

# 2<sup>nd</sup> JRS project workshop - Mobilizing Africa's policy and decision-making relevant biodiversity data Project

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## Outline

- What is GBIF-Africa
- What are the GBIF-Africa priorities
- What is the status of GBIF-Africa
- Action needed

# What is GBIF-AFRICA?



1. GBIF-Africa Voting Country Participants
2. GBIF-Africa Associate Country participants
3. GBIF- Associate Organization based in Africa

# Key Strategic areas

1. Advance the Engagement
2. Advance the Digital Content
3. Advance the Informatics Infrastructure

# GBIF-Africa Priorities

1. GBIF-Africa coordinating mechanism
2. Capacity building (Training)
3. Regional meetings
4. African Science Committee
5. New membership

Advance the  
Engagement

# GBIF-Africa Priorities

1. Invasive alien species
2. Endangered Species
3. Agro-biodiversity and Forest
4. Native and Endemic species
5. Medicinal Plants
6. Freshwater and wetland  
biodiversity
7. Marine data
8. Crop Wild Relative (CWR)

Advance the Digital  
Content

# GBIF-Africa Priorities

Advance the  
Informatics  
Infrastructure

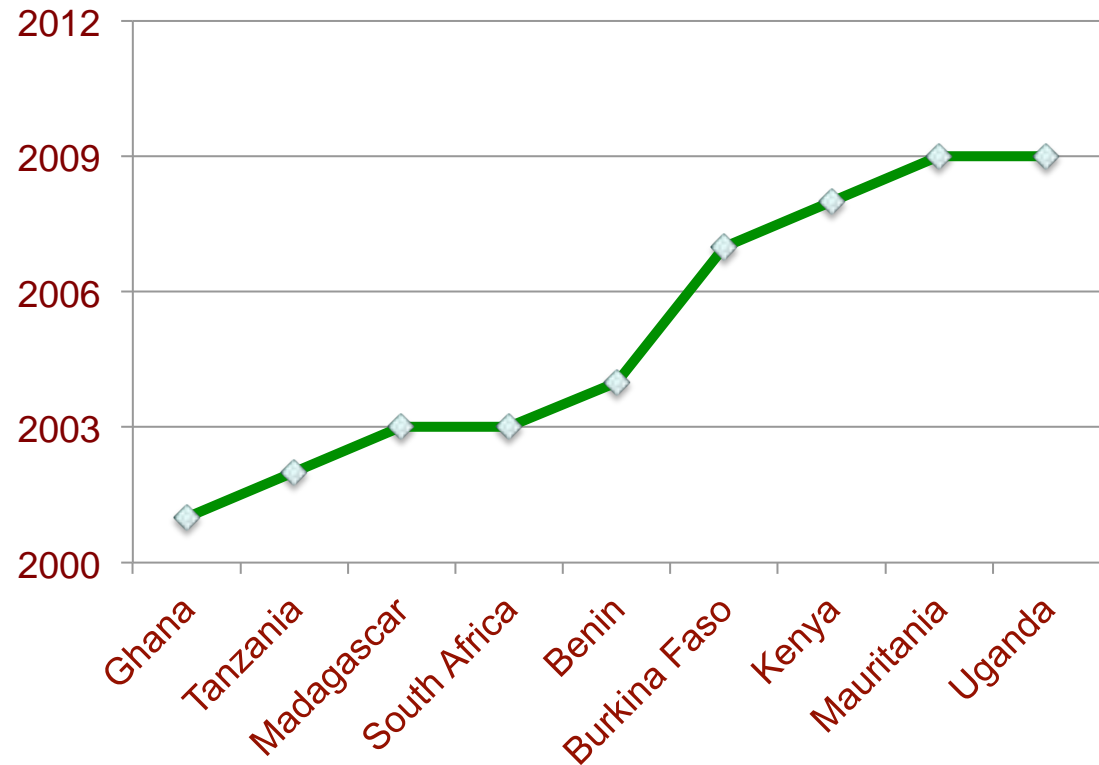
1. Development of National Portals
2. GBIF Country home page
3. Integrated Publishing Toolkit

# GBIF-Africa Status



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**GBIF-VOTING COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**

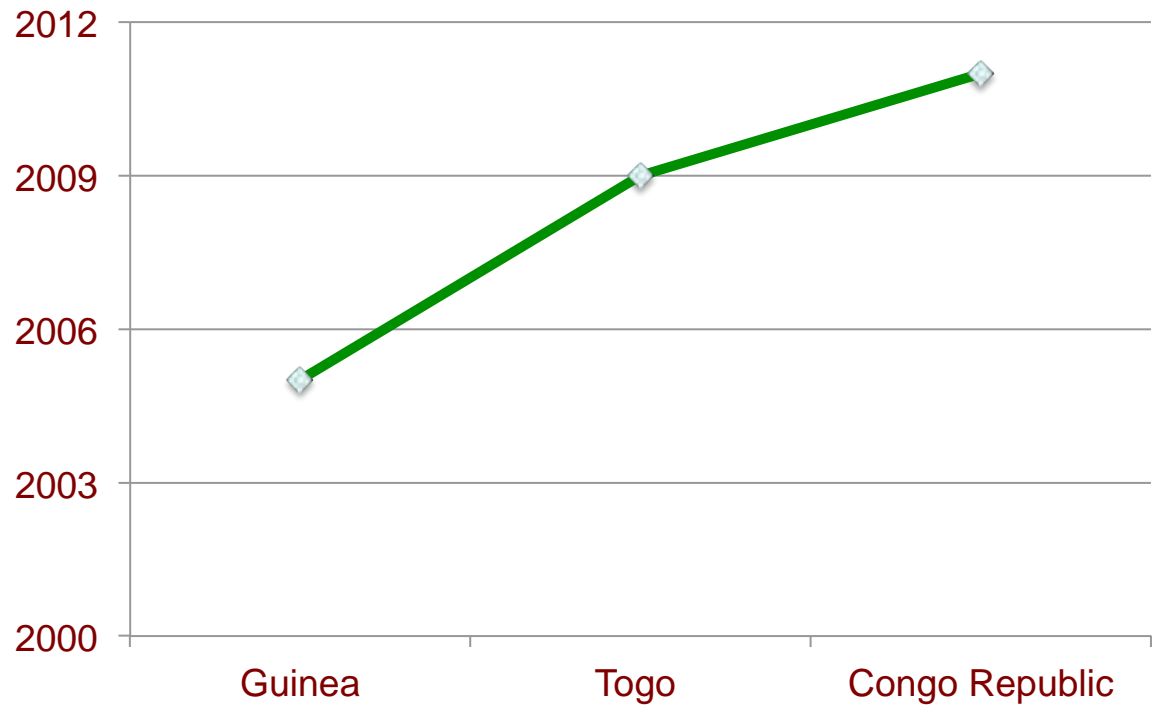




# GBIF-Africa Status

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Engagement

## GBIF-AFRICA COUNTRY ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

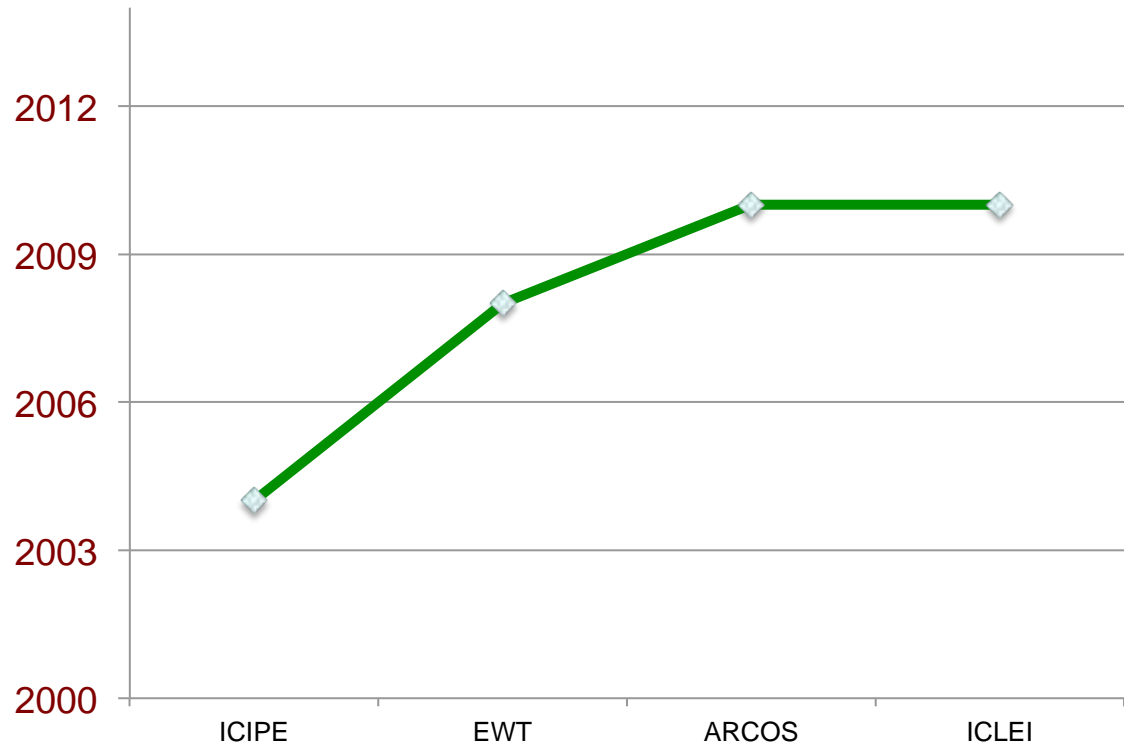


# GBIF-Africa Status



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Engagement

**GBIF-AFRICA ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATE  
MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**



# What is in the pipeline

1. Euro 20, 000 has been allocated from GBIF Core budget for the GBIF-Africa 2014 regional meeting in Benin
2. April 2014- new GBIF capacity enhancement support call (for mentoring, regional training and GBIF advocacy). Deadline for proposal submission is June. Selected projects will start on August 2014.
3. JRS Biodiversity Foundation- Submission of proposal on 2014 Innovations in Informatics and Capacity Building (collaborative project with Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California, Berkeley)

# Action Needed

**Regional meeting** - Benin to develop plan and budget for the meeting (Prof. Ganglo will brief us on the progress)

**Capacity enhancement** - identifying relevant capacity constraints, potential project partners from the GBIF network, and other opportunities that could be aligned with this call (we are waiting for clarification from Melanie but since Olaf is here he can help us to understand the following )

1. Is this something that a GBIF regional node (eg. GBIF-Africa) can applying for funds?
2. What is the max amount of funds that a project can potentially apply for? Are there any limits?
3. Will there be any other qualifications needed to apply for this funds besides being a country participant / institutional / regional GBIF node? In this I am assuming that any of these categories of node can apply for funds!



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