



Global Biodiversity  
Information Facility



*Emmelina monodactyla* (Linnaeus, 1758), Hellerup, Denmark, 4 May 2013

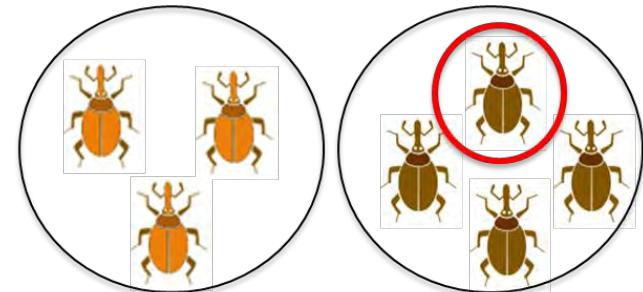
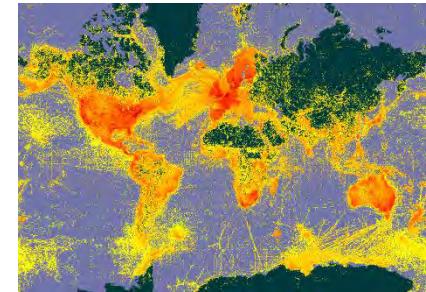
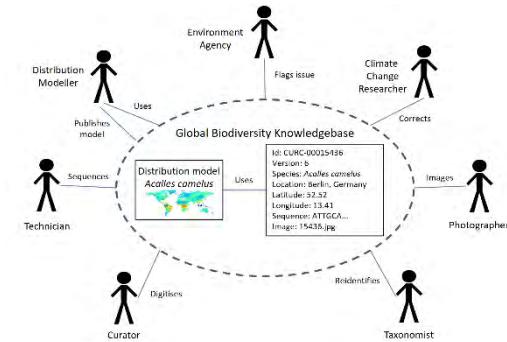
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## Open access to biodiversity data

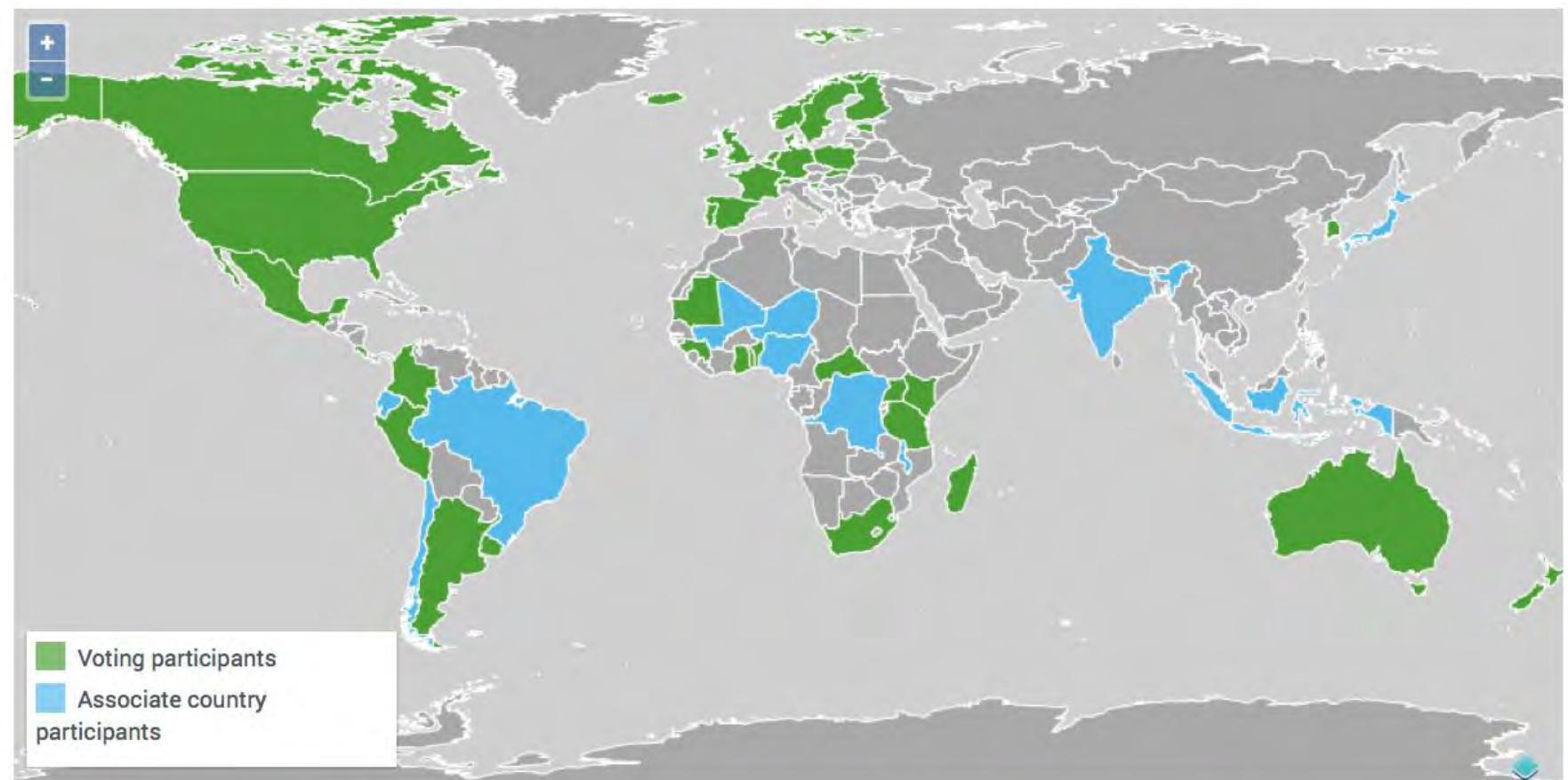
Madrid, 7 November 2017

# GBIF'S ROLE

1. Remove obstacles to collaboration in sharing and use of biodiversity data
2. Organise evidence of recorded occurrence of any species in time and space
3. Support development of a global virtual natural history collection



# CURRENT NETWORK



41 VOTING PARTICIPANTS

13 ASSOCIATE COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS

40 OTHER ASSOCIATE PARTICIPANTS

1,222 PUBLISHERS



# BY THE NUMBERS

17 Nov 2017

*Species occurrence records*

**874,480,804**

*Datasets*

**36,957**

*(Occurrence, Checklists, Sampling-event data, metadata)*

*Country  
Participants*

**54**

*Organizational  
Participants*

**40**

*Publishers*

**1,426**

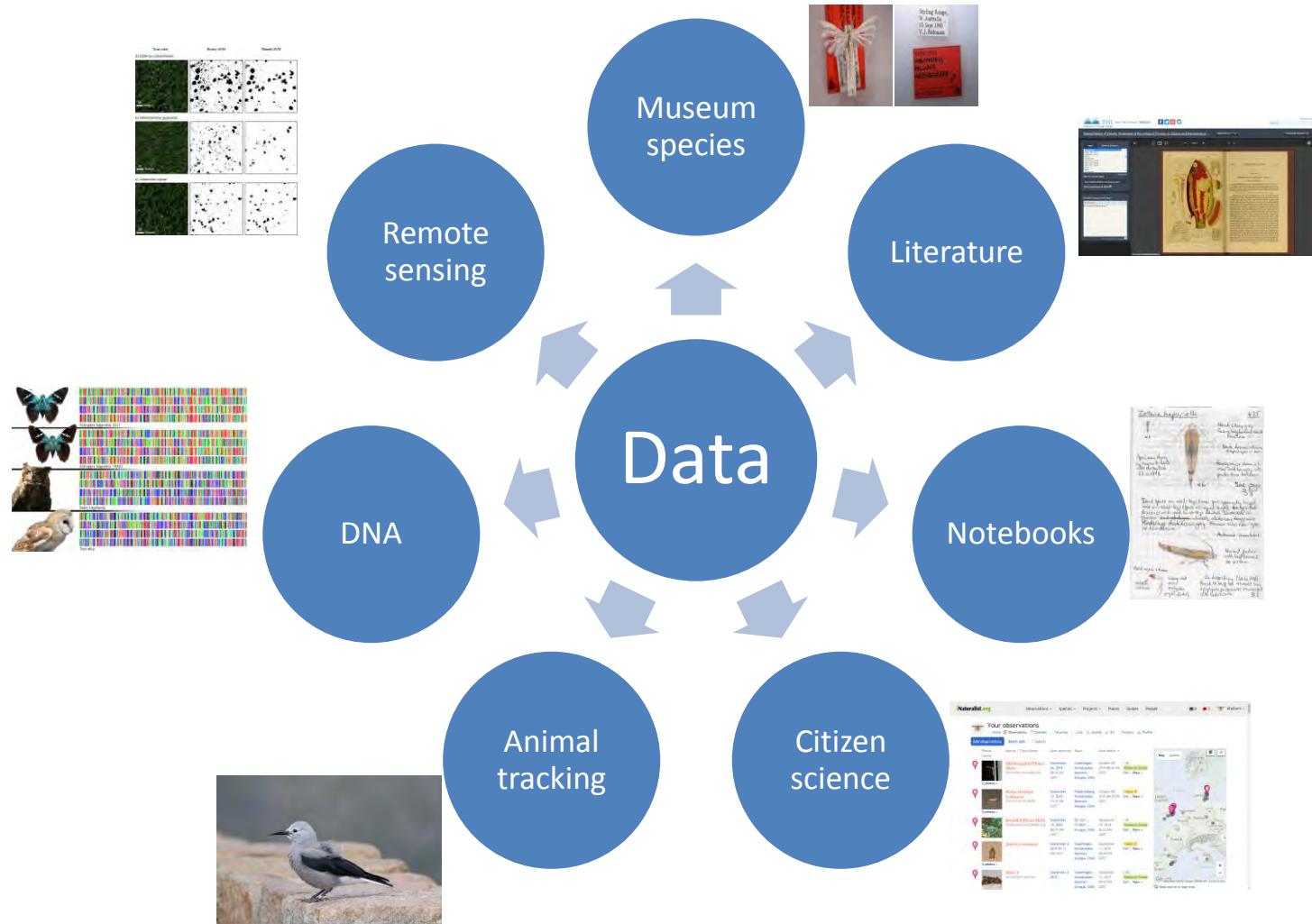
*Records downloaded per month (avg Jan-Aug 2017)*

**43.4 billion**

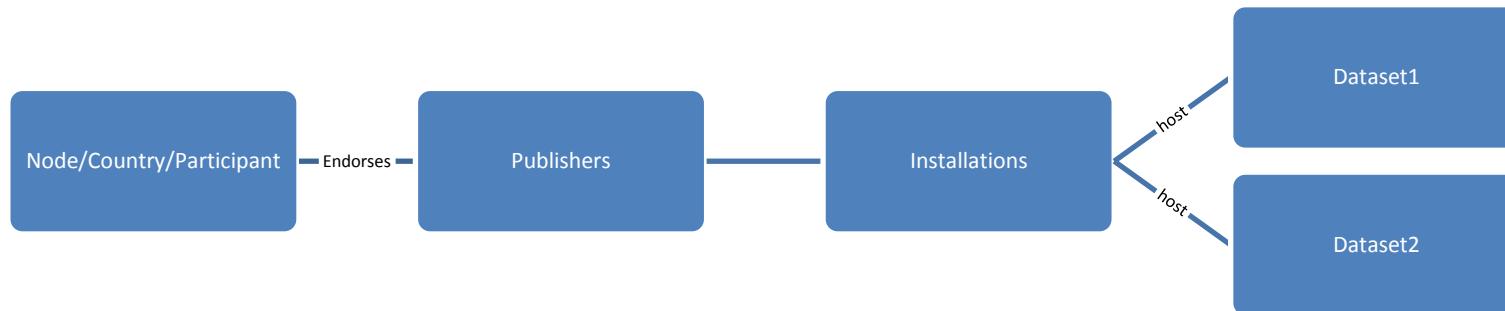
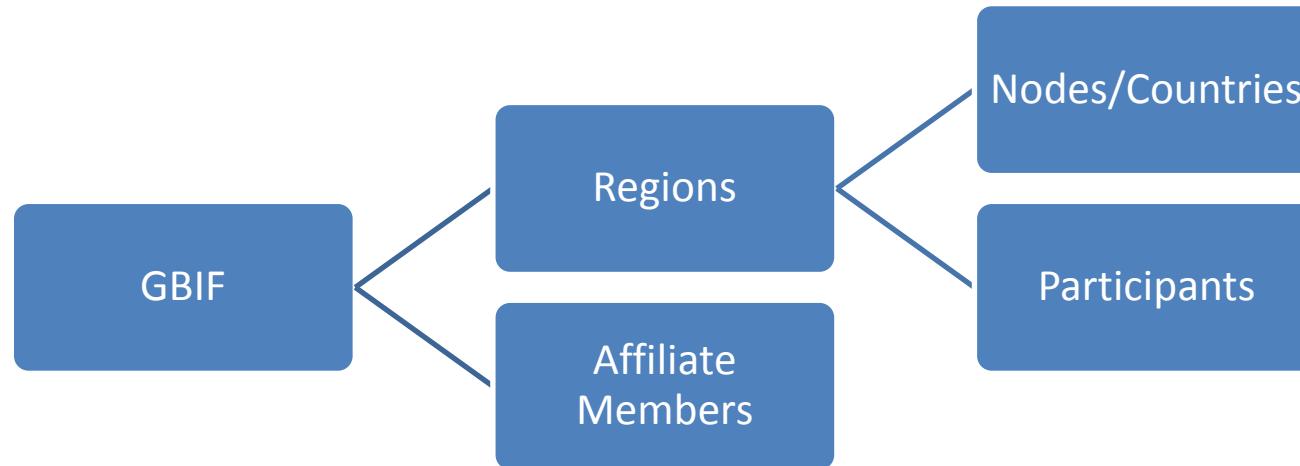
*Total page views (Aug)*

**97,053**

# DATA SOURCES



# GBIF GOVERNANCE MODEL



# GBIF PORTAL – MAIN FUNCTIONALITIES

## Cross content search

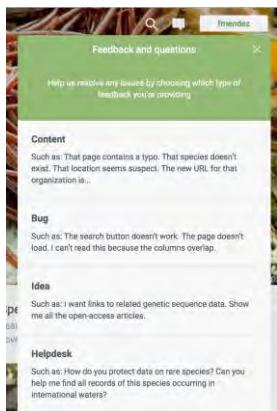


A screenshot of the GBIF Portal search results for 'argentina'. The search bar at the top shows 'argentina'. Below it, there are five search results: 1. 'Argentina' (Voting participant): Member since: 2002-03, 2,645,974 occurrences about 1,301,326 published occurrences. 2. 'Argentina Hill.' (genus): Taxonomy: Plantae &gt; Tracheophyta &gt; Magnoliopsida &gt; Rosales &gt; Rosaceae. accepted genus 261,467 occurrences. 3. 'Argentina Linnaeus, 1758' (genus): Taxonomy: Animalia &gt; Chordata &gt; Actinopterygii &gt; Osmeriformes &gt; Argentinidae. accepted genus 18,670 occurrences. 4. 'Argentina Lam.' (genus): Taxonomy: Plantae &gt; Tracheophyta &gt; Magnoliopsida &gt; Rosales &gt; Rosaceae. doubtful genus 0 occurrences. At the bottom, there is a 'DATASETS' section with '503 RESULTS'.

## Integrated feedback

- [iNaturalist](#)
- [Symbiota](#)
- [Annosys](#)

## Exercise 1!



## Extensive collection of Images

- [Flabellina](#)
- [Herbarium](#)
- [Amber](#)
- [Road Kills!](#)

# GBIF PORTAL – MAIN FUNCTIONALITIES

## Species names search

“The GBIF Backbone Taxonomy, often called the Nub taxonomy, is a single synthetic management classification with the goal of covering all names GBIF is dealing with.”

Demo: *Panthera*

Exercise 2!

# GBIF PORTAL – MAIN FUNCTIONALITIES

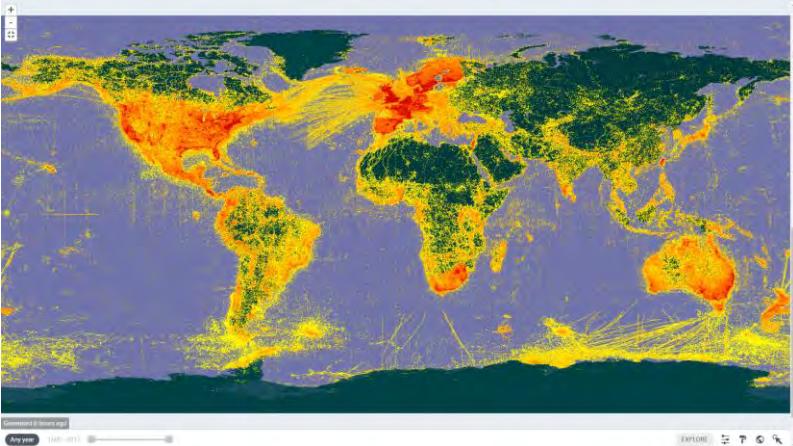
## Occurrence records search, filtering and download

The screenshot shows the GBIF Portal's Occurrences search interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various filters: Record License (Simple), Scientific Name, Basis Of Record, Location (including coordinates: POLYGON(12.49 55.66,12.49 55.73,12.62 55.7...)), Year, Month, Dataset, Country, Issue, Media Type, Publisher, Institution Code, Collection Code, Catalogue Number, and Type Status. The main search results page displays 307,799 results. It includes sections for Known Issues (listing 14 categories with counts like 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) and Fossils (noting fossils among results). A prominent 'CSV' download button is at the top right. Below it, a 'DAWSON CORE ARCHIVE' link is visible. The bottom of the page shows download statistics: 307,814 occurrences downloaded on 15 SEPTEMBER 2017, with a file size of 13 MB CSV.

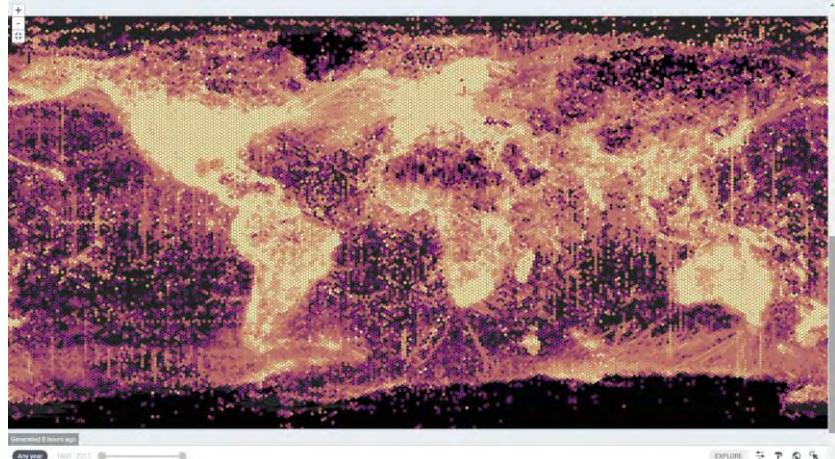
Demo occurrence search, detail and diagnostics!

# GBIF PORTAL – FLEXIBLE GEOSPATIAL TOOLS

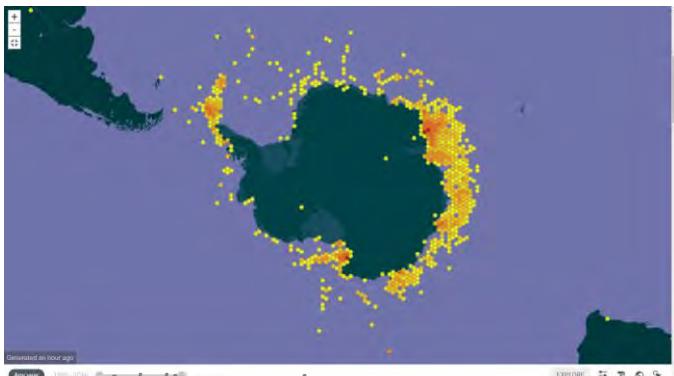
Projections: Plate Carrée, Mercator, Artic, Antarctica



Clustered hexagons



Artic Projection



Adelie penguin

Exercise 3!

# GBIF PORTAL– DOWNLOAD RESULTS

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AA36	A	B	D	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	X	Y	Z		
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8	991794249	e6c97f6e- Animalia	SPECIES												55.66765	12.5449	23		
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23	1160384466	4fa7b334- Animalia	SPECIES												Have	55.67594	12.52639		
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34	1161073740	4fa7b334- Animalia	SPECIES	5231190	5231190	Passer domesticus (Linnaeus, 1758)		DK	2014-03-24T01:00Z	24	3	2014	HUMAN_OBSERVATION	Copenhagen Mermaid Harbo	55.69292	12.59912			

Exercise 4!



# GBIF PORTAL

- Country pages: show summary information about data published from and about a country
- Global Analytics: shows a summary of data trends in the GBIF network, it can be used as high level data quality exploration tool

*Demo Global Trends and Country Pages!*

*Exercise 5!*

# GBIF PORTAL – MAIN FUNCTIONALITIES

- Additional tools:
  - Species matching
  - Data Validator

Exercise 6!

# HTTPS://WWW.GBIF.ORG/DEVELOPER/SUMMARY



Get data Share Tools Inside GBIF



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DEVELOPER | API DOCS

## API Summary

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/>

### API Sections

The API is split into logical sections to ease understanding:

**Registry:** Provides means to create, edit, update and search for information about the datasets, organizations (e.g. data publishers), networks and the means to access them (technical endpoints). The registered content controls what is crawled and indexed in the GBIF data portal, but as a shared API may also be used for other initiatives.

**Species:** Provides services to discover and access information about species and higher taxa, and utility services for interpreting names and looking up the identifiers and complete scientific names used for species in the GBIF portal.

**Occurrence:** Provides access to occurrence information crawled and indexed by GBIF and search services to do real time paged search and asynchronous download services to do large batch downloads.

**Maps:** Provides simple services to show the maps of GBIF mobilized content on other sites.

**News:** Provides services to stream useful information such as papers published using GBIF mobilized content for various themes.

You can sign up to the [GBIF API users mailing list](#) to post your questions, and to keep informed about the API. We will announce new versions, and scheduled maintenance downtimes before they happen.

We welcome any example uses of the API to guest feature on the [GBIF developer blog](#).



# GBIF APIS

GBIF website built on top of the GBIF API

Supports:

- Dataset / Organisation registration, search
- Occurrence record search and download
- Species search
- Services in support of name matching

# GBIF APIs

Typical RESTful JSON based API

- Occurrences, species, datasets, organisations etc.

Asynchronous download API

- CSV and Darwin Core Archives

Mapping API

- Mapbox Vector Tile format
- PNGs

OAI-PMH for integrations with generic catalogues

# OCCURRENCE SEARCH API EXAMPLE

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/occurrence/search?decimalLatitude=55.67,55.68&decimalLongitude=12.56,12.57>

```
offset:          0
limit:          20
issues:
  0: "COORDINATE_ROUNDED"
  1: "GEODETIC_DATUM_ASSUMED_WGS84"
modified:        "2017-05-30T20:31:56.000+0000"
lastInterpreted: "2017-06-08T07:54:40.796+0000"
references:      "https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/6433745"
license:         "http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/legalcode"
identifiers:
media:
  0:
    type: "StillImage"
    format: "image/jpeg"
    identifier: "https://static.inaturalist.org/photos/8125353/original.jpeg?1496172207"
    references: "https://www.inaturalist.org/photos/8125353"
    created: "2017-05-30T19:21:37.000+0000"
    creator: "Ross"
    publisher: "iNaturalist"
    license: "http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc/4.0/"
    rightsHolder: "Ross"
    taxonKey: 2980
    genusKey: 2498016
    speciesKey: 2498036
```

# SPECIES SEARCH API EXAMPLE

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/species/match/?name=Felis+concolor>

```
usageKey: 2435104
scientificName: "Felis concolor Linnaeus, 1771"
canonicalName: "Felis concolor"
rank: "SPECIES"
status: "SYNONYM"
confidence: 98
matchType: "EXACT"
kingdom: "Animalia"
phylum: "Chordata"
order: "Carnivora"
family: "Felidae"
genus: "Puma"
species: "Puma concolor"
kingdomKey: 1
phylumKey: 44
classKey: 359
orderKey: 732
familyKey: 9703
genusKey: 2435098
speciesKey: 2435099
synonym: true
class: "Mammalia"
```

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/species/2435099>

```
key: 2435099
nubKey: 2435099
nameKey: 9541887
taxonID: "gbif:2435099"
sourceTaxonKey: 120316239
kingdom: "Animalia"
phylum: "Chordata"
order: "Carnivora"
family: "Felidae"
genus: "Puma"
species: "Puma concolor"
kingdomKey: 1
phylumKey: 44
classKey: 359
orderKey: 732
familyKey: 9703
genusKey: 2435098
speciesKey: 2435099
datasetKey: "d7dddbf4-2cf0-4f39-9b2a-bb099caae36c"
constituentKey: "7ddf754f-d193-4cc9-b351-99906754a03b"
parentKey: 2435098
parent: "Puma"
basionymKey: 2435104
basionym: "Felis concolor Linnaeus, 1771"
```

# OCCURRENCE SEARCH FOR PUMA

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/occurrence/search/?speciesKey=2435099>

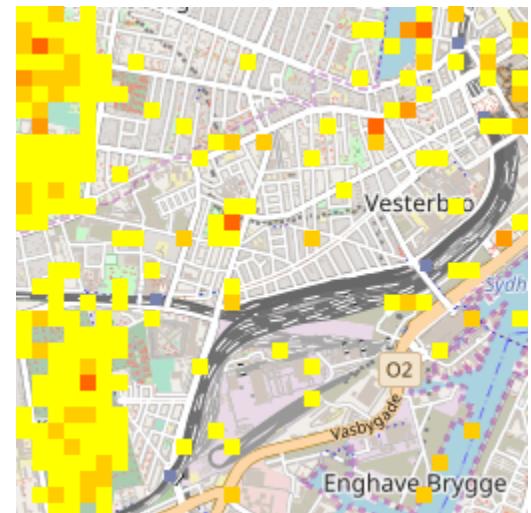
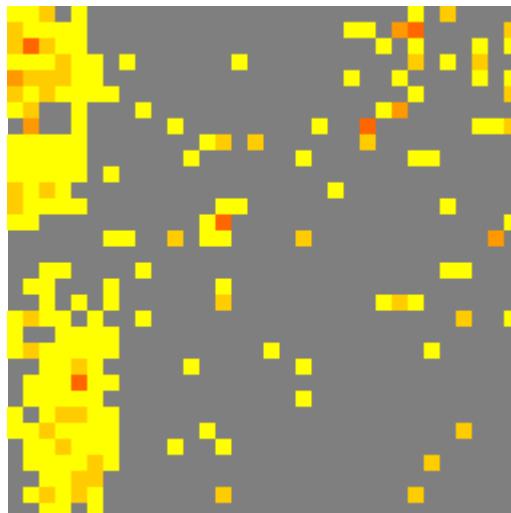
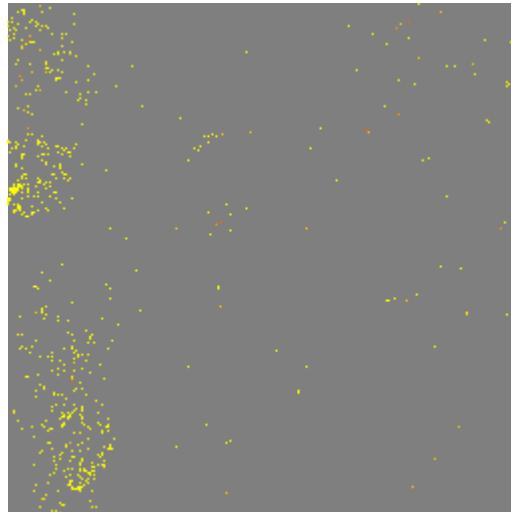
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limit:          20
endOfRecords:   false
count:          8582
▼ results:
  ▼ 0:
    key:            1453377710
    datasetKey:     "50c9509d-22c7-4a22-a47d-8c48425ef4a7"
    publishingOrgKey: "28eb1a3f-1c15-4a95-931a-4af90ecb574d"
    publishingCountry: "US"
    protocol:        "DWC_ARCHIVE"
    lastCrawled:     "2017-09-08T08:17:04.867+0000"
    lastParsed:      "2017-04-21T14:55:11.802+0000"
    crawlId:         82
    extensions:
    basisOfRecord:   "HUMAN_OBSERVATION"
    taxonKey:         2435099
    kingdomKey:       1
    phylumKey:        44
    classKey:         359
    orderKey:         732
    familyKey:        9703
    genusKey:         2435098
    speciesKey:       2435099
    scientificName:   "Puma concolor (Linnaeus, 1771)"
    kingdom:          "Animalia"
    phylum:           "Chordata"
    order:             "Carnivora"
    family:            "Felidae"
    genus:             "Puma"
    species:           "Puma concolor"
    genericName:      "Puma"
    specificEpithet:  "concolor"
    taxonRank:         "SPECIES"
    dateIdentified:   "2017-01-24T23:07:53.000+0000"
```

# MAP API EXAMPLE

<http://api.gbif.org/v1/map/density/tile?x=4381&y=2564&z=13>



<http://tile.openstreetmap.org/7/63/42.png>



<http://api.gbif.org/v1/map/density/tile?x=4381&y=2564&z=13&resolution=8>

# MAP API CURRENTLY BEING ENHANCED

[https://api.gbif.org/v2/map/occurrence/density/1/0/0@1x.png?srss=EPSG:4326  
&style=purpleYellow.point&year=2010,2017&taxonKey=6](https://api.gbif.org/v2/map/occurrence/density/1/0/0@1x.png?srss=EPSG:4326&style=purpleYellow.point&year=2010,2017&taxonKey=6)

Plants in western portions of North America



# API CLIENTS

Java Clients in GBIF GitHub repositories

- <https://github.com/gbif>

R Client run by ROpenScience

- <https://github.com/ropensci/rgbif/>

Python client by ROpenScience

- <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/pygbif>

Most integrators use HTTP natively

- Documentation on <https://www.gbif.org/developer>

# Thank you

