

GBIF relevance for science and policy

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Gossypium hirsutum, observed in China. Photo 2018 thelittleman via iNaturalist
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Impact and Action: A Virtual Science-Policy Symposium
9 December 2021

BY THE NUMBERS 9 Dec 2020 9 DECEMBER 2021

Species occurrence records

1,904,436,839



Country
Participants

62

Organizational
Participants

41

Avg records downloaded per month (2021)



86.6 billion

Datasets

64,002



Data-publishing
institutions

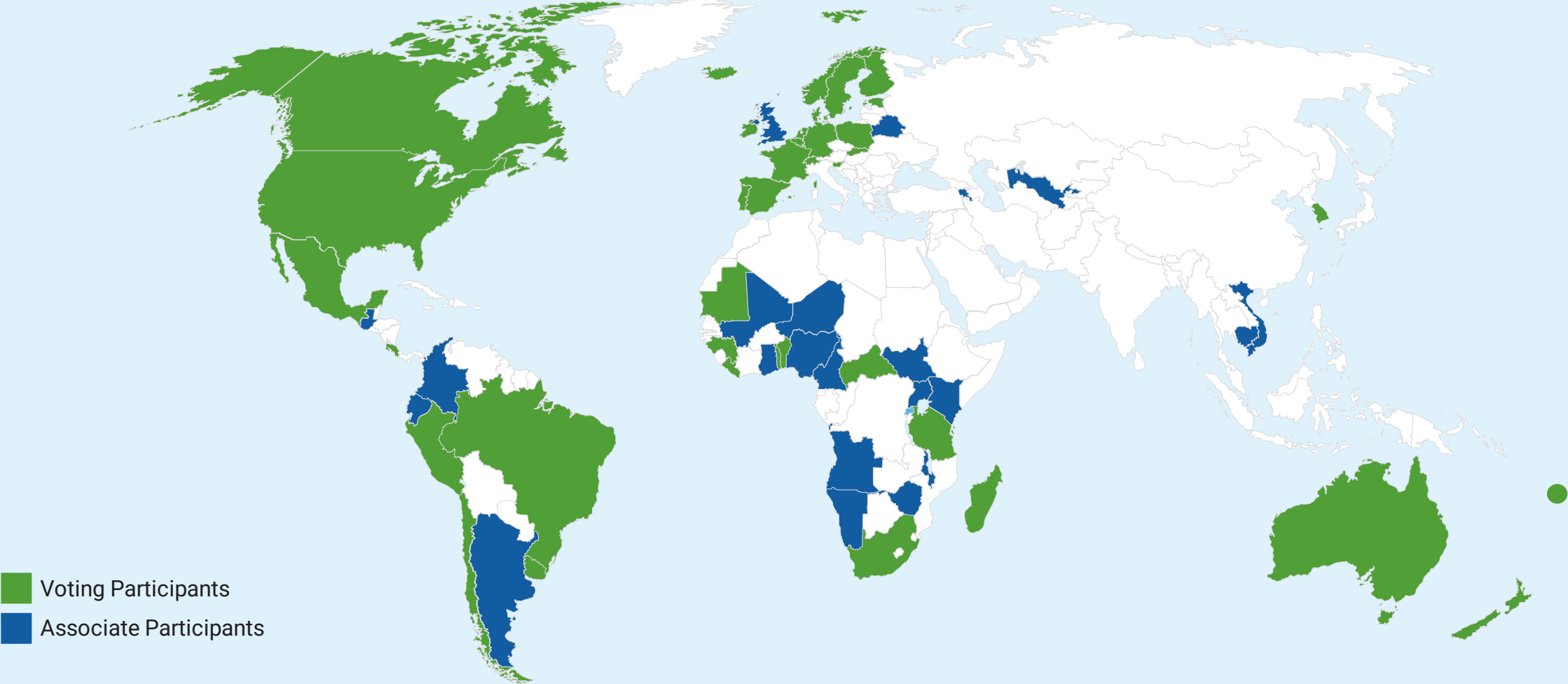
1,769

Peer-review papers
using data

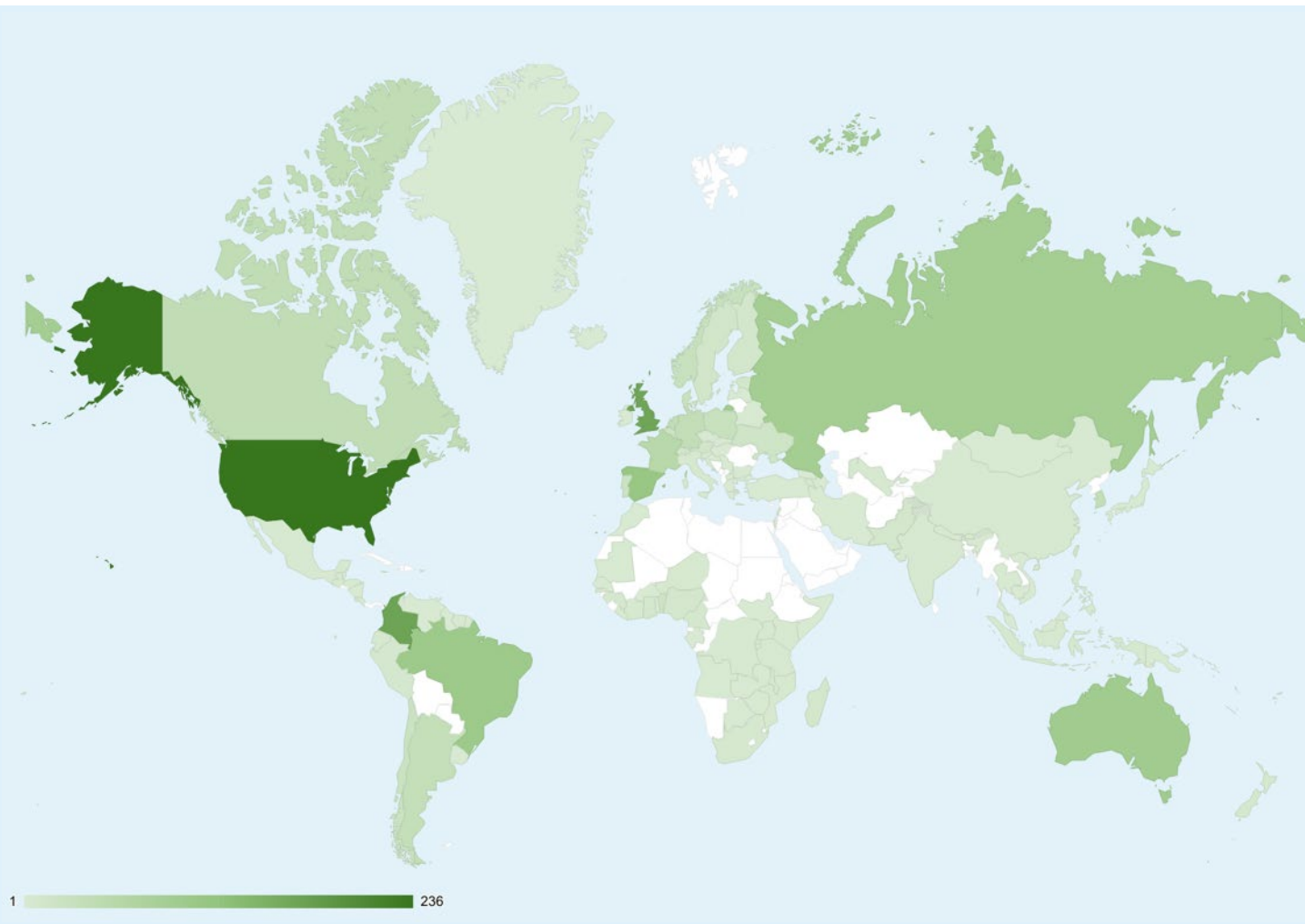
6,498



GBIF PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES 9 Dec 2021



GBIF NETWORK OF DATA PUBLISHING INSTITUTIONS Year-to-date, 30 Sept 2021

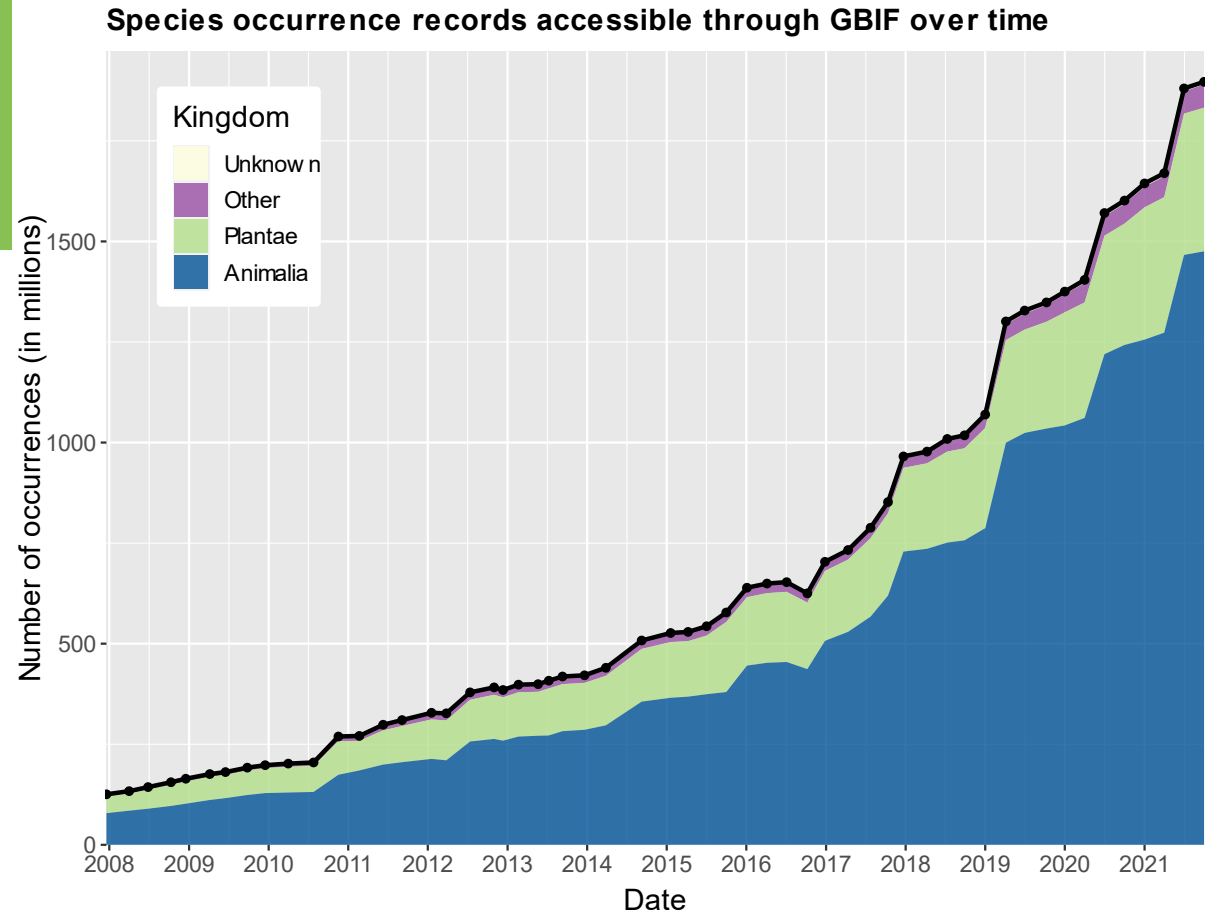


125 countries with institutions sharing data through GBIF

Top 10 countries: number of data publishers		
1	United States	236
2	Colombia	166
3	United Kingdom	164
4	Spain	109
5	Brazil	100
6	Australia	93
7	Russian Federation	89
8	France	55
9	Canada	41
10	Germany	38
10	Netherlands	38

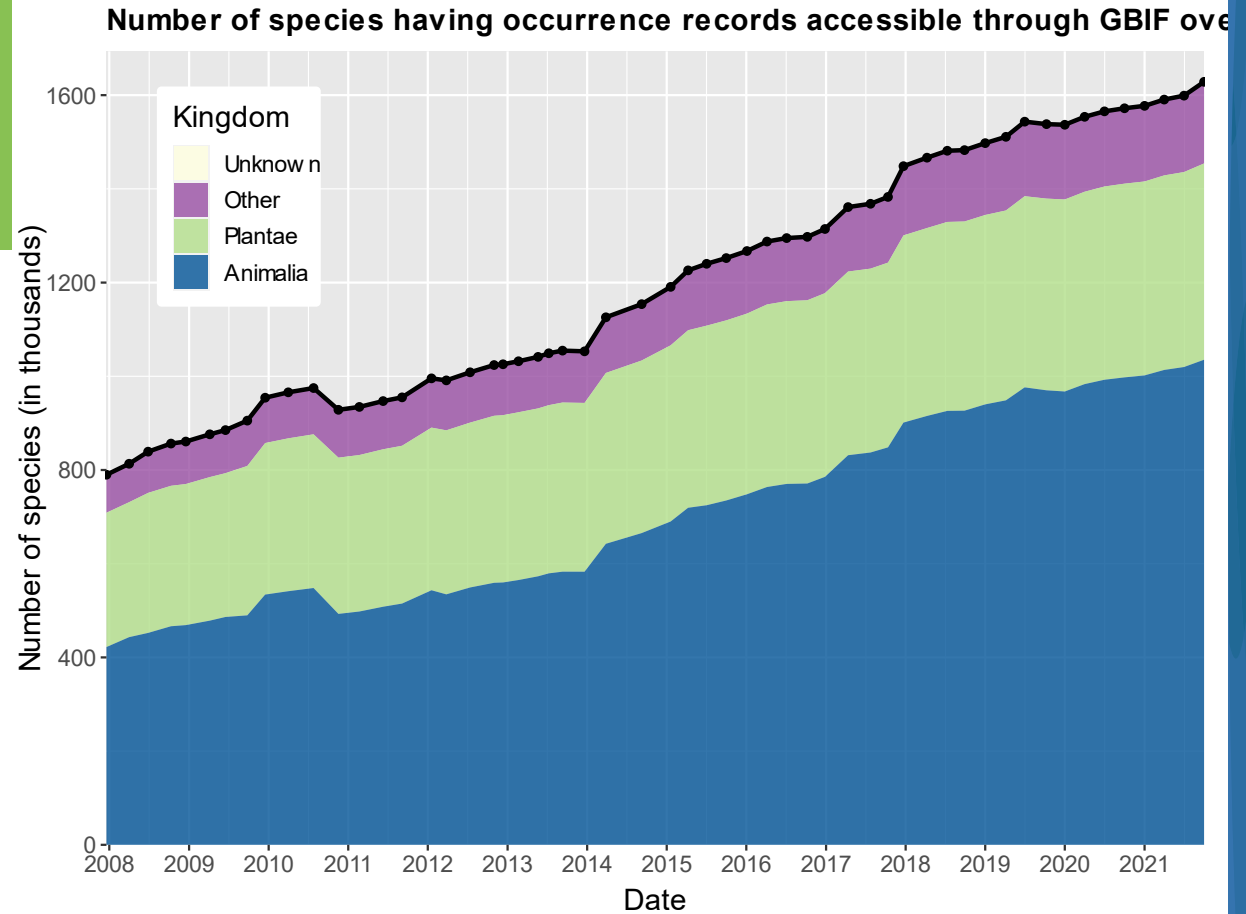
GROWTH OF DATA FROM THE GBIF NETWORK

- 1st billion species occurrence records 2008-2018
- 2nd billion s species occurrence records 2018-2022?

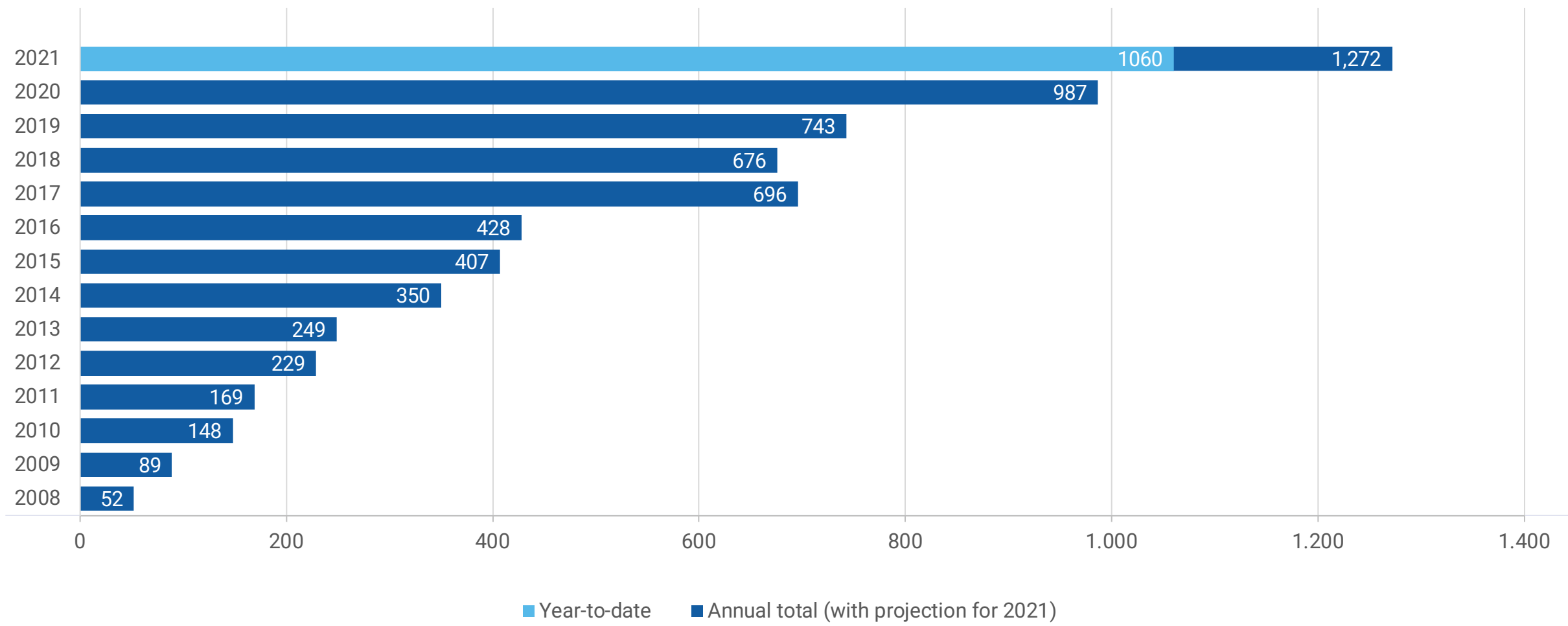


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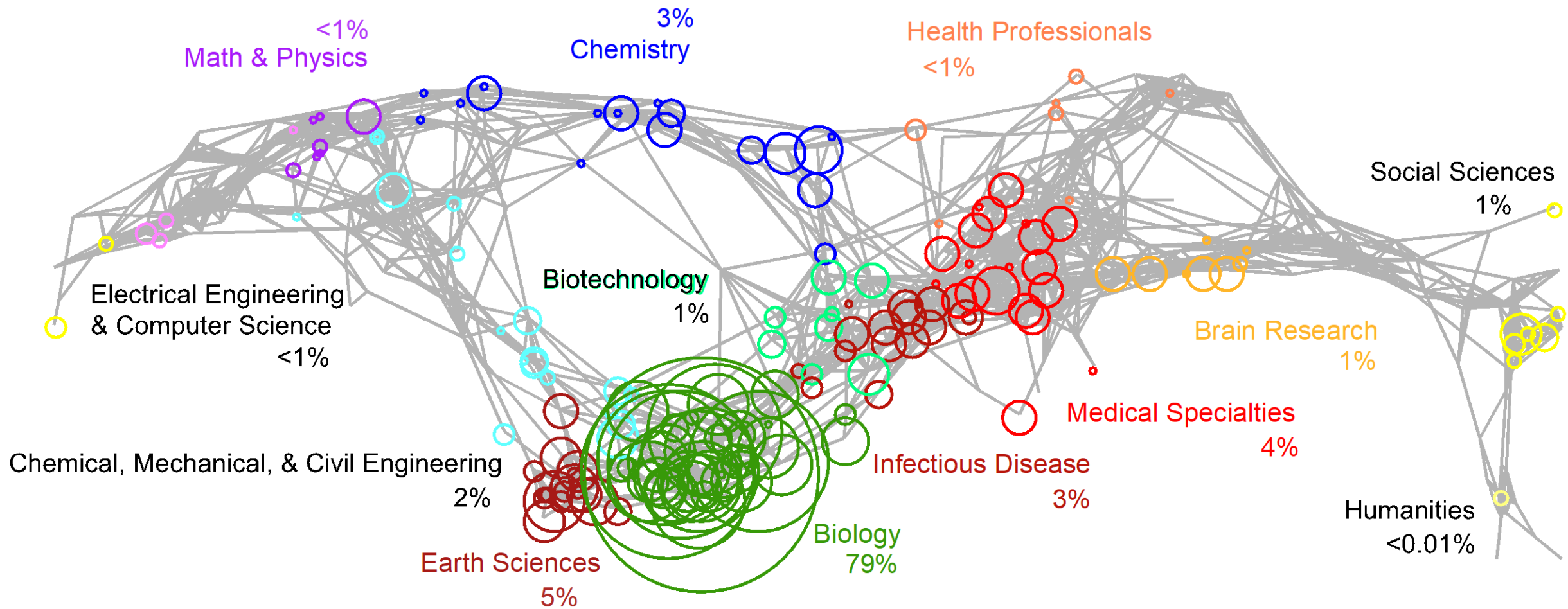
- 1st billion species occurrence records: 2008-2018
- 2nd billion species occurrence records: 2018-2022?
- Species coverage doubled: 2008-2021



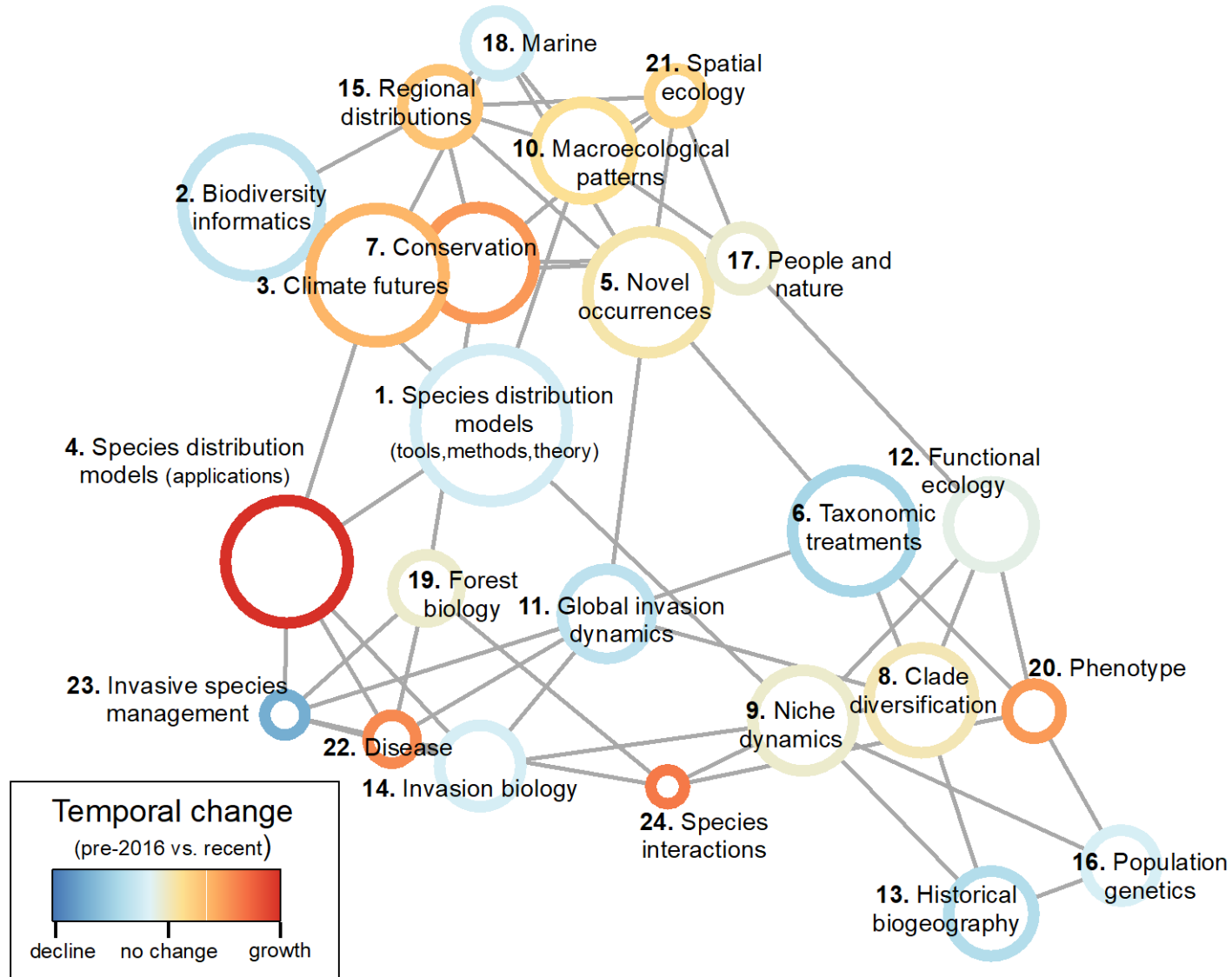
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS USING GBIF-MEDIATED DATA 31 Oct 2021



MAP OF GBIF-ENABLED SCIENCE



TOPIC CONNECTIONS AMONG STUDIES USING GBIF



RESEARCH USES OF DATA FROM THE GBIF NETWORKSUPPORTING RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



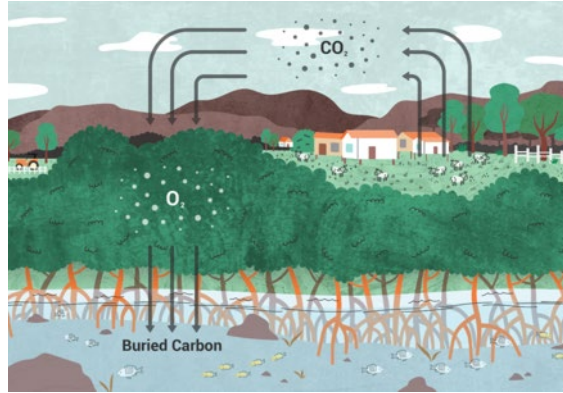
Conservation

- Protected areas
- Key biodiversity areas
- Threatened species
- Monitoring and targeting invasive species



Food security

- Crop wild relatives
- *In situ* and *ex situ* conservation of genetic diversity
- Pollination by wild species



Climate change

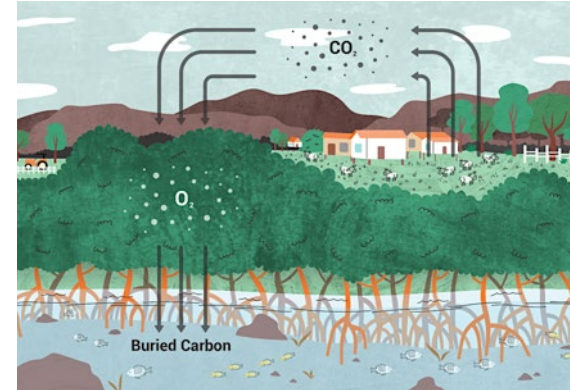
- Modelling impacts on species ranges
- Adaptation strategies
- Mitigation benefits, risks



Human health

- Tracking disease risk based on shifting distribution of vectors, hosts and reservoirs
- Medicinal plants
- Hazards e.g. snakebite

POLICY APPLICATIONS OF GBIF-MEDIATED DATA SUPPORTING RESEARCH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Biodiversity indicators

Critical role in generating information resources that guide the decision-making processes

- Aichi 19, 5, 9 & 11-13
- SDGs 14, 15 et al.
- Post-2020 GBF

Underlying research

Increased data supports 1st global assessment of climate impacts on insects—and then supports IPCC 2018 *Special Report on 1.5°C*

gbif.org/data-use/51171KRV0EhwmHubpfDs3h

Knowledge generation

Support **IUCN** knowledge products

- Red List of Threatened Species
- Key Biodiversity Areas
- GRIIS

Targeted mobilization

Campaigns to fill gaps and improve coverage:

- Geographic
- Taxonomic
- Thematic

NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2023-2027

A world in which the best possible biodiversity data underpins research, policy and decisions



Building the evidence to advance **scientific research** and understanding of global biodiversity

Supporting **policy responses** and knowledge transfer that address urgent societal challenges around planetary change



Enabling the **network** to meet future needs and challenges

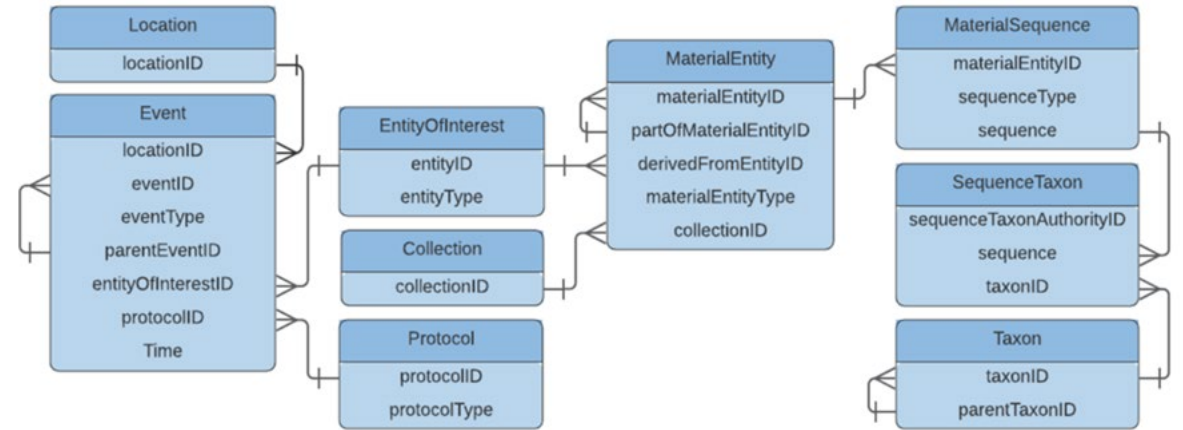
Driving **innovation** to advance biodiversity-related knowledge



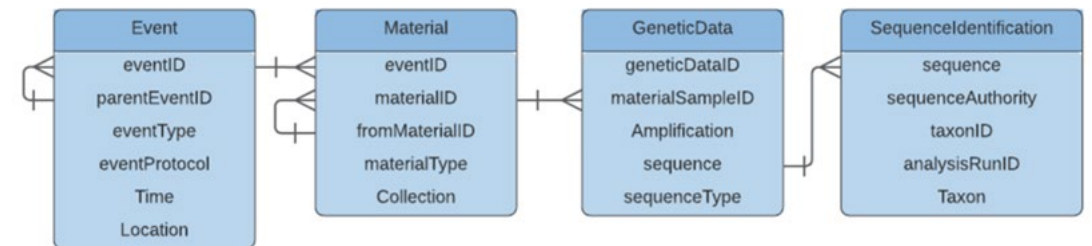
DIVERSIFYING THE GBIF DATA MODEL

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GBIF recognizes that biodiversity data is more complicated than ‘just’ the occurrence of species in time and space: organisms interact, co-occur, move and evolve.
— GBIF Strategic Framework



2 **Conceptual model**



3 **Publication model**



CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT: THE HUMAN NETWORK



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- Reaffirming commitment to building resilient global and regional communities of practice
- Securing supplementary funding to build local skills in data sharing and data use
- Recognizing contributions of network members serving as volunteer mentors, workshop trainers, translators
- Establishing sustainable networks and data flows with addition of regional and thematic support

THANK YOU

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