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

CALLS FOR ACTION AND PARTICIPATION

Development of a catalogue of biodiversity informatics tools
The GBIF Secretariat is requesting proposals for the development of a 'Catalogue of tools and services for capture, digitisation, quality assessment & enhancement, and publishing of primary biodiversity data'. Deadline for application is 10 June 2011. [*read more...*]

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

The GBIF Secretariat joins Species 2000
To strengthen the close collaboration between GBIF and Species 2000 the GBIF Secretariat became a member of the Species 2000 network in March 2011. [*read more...*]

Result of Mentoring Calls 2011
After a strong response from GBIF Participant Nodes to the 2011 Mentoring Call, four projects involving nine countries and organisations have now been selected for support. [*read more...*]

TOOLS AND SERVICES

GBIF releases its new Online Resource Centre for Beta testing
The GBIF Online Resource Centre (ORC) is a global online service that provides easy access to documents, best practices, tools and links relevant for GBIF Participants and their Biodiversity Information Facilities. [*read more...*]

Candidate list for the IPT Experts Workshop now available
Candidates for the Workshop on the GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit v.2 have been selected. The workshop will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark 20-22 June 2011. [*read more...*]

PARTICIPATION

GBIF – now 103 Participants
The GBIF Secretariat is happy to announce that Kenya has changed its status from Associate to Voting Participant. [*read more...*] The GBIF Secretariat is also pleased to welcome the International Barcode of Life Project (iBOL) as a new Associate Participant of GBIF. [*read more...*] The total number of GBIF Participants is now 103, comprising 56 GBIF country members and 47 other members (international organisations and economies). For a full list of GBIF's current Participants, please click here.

PUBLICATIONS

GBIF's Annual Report 2010 published
The report summarises significant achievements and impacts of GBIF during the United Nations International Year of Biodiversity. Download the report from http://links.gbif.org/ar2010.pdf.

GBIF's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 published

The GBIF Strategic Plan 2012-2016: Seizing the Future will over the next five years provide a solid framework for the GBIF implementation plans and grow GBIF's impact in better serving science. [*read more…*]

NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

The second GBIF Information meeting in Cameroon

In cooperation with CamBIF and GBIF France, the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) was pleased to organise the second briefing meeting on GBIF in Yaoundé, Cameroon on 7-8 April 2011. The meeting was held as part of the SEP-CEPDEC programme. [*read more…*]

TanBIF announces Data Publishing Workshop

The Tanzania Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH) will hold a Data Publishing Workshop in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania on 1-3 June 2011. The workshop will be on how to use the GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit v.2 (IPT) to publish GBIF data. [*read more…*]

International specialists share georeferencing expertise

The South African Biodiversity Information Facility (SABIF) hosted a successful georeferencing training workshop in April, to grow local and regional capacity to digitise and georeference high quality biodiversity data for use in research, policy and management. [*read more…*]

NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

GBIF seeks a new Executive Secretary (Director)

GBIF seeks a dynamic, visionary Executive Secretary with international standing to lead GBIF in the next phase of its development. The Executive Secretary is responsible to the Governing Board for developing and implementing GBIF's strategic plans, operating the infrastructure, serving users, and fostering partnerships. Deadline for application is 24 July 2011. [*read more…*]

Re-advertisement - GBIF seeks a Senior Programme Officer for Participation

GBIF seeks a Senior Programme Officer for Participation who will be responsible for leading on development and implementation of strategies and activities for the Participation work area. Deadline for application is 5 June 2011. [*read more…*]

GBIF seeks a Knowledge Systems Engineer

GBIF seeks a Knowledge Systems Engineer to develop a framework for creating and managing controlled vocabularies, thesauri and other knowledge organisation systems. Deadline for application is 15 June 2011. [*read more…*]

GBIF Secretariat changes

The GBIF Secretariat is happy to announce that Tim Hirsch has been appointed as the new Senior Programme Officer for Engagement. Jan Legind has been hired as Data Administrator. Katja W. Christensen will be the maternity replacement for the Nodes Capacity Officer, Mélianie Raymond. [*read more…*]

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