

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.

NEWS

New newsletter from GBIF

This is the first issue of the new version of the GBIF newsletter, 'GBits'. We would appreciate feedback and input from you. Please contact Anne Mette Nielsen, anmnielsen@gbif.org if you have any contributions to the newsletter. Deadline for contributions to the next issue of the newsletter is 15 November 2007.

GBIF has launched its new Data Portal

The newly implemented and much advanced GBIF Data Portal was officially launched on 2 July 2007 at the CBD SBSTTA meeting. [\[more\]](#)

GBIF Data Portal ... a hands-on tutorial

In connection with the launch of the new GBIF Data Portal a tutorial has been developed. The tutorial can be downloaded from http://www.gbif.org/GBIF_org/GBIF_Documents/tutorial.pdf or contact the Secretariat to acquire hard copies, including a demo CD.

New Executive Secretary at GBIF

On 16 August 2007 Dr. Nick King, recently CEO of the Endangered Wildlife Trust in South Africa, took up the Executive Secretary post vacated by Dr. James Edwards earlier this year. [\[more\]](#)

New DIGIT Programme Officer to join GBIF Secretariat

On 1 October 2007 Vishwas Chavan joined the GBIF Secretariat as Programme Officer for the DIGIT work programme.

Job opening - GBIF Web Developer

GBIF is seeking a motivated individual to join our small team of software developers working at the GBIF Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark. [\[more\]](#)

GBIF is requesting proposals for 2007-2009 Seed Money

The request for proposals (RFP) for the 2007 - 2008 GBIF Seed Money is now available. [\[more\]](#)

GBIF and FAO sign Memorandum of Cooperation

GBIF and the FAO have agreed to work together in support of the Global Pollination Project. [\[more\]](#)

GBIF and ALARM work toward a Pollinator Information System

GBIF, through a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Integrated Project ALARM (Assessing Large scale environmental Risks for biodiversity with tested Methods), is helping in the development of a Pollinator Information System. [[more](#)]

TOOLS

Biodiversity Analysis Tool (BAT)

BAT is a simple on-line tool that enables the user to undertake basic biodiversity queries. BAT uses a predefined grid to display maps of species richness, endemism and what we have chosen to call taxonomic diversity. BAT was created as a demonstration project for GBIF. [[more](#)]

PUBLICATIONS

GBIF Annual Report 2006

The GBIF Annual Report has just been published. Download the electronic version from http://www.gbif.org/GBIF_org/GBIF_Documents/annual_report_2006 or contact the Secretariat to acquire hard copies.

GBIF pamphlets

GBIF has a wide range of information pamphlets which can be downloaded electronically from http://www.gbif.org/GBIF_org/GBIF_Documents/#pamphlets or ordered in hard copies from the Secretariat.

EVENTS

GBIF Governing Board 14th meeting, GB14, 14-19 October 2007, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The 14th meeting of the Governing Board of GBIF will be hosted by the Netherlands. Included in conjunction with the Governing Board meeting will be a meeting of the NODES, the annual GBIF Science Symposium, and the awarding of the sixth Ebbe Nielsen Prize. [[more](#)]

Fourth GBIF Ecological Niche Modelling Workshop, 26-30 November 2007, Warsaw, Poland

The 4th GBIF Ecological Niche Modeling Workshop is a GBIF training opportunity for persons who wish to use ENM based on GBIF-mediated data in their research or applied work. [[more](#)]

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