

BID | Biodiversity Information
for Development

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Goal

BID hopes to improve the management of natural capital in these three regions, enabling the use of biodiversity information as evidence in decision-making that supports human well-being.

Objectives

- Improving the availability of biodiversity data
- Capacity enhancement for biodiversity information management
- Integration of biodiversity information into policy and decision-making processes



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Progress

- Programme approved, funding in place and steering committee established
- Multilingual surveys issued to gain understanding of biodiversity data needs and resources in Africa

Next steps

- Africa Rising conference 19-22 May to launch BID in Africa
- First call for project proposals in Africa ACP region (July 2015)
- Subsequent calls in Caribbean and Pacific (2016) and Africa (2017)

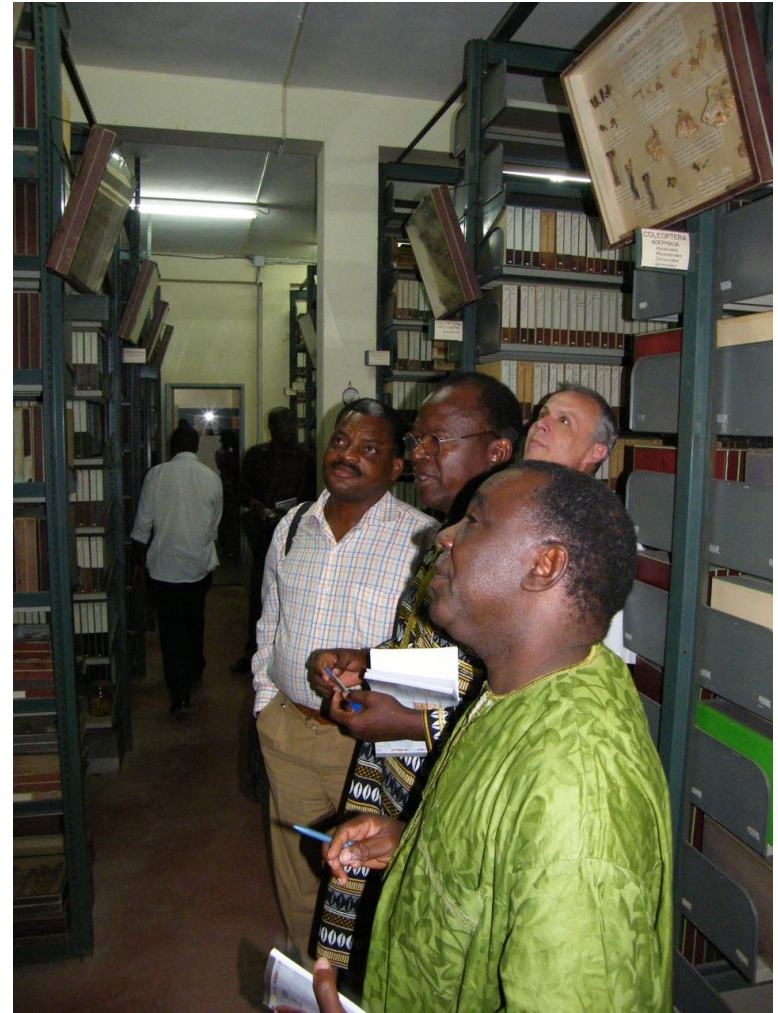


2015 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

€900,000 in grants planned
(€2.3 million in 4 rounds)

Three categories

- **National grants**
≤ €60,000 per consortium
- **Consortium grants**
≤ €20,000 per partner
- **Small grants** ≤ €5,000



SUGGESTED PRIORITY THEMES

- Mobilize and apply biodiversity data related to **protected areas, threatened species and invasive alien species**
- Contribute examples of **best practices** for data mobilization and/or digitizing collections
- **Engage data users** to integrate biodiversity data into decision-making and research
- **Build lasting networks** to promote ongoing data sharing and reuse

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Located in an (African) ACP country
- Non-private sector
- Project co-funding and post-project sustainability plan
- Support for staff time, travel, meetings and workshops
- More limited support for IT services and equipment



DATA SPECIFICATIONS

Types of data

- Occurrences
- Sample-based data
- Checklists
- Metadata



Mobilized data expected to be open access under CC-BY or CC0

Assistance from GBIF to ensure data persistence

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CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT

Grantees will receive support to develop necessary skills and expertise

- Remote helpdesk for technical guidance
- Capacity enhancement workshops
- Mentoring support for national and consortium grant recipients



PROCESS AND TIMELINE

GBIF will issue 1st formal call for proposals in July 2015

Two-step application process

- Initial concept note to allow preliminary assessment
- Full proposals requested for selected activities

Application templates provided for each grant type with call for proposals

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