

Net-based Biodiversity Resources

Internet and World Wide Web allowed new opportunities for interchange of data.

Distributed projects before 2000

Environmental Resources Information Network (ERIN) used distributed data for modeling on Internet in 1994, but few successful electronic data interchange projects used internet until late 1990s.

Distributed projects since 2000

- Red Mundial de Información sobre Biodiversidad (REMIB)
- The World Network on Biodiversity
- Australian Virtual Herbarium
- *speciesLink*,
- European Natural History Specimen Information Network (ENHSIN)
- Biological Collection Access Service for Europe

- GBIF Portal (GBIF)
- Mammal Networked Information System (MaNIS)
- Encyclopedia of Life
- Animal Diversity Web

On-line Schema and Protocols

- Darwin Core Schema along with the DiGIR protocol (SourceForge 2004)
- Combined BioCASE protocol (BioCASE) and ABCD (Access to Biological Collections Data) schema are fitted for interchange of primary species information.
- More recently the Taxonomic Databases Working Group (TDWG) have begun working to develop a new combined protocol (TAPIR -<http://ww3.bgbm.org/tapir>)
- Middle path between simplicity of DiGIR and complexity of BioCASE.

Global Biodiversity Informatics Facility (GBIF): establish a global network of interoperable databases with primary biodiversity data.

These data include:

- Information associated with specimens in collections
- Records of plants and animals in nature
- Taxonomy and metadata from institutions and projects
- **Descriptions of data holdings**

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This section contains GBIF's communication platforms, printed and online resources, key strategic documents, the GBIF newsletter and links to GBIF posters.



GBIF

- Secretariat, Participants and Nodes
- Not a physical infrastructure, but distributed across the internet
- Collective contributions of thousands of scientists in hundreds of institutes in tens of countries around the world.
- Serves many different user communities.

Node

in charge of deploying informatics infrastructure, building capacity, promoting policies on open access to biodiversity data, supporting data holders in the process of mobilizing and publishing data, and coordinating the development of information products and services for target audiences.



- NSF supported 17 North American institutions developed the Mammal Networked Information System.
- Objectives of MaNIS were to
 - 1) facilitate open access to combined specimen data from a web browser,
 - 2) enhance the value of specimen collections,
 - 3) conserve curatorial resources,
 - 4) use a design paradigm that can be easily adopted by other disciplines with similar needs.

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- For more information on becoming a curator or contributor, see how to [help us build EOL](#).
- Visit our [Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill 2010](#) resource page for information about species affected by the Deepwater Horizon Incident.
- Learn about the [EOL Fellows Program](#).



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Elliott Bennett read about the EOL in her morning newspaper and was intrigued by the idea of an Encyclopedia of Life. She emailed EOL and after some discussion about a possible project that might help build EOL, Bennett and her students set about creating an inventory of the plant species on the island of Martha's Vineyard.

Ms. Bennett has also developed resources to help her students become familiar with EOL:

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