

## **New call to promote the mobilization and use of biodiversity data**

The fourth call under the Global Biodiversity Information Fund (GIBInF) programme invites proposals that enhance knowledge of biodiversity through access to data from biological collections and monitoring programmes in the region

GBIF invites the submission of proposals under the fourth phase of the Global Biodiversity Information Fund (GIBInF) programme

This call for proposals aims to address key challenges that GBIF nodes have identified in connection with the mobilization and use of biodiversity data. The total potential funding assigned to this call is approximately €71,000, and applicants may request a maximum of €15,000 through GIBInF for each project.

Two types of grants are included in the call:

- [GIBInF collections data mobilization grants](#) will target natural history collections, to fill taxonomic and geographic gaps in freely-accessible data relating to biodiversity.
- [GIBInF ecological monitoring data mobilization grants](#) will target biodiversity monitoring programmes and networks.

These grants are open to any institutions. Concept notes must be submitted to the GBIF Secretariat by 30 February 2019, using the [appropriate template](#). For more information, contact [GIBInF@gbif.org](mailto:GIBInF@gbif.org).

### **Application process and timeline**

A selection panel convened by GBIF Secretariat will evaluate applications through a two-stage process.

- Initial concept notes, using the [template](#) provided, must be submitted by 30 February 2019
- Selected applicants will be invited to submit full proposals in March 2019
- Following a final review and selection, funded projects are expected to start in June 2019. The project implementation period will be approximately June 2019–May 2020.

Applicants for all grants will be required to send a project team member to a capacity enhancement workshop and obtain certification for the skills acquired. This workshop will take place in June or July 2019, and the cost of participation will be met separately from GIBInF funds (applicants need NOT include it in the project budget).

## Grant types

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### GIBilnF collections data mobilization grants

#### **Purpose**

Projects funded by a GIBilnF collections data mobilization grant target natural history collections. They should address the priority challenge for GBIF of filling taxonomic and geographical gaps in the availability of accessible data on the occurrence of species in the region. The following activities are envisaged under this type of grant:

- Digitizing and publishing georeferenced species occurrence data based on specimens held in collections
- Organizing workshops(s) aiming to enhance national or regional capacity within biodiversity data mobilization
- Preparing [data papers](#) to improve the reusability of the mobilized biodiversity data

[Learn more](#) about the relevant data types and the process of publishing data through the GBIF network.

#### **Eligibility**

The GBIF Secretariat welcomes proposals from natural history collection institutions.

**Joint efforts between institutions targeting national, regional or thematic data mobilization are encouraged.**

#### **Funding**

A maximum of €15,000 may be requested through a GIBilnF collections data mobilization grant. All proposals must include co-funding from other sources, either directly or in-kind including staff time. No overheads may be charged to GIBilnF. A maximum of €3,000 may be requested from GIBilnF for IT services or purchase, covering a maximum of 50% of total cost for these items.

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### GIBilnF ecological monitoring data mobilization grants

#### **Purpose**

Projects funded by a GIBilnF ecological monitoring data mobilization grant target the various institutions, projects and networks engaged in surveys and inventories of biodiversity using standardized methodologies and protocols. They should address the priority regional challenge for GBIF of filling taxonomic and geographical gaps in the availability of accessible data on the occurrence of species in the region, including relative abundance and changes over time. The following activities are envisaged under this type of grant:

- Mobilizing species occurrence and [sampling-event data](#) from observation networks and monitoring systems
- Preparing [data papers](#) to improve the reusability of the mobilized biodiversity data

[Learn more](#) about the relevant data types and the process of publishing data through the GBIF network.

#### **Eligibility**

The GBIF Secretariat welcomes proposals for mobilizing ecological monitoring data from any institution, NGO or network.

### ***Funding***

A maximum of €15,000 may be requested through a GIBilnF ecological monitoring data mobilization grant. All proposals must include co-funding from other sources, either directly or in-kind including staff time. No overheads may be charged to GIBilnF. A maximum of €3,000 may be requested from GIBilnF for IT services or purchase, covering a maximum of 50% of total cost for these items.

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