



GBIF – AFRICA

A regional network for Enhancing
Biodiversity Informatics in Africa

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What is GBIF –Africa?



Is a consortium of voting and associate participants of GBIF from Africa.

It has 14 countries and 3 Organizations.

It was established in Entebbe, Uganda in August-September 2010 (HoDs and Node Managers)





Why was it established



The aim of GBIF-Africa is to foster

- Discovery
- Publishing
- Use

Biodiversity data in Africa for evidence-based decisions on conservation and sustainable use of African biodiversity.

It is a means to consolidate the Africa Coordinating Mechanism (ACM) for biodiversity data, information, research and policy.



Achievements



Enhance by

- Collaboration and networking
- Capacity enhancement
- Data discovery and publishing (more than 14m records on African Biodiversity are accessible in GBIF Portal)

CEPDEC-RDMF

SEP-CEPDEC project

GBIF Mentoring

JRS Biodiversity Foundation

National Governments



What is next



- Implementing the GBIF-Africa WP 2015-2016
- Consolidate ACM by
 - Positioning it at high level of decision makers in Africa (AU/AMCOST/NEPAD).
 - Engaging more members (countries, institutions and individuals/scientists).
 - Institutionalize ACM structure.
- Mentoring new members of GBIF from Africa
- Support other biodiversity information/informatics initiatives



Thank you

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