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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.

### CALLS FOR ACTION AND PARTICIPATION

# The GBIF Secretariat seeks a Senior Programme Officer for Participation

The Senior Programme Officer post is a full time, professional-level position responsible for leading on development and implementation of strategies and activities for the Participation work area. Broadly this encompasses leading on engagement with GBIF Participants. Deadline for application is 18 March. [Read more...]

#### The GBIF Secretariat seeks a Science Writer

The GBIF Secretariat (GBIFS) is seeking a committed and proactive Science Writer to be part of our communication team and be responsible for the planning, preparation and delivery of scientific publications produced or commissioned by GBIF. Deadline for application is <u>21 March</u>. [Read more...]

#### The GBIF Secretariat seeks a Communications Officer

The Communications Officer is a full-time general service level position created primarily to increase timely and effective awareness of GBIF events, reports and publications, tools and services etc. in different media and on the GBIF web-site. The Communication Officer will help implement the overall GBIF communication strategy. Deadline for application is <u>21 March</u>. [Read more...]

#### The GBIF Secretariat seeks a Data Administrator

The Data Administrator is a full-time position created to ensure the quality and up-to-dateness of information indexed and available through the GBIF Data Portal is to the highest possible degree. The Data Portal is a flagship GBIF product providing discovery and access services to all data shared through the GBIF network, and this position is key to ensuring satisfied users. Deadline for application is 22 March. [Read more...]

### COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

# 2011 Grantees for Regional Training Support Selected

Five proposals directly benefitting 29 countries and organisations have been selected to receive support under the 2011 call for "GBIF Support of Regional Training Events". The five proposals involve partners from 25 countries and 4 international organisations. [Read more...]

## **TOOLS AND SERVICES**

# GBIF release the Integrated Publishing Toolkit version 2.0

The GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit (IPT) is a web based tool that enables scientists and technicians to publish and register their content through the GBIF network and has been released for early adoptors. Through the uploading of text files or connection to an existing database, the IPT enables the publication of taxonomic checklists and primary biodiversity occurrence data in a standard format (the Darwin Core standard). [Read more...]



#### PARTICIPATION

### **GBIF** - now 102 Participants

GBIF is happy to welcome the Central African Republic as a new Associate Participant. The Central African Republic became an Associate Country Participant as of 5 March 2011. The total number of GBIF Participants is 102, comprising 56 GBIF country members and 46 international organisation members. For a full list of GBIF's current Participants, please click here.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## A Beginner's Guide to Persistent Identifiers published by GBIF

GBIF has published a Beginner's Guide to Persistent Identifiers. The guide covers the practice of issuing and maintaining Persistent Identifiers for primary biodiversity data from a beginner's perspective. It also includes information explaining the costs and benefits of implementing Persistent Identifiers. [Read more...]

## GBIF eLearning Task Group report available

The Task Group on Electronic Learning submitted its final report and recommendations to the Secretariat in December 2011. This report is now available, together with a response from the Secretariat on its plans for the implementation of such recommendations. [Read more...]

### **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

### New dates for the Governing Board meeting in Argentina

The dates for the official GBIF Governing Board meeting in Argentina (GB18) have been changed to 4-6 October 2011 with GBIF committee pre-meetings taking place in the days prior to the official meeting. [Read more...]

## Meeting of the Nodes Portal Toolkit Advisory Group

The Advisory Group of the Nodes Portal Toolkit met in Madrid on 4-6 March, with the objective to produce the first complete draft of requirements for the development of the NPT Version 1.0. This workshop was kindly hosted by GBIF Spain. [Read more...]

## **NEWS FROM THE NETWORK**

# Data Publishing Workshop in Lomé, March 2011

The Data Publishing workshop was organised by GBIF Togo with the participation of GBIF France, as part of the mentoring project between these two countries. [Read more...]

# **NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT**

### Staff changes at the GBIF Secretariat

After four years working as Senior Programme Officer for Nodes at the GBIF Secretariat, Juan Bello is going back to his home country, Colombia, mid-May. The GBIF Nodes Capacity Officer, Mélianie Raymond, will be on maternity leave as of end-May. [Read more...]

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