi' occurrences
- Builds previous work by GBIF Norway to link to NorBOL sequences

Kingdom	Fungi
Phylum	Basidiomycota
Class	Agaricomycetes
Order	Thelephorales
Family	Thelephoraceae
Genus	<i>Tomentella</i> Pers. ex Pat.
Species	<i>Tomentella bryophila</i> (Pers.) M.J. Larsen, 1974
Synonyms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>= <i>Botrytis bryophila</i> (Pers.) Sacc., 1885</li><li>= <i>Hypochnus obscuratus</i> P. Karst., 1896</li><li>= <i>Hypochnus pallidofulvus</i> (Peck) Burt, 1926</li><li>= <i>Hypochnus subferrugineus</i> Burt, 1916</li><li>= SH002466.07FU</li><li>= SH002471.07FU</li><li>= SH002492.07FU</li><li>= SH002497.07FU</li><li>= SH002506.07FU</li><li>= SH002549.07FU</li><li>= SH002611.07FU</li></ul>

# 3

## FILL DATA GAPS

### 3e. Liaise with journals

Increasing communication with leading publishers to

- Improve recommendations on **data citation practices**
- Recognize GBIF as a **network of trusted data repositories**
- Increase recognition of GBIF network data as **FAIR data** through RDA, COPDESS, AGU, EGU



# 4

## IMPROVE DATA QUALITY

### 4a. Ensure data persistence

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Gbif.es



Gbif.es / News and Events / Adoption of 'orphaned' Spanish datasets completed

#### Adoption of 'orphaned' Spanish datasets completed

Last year, the GBIF Secretariat requested the assistance of national nodes in the network to help rescue a collection of 'orphaned' datasets. These datasets no longer appeared to be actively curated or managed, suggesting that their original data hosts no longer had the capacity to host them. In some cases, data hosts have even lost datasets, for example, due to server failure, leaving no other backup than the versions published through GBIF.org.

The [2018 GBIF implementation plan](#) called to have all datasets claimed, curated and re-hosted (activity 4a), and we have recently fulfilled this goal by restoring **94** orphaned **datasets from Spanish institutions and hosting them on the GBIF.ES IPT**. Adoption of these datasets facilitates curated updates and corrections and also ensures the ability to reproduce research that is based on these datasets.

We would like to acknowledge the help made by **Lydia de la Cruz** in this regard – former student of the Master in Biodiversity in Tropical Areas and its Conservation, organized by the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP) and the Higher Research Council Scientific (CSIC). Lydia has done the master's practice in the Coordination Unit of GBIF.ES. Thanks to her time and energy invested in this effort and the GBIF support we have adopted a bigger set of orphan datasets than any other GBIF node. More news related to this activity coming very soon.

#### Links of interest

<https://github.com/gbif/watchdog/wiki/AdoptionPlan#phase-1-2017>

[https://www.gbif.org/dataset/search?q=orphan&publishing\\_country=ES](https://www.gbif.org/dataset/search?q=orphan&publishing_country=ES)

# 4

## IMPROVE DATA QUALITY

### 4b. Assess data quality

- Rebuild of the ingestion pipeline to provide consistent data processing (parsing, interpretation, quality flagging)
- Will align code base of GBIF, Living Atlases—and others?

README.md

### Pipelines for data processing and indexing

*Status: early development*

Vision: Consistent data processing pipelines (parsing, interpretation and quality flagging) for use in GBIF, the Living Atlases project and beyond. Built to scale from laptop to GBIF volumes. Deployable on JVM, Spark, Google Cloud, .

### Architecture

The project provides vanilla JVM-based parsing and interpretation libraries, and pipelines for indexing into SOLR and Elasticsearch, built using Apache Beam.

Apache Beam provides a high level abstraction framework ideal for this purpose with the ability to deploy across target environments (e.g. Spark, local JVM) and with many built in connectors for e.g. HBase, SOLR, Elasticsearch etc.

### Ingress

Ingress is from Darwin Core Archive (zip files of one or more "CSV"s) or ABCD Archives (compressed XML) only[1]. During ingress data is converted from it's native format and stored as Avro files containing Darwin Core compliant data.

This is depicted below:

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graph LR; DwC-A[DwC-A] -- Read --> PC[PCollection of verbatim data]; PC -- Persist --> verbatim.avro[verbatim.avro];
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Ensure all records have occurrenceID



# 5

## DELIVER RELEVANT DATA

### 5a. Engage academia

Secretariat and Science  
Committee focused on widening  
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- **Young Researchers Award**

#### Abierta convocatoria 2018 Premio GBIF Jóvenes Investigadores

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biodiversity informatics by graduate students whose M.Sc. and Ph.D. studies rely on GBIF-mediated data.

The 2018 awards will provide €5,000 prizes recognising the work of two graduate students—preferably one M.Sc. and one Ph.D. candidate—nominated by **GBIF Participant countries**. The National Biodiversity Data Centre serves as Ireland's GBIF Node. The successful recipients of this year's award will be selected from the pool of nominees received by the GBIF Secretariat by June 2018, and the winners will be announced at prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GBIF Governing Board, which will be held in Kilkenny in October. As the Governing Board meeting will be held in Ireland this year, it would be excellent if there were a number of applications submitted from Irish researchers for this year's award.

#### Relevance to Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

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A screenshot of the GBIF website. The header shows the GBIF logo and navigation links. The main content area features a large image of wheat and a headline: "2018 GBIF Young Researchers Award – call for nominations". Below the headline, it says "3 April 2018". The text describes the award and provides criteria for nomination. A list of criteria is visible at the bottom.

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1. Outline the research question the study addresses
2. Demonstrate how the research study incorporates data through the GBIF data portal. Students with no previous experience with GBIF-mediated data should work with academic research proposals must, as a minimum:

<https://www.gbif.org/young-researchers-award>



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#### 2018 GBIF Young Researchers Award – call for nominations

3 April 2018

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#### LANCÈMENT DE L'APPEL À CANDIDATURES POUR LE GBIF YOUNG RESEARCHERS AWARD 2018

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Au nom du réseau des participants nationaux, le Secrétariat du GBIF a le plaisir de lancer l'appel à candidature pour le **Young Researchers Award 2018** (prix des jeunes chercheurs). Ce programme annuel vise à favoriser la recherche et la découverte innovantes en bioinformatique, sur la biodiversité par des étudiants diplômés dont les études de masters et de doctorat reposent sur des données médiatisées par le GBIF.

Le programme 2018 offrira 5000€ comme prix, marquant la reconnaissance du travail de deux étudiants diplômés (de préférence), un candidat effectuant un Master et un autre candidat qui passe un doctorat. Ces deux étudiants seront nommés par les pays participants GBIF.

<https://www.gbif.org/young-researchers-award>



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## DELIVER RELEVANT DATA

### 5a. Engage academia

Secretariat and Science Committee focused on widening the reach of

- Young Researchers Award

### Abierta convocatoria 2018 Premio GBIF Jóvenes Investigadores

GBIF.ORG ha abierto la convocatoria para optar al **Premio Jóvenes Investigadores**, dirigido a estudiantes graduados que trabajan con los datos de GBIF en sus estudios de máster o doctorado. El objeto de estos premios es incentivar la investigación en el campo de la bioinformática. Los candidatos deben realizar sus estudios en una universidad perteneciente a uno de los países con derecho a voto o asociados a GBIF. El premio consistirá en dos becas de 5.000 euros, una para cada tipo de estudiante.

En la convocatoria de 2017, Nora Escribano, estudiante de la Facultad de Ciencias de la Universidad de Navarra, fue la primera española en conseguir este galardón. Además del premio, Nora ha visto reconocido el buen trabajo realizado durante su investigación.

Nora Escribano: 2017 GBIF Young Researchers Award winner



biodiversity informatics by graduate students who studies rely on GBIF-mediated data.

The 2018 awards will provide €5,000 prizes for graduate students—preferably one M.Sc. and one nominated by GBIF Participant countries. The National Centre serves as Ireland's GBIF Node. The successful year's award will be selected from the pool of nominees prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the GBIF Governing Board in Kilkenny in October. As the Governing Board meets in Ireland this year, it would be excellent if there were applications submitted from Irish researchers for the award.

#### Relevance to Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)

The over-riding criteria for this award is that projects whose research is relevant to, and utilises GBIF-mediated data should work with academic research.

1. Outline the research question the study addresses
2. Demonstrate how the research study incorporates through the GBIF data portal. Students who have enabled data should work with academic research.



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#### 2018 GBIF Young Researchers Award – call for nominations

3 April 2018

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#### LANÇEMENT DE BREFE CANDIDATURES POUR LE RESEARCHERS AWARD

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#### Premio Jóvenes Investigadores 2018

Fecha límite para enviar propuestas al S40 Colombia  
18 de mayo de 2018

#### Premio GBIF a Jóvenes Investigadores 2018

Convocatoria para aspirantes

#### Propósito

En nombre de la red de nodos nacionales, el secretariado de la Infraestructura Mundial de Información en Biodiversidad (GBIF, por sus siglas en inglés) se complace en anunciar la apertura de la convocatoria al **Premio a Jóvenes Investigadores 2018** (Young Researchers Award). Este programa tiene como objetivo fomentar estudios y descubrimientos innovadores, realizados por estudiantes de maestría y/o doctorado en el campo de la bioinformática de la biodiversidad, que se basen en datos disponibles a través de GBIF.

En el 2018 el programa otorgará premios de €5,000 reconociendo el trabajo de dos estudiantes de postgrado - preferiblemente un estudiante de maestría y un candidato a doctorado.

[gbif.org/young-researchers-award](http://gbif.org/young-researchers-award)

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### 5b. Document needs

- Requirements from 2016 alien & invasive species task group assembled
- Implementation scheduled for 2nd half of 2018
- Also leverages ongoing publication of national alien species checklists by IUCN ISSG | GRIIS
- 10 new national lists published since January

The screenshot shows the GBIF dataset page for the 'Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species- Saba- Netherlands'. The page has a green header with a leaf icon, a heart icon, a search icon, a chat icon, and a menu icon. Below the header, it says 'CHECKLIST DATASET | REGISTERED 28 MARCH 2018'. The main title is 'Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species- Saba- Netherlands'. Below the title, it says 'Published by Invasive Species Specialist Group ISSG'. The authors are 'Adolphe Debrot • Jelle van der Velde • Kai Wulf • Lian Jenna Wong • Shyama Pagad'. There is a button that says '116 RECORDS'. Below this, there are tabs for 'DATASET', 'TAXONOMY', 'PROJECT', 'METRICS', 'DOWNLOAD', and 'DATASET HOME'. The 'DATASET' tab is selected. The main content area contains a paragraph about the GRIIS project, followed by 'Metadata Last Modified: 28 March 2018' and 'License: CC BY 4.0'. There is a 'How to cite' button with a DOI link '10.15468/mvelfm'. Below this, there are four circular progress indicators: '109 Accepted names', '7 Synonyms', '99% Overlap with GBIF Backbone', and '97% Overlap with Catalogue of Life'. At the bottom, there is a 'Description' section.

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DATASET TAXONOMY PROJECT METRICS DOWNLOAD DATASET HOME

The Global Register of Introduced and Invasive Species (GRIIS) presents validated and verified checklists (inventories) of introduced (alien) and invasive alien species at the country level. Phase 1 of the project has focused on developing validated and verified checklists (inventories) of countries that are Party to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Phase 2 will include countries that are not parties to the CBD and the European Overseas territories. This annotated checklist (inventory) is of introduced (alien) and invasive alien species known to occur in Saba, a municipality of the Netherlands in the Caribbean region.

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Description

<https://www.gbif.org/news/83005>

<https://www.gbif.org/news/80f4taFSTu8kgkMU2qcqe>

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### 5b. Support biodiversity assessment

#### MOU signed with IPBES

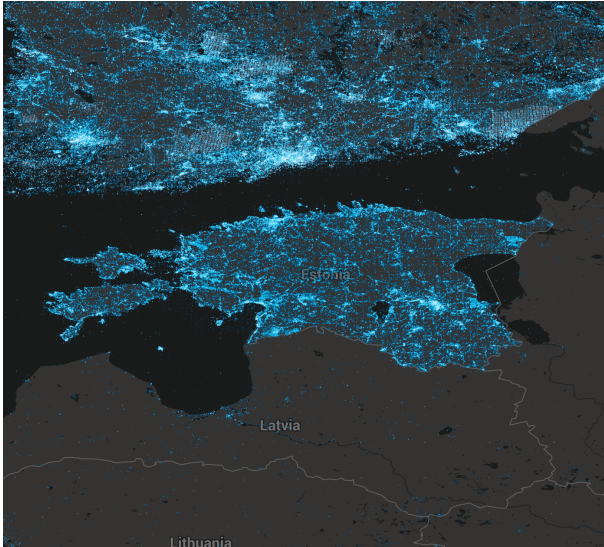
- Expected to emphasize **national-level links** between nodes and IPBES focal points
- Seeking best examples of **node guidance**, i.e. Belgium, Colombia
- **Integrating GBIF-relevant data networks** into UNEP-WCMC project on developing national biodiversity and ecosystem assessments for selected countries (CO, CM, VN, ET, BH et al.)
- Proactive global and national engagement prior to launch of **2019 I&AS assessment**



**INTERMISSION**



# GDPR



- Refresher on GBIF 2017-2021 Strategic Plan
- Summary of current activities on 2018 Work Programme, with **highlights of key initiatives**
- A provocation or two for the future

*Detailed, line-by-line set of background slides available at*

**[bit.ly/gbif-wp18q2](https://bit.ly/gbif-wp18q2)**

# #GBIF1billion

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## Free and open access to biodiversity data

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Sap-sucking slug (*Elysia viridis*) by v\_s\_ via iNaturalist. Photo licensed under CC BY-NC 4.0.

Occurrence records

981,456,243

Datasets

38,947

Publishing institutions

1,181

Species

Learn more about the number of species covered by data in GBIF.org.



2018 GBIF Ebbe Nielsen Challenge seeks open-data innovations for biodiversity

9 May 2018



Port Stephens, Australia - a sea hare haven?

4 May 2018



The world's newest country becomes GBIF's newest Participant

18 April 2018



Call for nominations opens for 2018 GBIF Young Researchers Award

Deadline: 15 June 2018

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## #GBIF1billion

*Resources for the GBIF network to use in association with the upcoming big data milestone*

The GBIF Secretariat is pleased to provide the Participants and nodes of the GBIF network the following resources to assist them in marking and celebrating the achievement of 1 billion species occurrence records.

We currently expect that GBIF.org will reach 1 billion records during the first half, possibly even the first quarter, of 2018. However, the communications team in Copenhagen will prepare materials and conduct media outreach in advance of reaching that milestone.

**Comments? Questions? Interest in coordinating your own activities marking #GBIF1billion?**

Write to the [communications team](#)

### #GBIF1billion campaign goals

- Build awareness in new audiences
- Align existing perceptions with current status and achievements
- Promote network innovations in the mobilization, delivery, use and citation of open data
- Emphasize impacts on scientific research and policy

### Social media

<https://www.gbif.org/gbif1billion>

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#### Biodiversity Open Data Ambassadors



	<i>Research</i>	<i>Education</i>
<b>One to many</b>	Conference presentations Papers Social media	Lectures Courses Programmes
<b>One to few</b>	Seminars Interactive sessions Workshops Blogs	Data practicals Computer exercises
<b>One to one</b>	Project collaborations Paper collaborations Coffee talks	Supervision Instruction

# NAME AND DEFINITION

## BIODIVERSITY OPEN DATA AMBASSADORS

~~SCIENCE AMBASSADORS~~

~~OPEN DATA CHAMPIONS~~

~~GBIF DATA AMBASSADORS~~

Programme will seek to support established researchers with strong publication / teaching record.

Profile likely includes:

- Hands on experience with GBIF data access, analysis and citation
- Pro user of GBIF.org, API, R libraries.
- Willing to maintain regular contact with Node / Secretariat

*Title **and** role*

*Internationally clear and unambiguous*

*GBIF awarded*

*General enough for all data actions: use, citation, archival etc.*

Nodes guidance document emphasizes value of having a "person with a scientific background, knowledge of the relevant research communities, and the ability **to motivate and communicate** with data holders, data users and those engaged in policy development"—an ideal national contact for Biodiversity Open Data Ambassadors



# BIODIVERSITY OPEN DATA AMBASSADORS PROPOSED PROCESS

- Nodes, committee members or Secretariat invite potential ambassadors, explain concept, and direct them to web form  
(candidates may also self-select & submit through GBIF.org)
- Web form includes agreement to open data norms/ principles and interest in taking on the role
- Secretariat checks submissions and forwards relevant ones to nodes (or Nodes Steering Group) for endorsement,
- Candidate informed of decision; if accepted, presented with badge, toolkit, etc., to start work

# TIMELINE

## *Volunteers welcome!*

*A compact working group of five people—2 NSG, 2 SC and Dmitry—to start up programme*

Contact [dschigel@gbif.org](mailto:dschigel@gbif.org)

2016	Original idea: Olaf Bánki
Sep 2017	Presentation & discussion Global Nodes Meeting
Feb 2018	Concept refined with SC & NSG
Mar 2018	Action plan developed
Apr 2018	Presentation and approval of proposal to SC & NSG
Apr-Sep 2018	Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Web content, including definition, principles, process</li><li>• Web form</li><li>• First nominations and names</li><li>• Resources (the kit)</li></ul>
Oct 2018	Progress report at GB25
Nov-Dec 2018	Initial operations and refinement
2019 ->	Fully operational

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- Criteria
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- Posters and brochures: layout files to print locally
- Contacts of support team at Nodes, GBIF S
- Communication space where other ambassadors are (work in progress)

# 1 EMPOWER GLOBAL NETWORK

## 1c. Equip Participant nodes

### Supporting the establishment of effective Participant Nodes

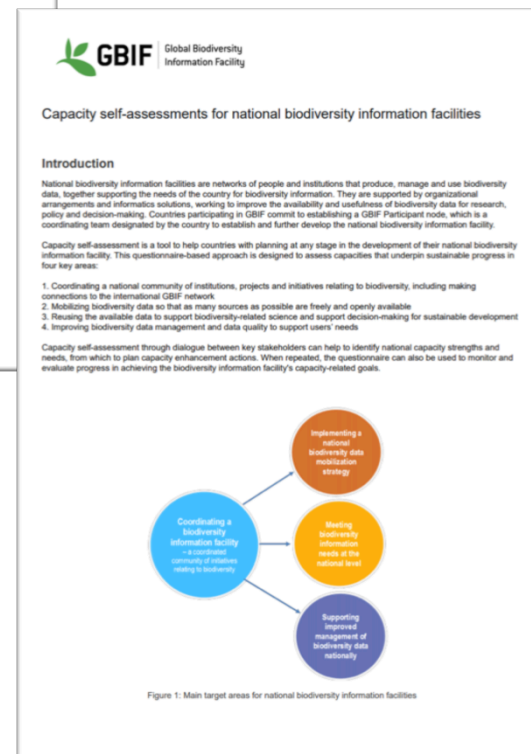




# UPDATES ON KEY GUIDANCE MATERIALS

*Guide to establishing an effective GBIF Participant node*

*Capacity self-assessment guidelines for national biodiversity information facilities*



<https://www.gbif.org/document/80925>

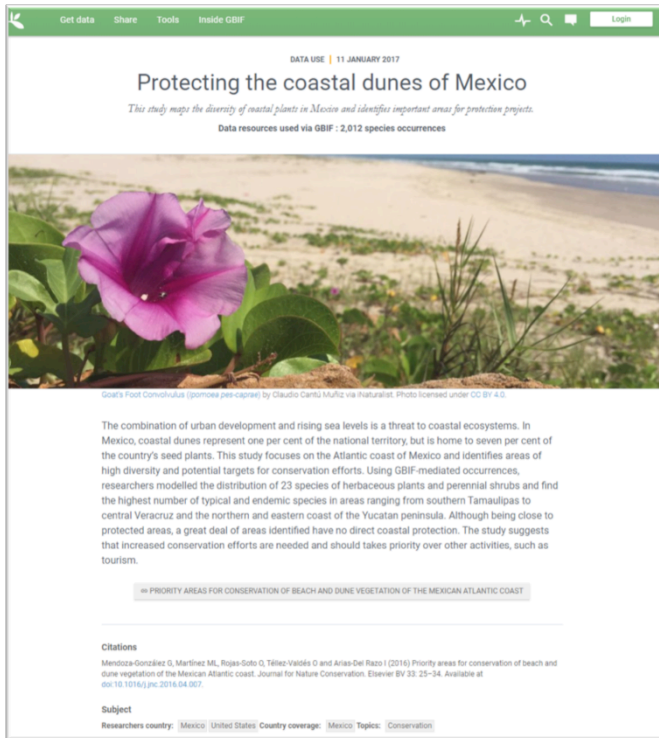
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# SEEKING GUIDING EXAMPLES FROM NODES



## Help others learn from your experience

How has your node grown, developed and overcome challenges? We'd like real examples from the community

## Range of **suggested themes and topics**

[bit.ly/gbifnode-guiding-examples](http://bit.ly/gbifnode-guiding-examples)

- Coordinating a national biodiversity information facility
- Implementing a national biodiversity data mobilization strategy
- Meeting biodiversity information needs at the national level
- Supporting improved management of biodiversity data nationally
- Collaborating with other nodes/initiatives (beyond the purely national scope)

Contact [mraymond@gbif.org](mailto:mraymond@gbif.org) for template

# VOLUNTEER MENTORS FROM THE COMMUNITY



*Andry Jean Marc Rakotomanjaka mentoring participants in the first BID data mobilization workshop, Cape Town, 2015*

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*Trainers and mentors 'selfie' at BID Pacific workshop 2017*

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# GBIF VOLUNTEER MENTORS 2018



- Next step:  
**expanding from BID programme**
- Recruiting new volunteer mentors:
  - Apply via online form
  - Plans to organize new webinar series for mentors
- Opportunities to support upcoming training events and provide support to other projects (e.g. supported through BIFA)

# CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT SUPPORT PROGRAMME 2018 REVIEW

- Core programme with annual call for proposals, open only to GBIF Participants
- Co-funding to support Participant-led collaborative activities
- 22 projects funded since 2014, with six new projects to be funded this year
- Consultation with nodes in 2018 will lead to recommendations for GB25





# CURRENT MENTORS FROM EUROPE

<i>Full name</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>BID Mentor</i>	<i>BID Trainer</i>	<i>GBIF Trainer</i>	<i>GBIF Mentor</i>
Aaike De Wever	Belgium				
Abraham (Han) de Koeijer	Belgium				
Anders Telenius	Sweden	Yes			
Anton Van de Putte	Belgium				
ARCHAMBEAU Anne-Sophie	France	Yes			
César José Pollo Mateos	Spain				
Dag Endresen	Norway				Yes
Dimitri Brosens	Belgium	Yes			
Fabien Caviere	France				Yes
Francisco Pando	Spain	Yes			
Franck Theeten	Belgium				
Heughebaert André	Belgium	Yes			
Katia Cezón García	Spain	Yes			
Kevin Holston	Sweden				
Larissa Smirnova	Belgium				
Lien Reyserhove	Belgium				Yes
Luisa Fernanda Seixas Teixeira	Portugal				
Marco Schmidt	Germany				
Marie-Elise Lecoq	France	Yes	Yes		
Mehmet Keçeci	Turkey				
Nicolas Noé	Belgium	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Patricia Mergen	Belgium	Yes			
Paul Geerders	Netherlands				
Piotr Tykarski	Poland				Yes
Quentin Groom	Belgium				
Rui Figueira	Portugal	Yes			
Sophie Pamerlon	France	Yes	Yes	Yes	
TAÏBI Aude Nuscia	France				

# 1 EMPOWER GLOBAL NETWORK

## 1f. Plan implementation



**GBIC2**

2nd Global Biodiversity Information Conference

*Delivering biodiversity knowledge in the information age*



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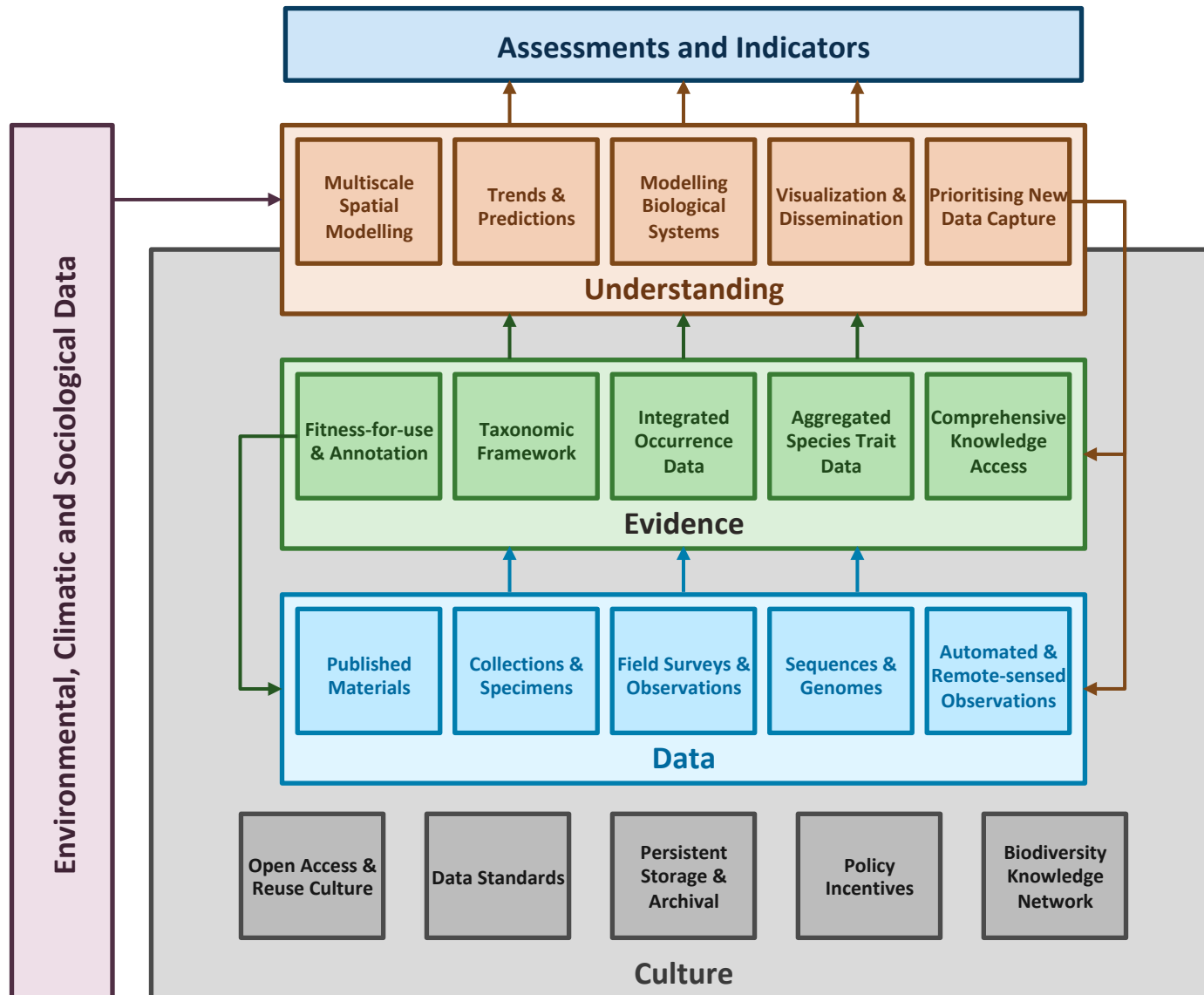
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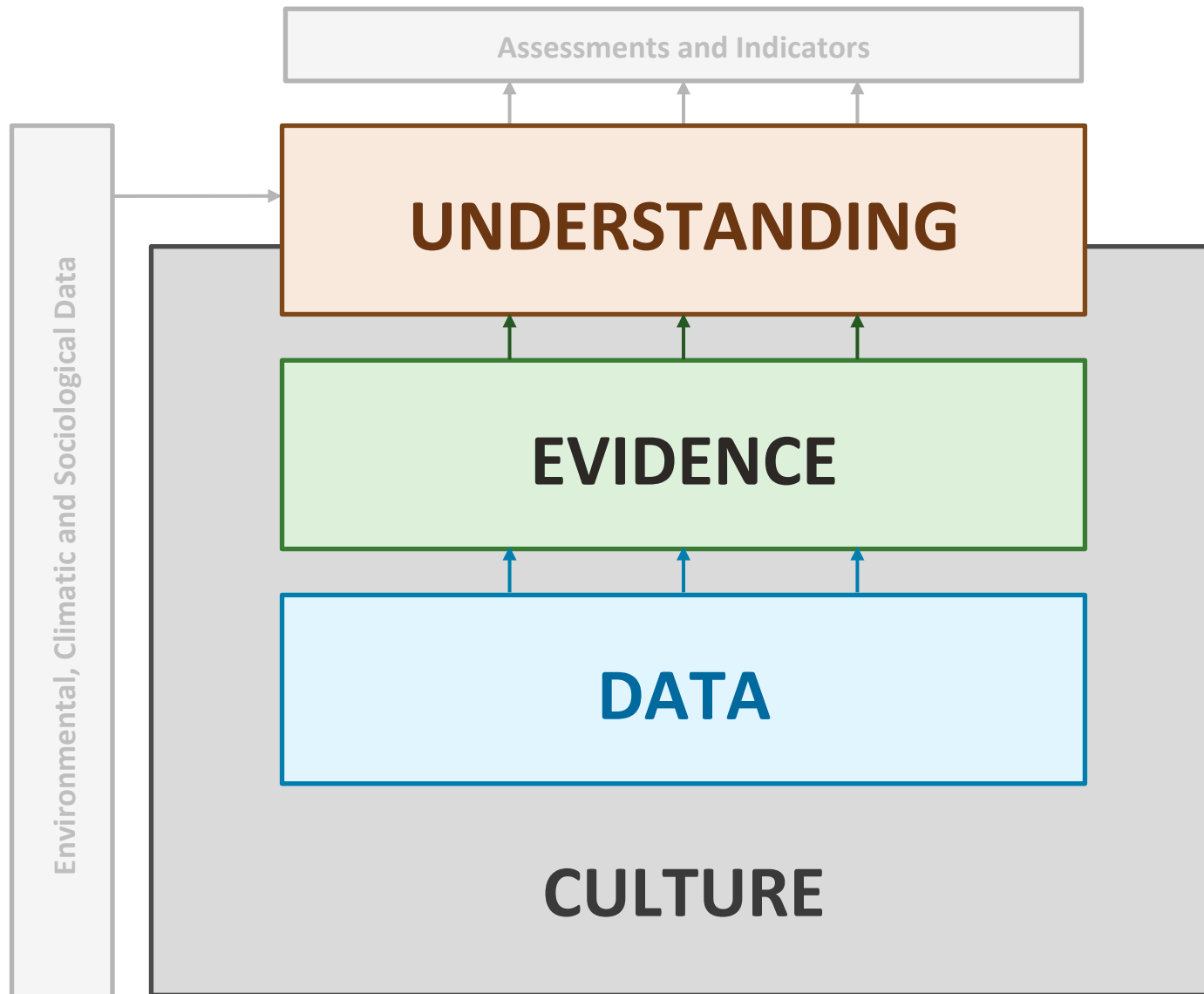




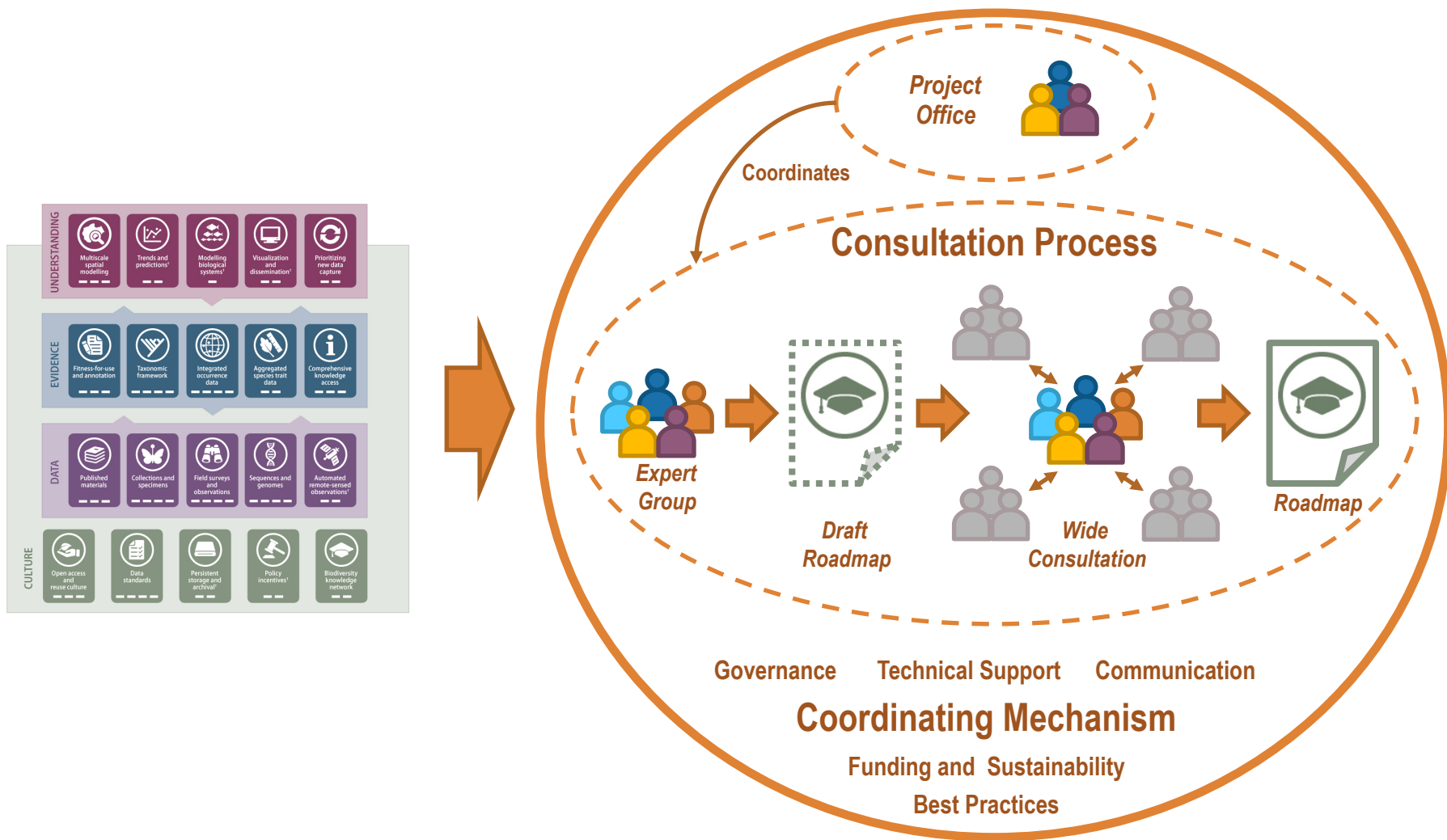
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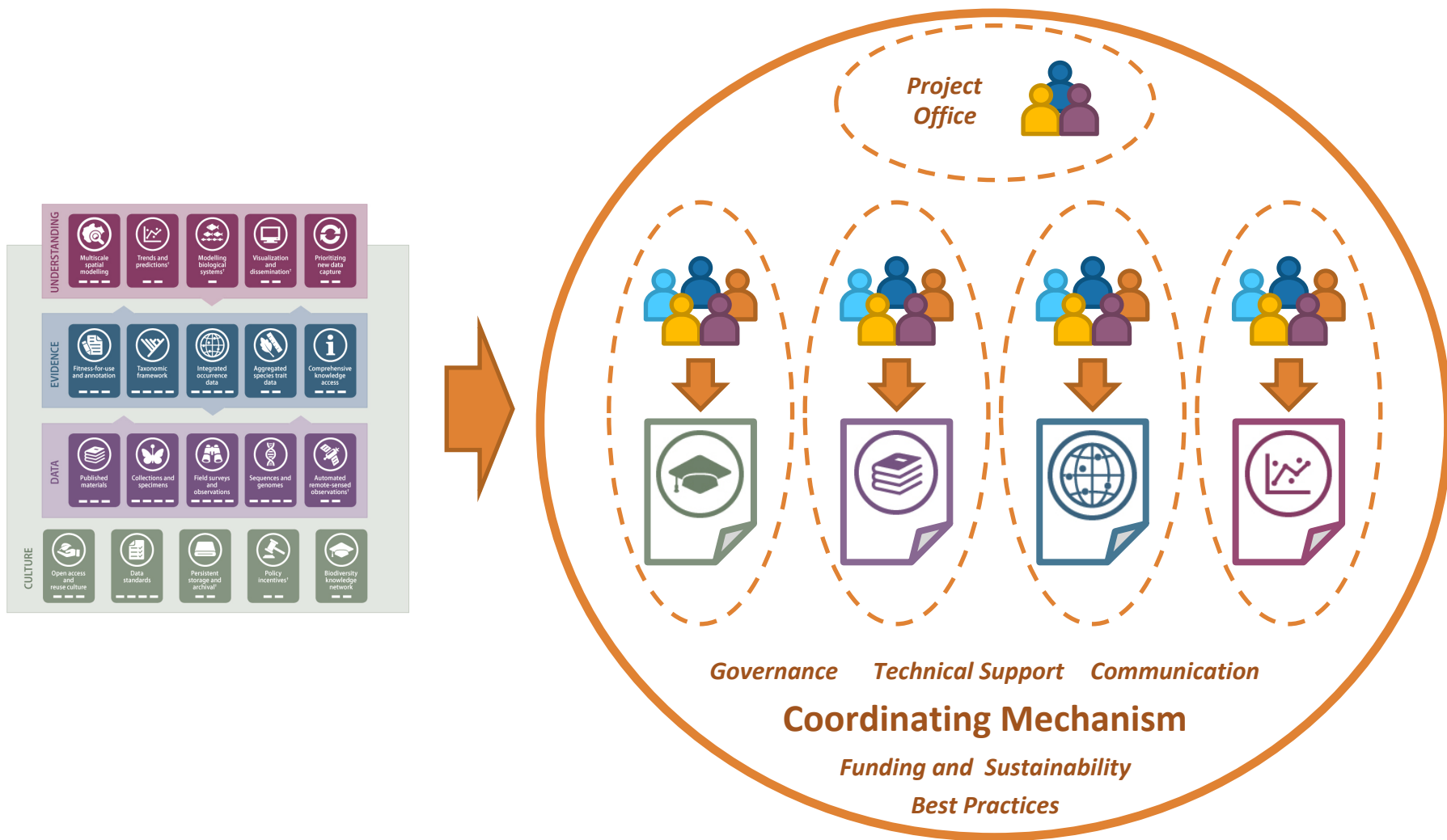
# GBIF 2030 AND GBIO



# GBIC2: COORDINATING GBIO IMPLEMENTATION



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# GBIC2: COMPONENT ROADMAPS



1. Define deliverables to be achieved
2. Identify known challenges and issues
3. Document existing standards and best practices
4. Identify existing infrastructures or tools for adoption/support/enhancement as components
5. Identify and describe missing components and required services
6. Identify dependencies or overlaps with other GBIO component areas



# GBIC2: FUNDING ROADMAP IMPLEMENTATION

## **International institutions and projects**

1. Identify potential funding sources
2. Develop funding proposals to implement components
3. Plan sustainable delivery and long-term collaboration

## **Roadmap project office**

1. Offer guidance on alignment with international plans
2. Coordinate letters of support from global community

## **International partners**

1. Provide requirements / advice / implementation support
2. Align activities with funded components

## GBIC2: FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

- Transparency and clear governance
- Open international collaboration
- Mechanisms to support trust between stakeholders
- Commitment to open access data culture
- Development of a common conceptual outline
- Credibility with governments and funding bodies
- Credibility with researchers and scientific bodies


## GBIC2: ISSUES TO SOLVE

- Existing funding short-term project-based
- Overlapping stakeholder mandates
- Existing project timelines and milestones
- Sustainability of components
- Low levels of trust from researchers for “aggregators”
- Handling competitive attempts to implement components
- Limited engagement with some geographic regions
- Challenges of multilingual collaboration

**Provocation  
for the future**


# AI | COMPUTER VISION

**iNaturalist** Computer Vision Demo



We're pretty sure this is in the family rose family. Here are our top 10 results:

Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*)  
Visually Similar / Seen Nearby



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Water Avens (*Geum rivale*)

- The federated data in the GBIF index represents the world's largest collection of species occurrence images (23 million+)
- What is the sense of the community about the reuse of suitably licensed images in training machines to recognize species?
- Are there cultural sensitivities or barriers to such uses? If so, how do we begin to address them now?