**BID Africa 1 – Regional Grant Template
Early Progress narrative report**

Instructions

- Fill the template below with relevant information. If no result has been achieved on a specific point, please indicate it as "no result achieved yet"

- Use the information included in your project Full proposal (reproduced in annex III.a. of your BID contract) as a baseline from which to complete this template

- The information provided below must correspond to the financial information that appears in the financial report

- Sources of verification are for example links to relevant digital documents, news/newsletters, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc.

- This report must <u>first</u> be sent as a Word document to BID@GBIF.org and be pre-approved by GBIFS

- Once this report is pre-approved in writing by GBIFS, it must be signed by the BID project coordinator and sent by post to:

    The Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat (GBIFS)

    Universitetsparken 15

    DK-2100 Copenhagen Ø

    Denmark

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Template

1. Table of Contents

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2. Project Description

2.1. **Consortium coordinator: Institution/network/agency name**: Ganglo Cossi Jean, GBIF Node manager. Faculty of Agricultural Sciences. Benin

2.2. **Main contact person and role**: GANGLO Cossi Jean, consortium coordinator

2.3. **BID proposal identifier**: BID-AF2015-0066-REG

2.4. **Project title**: Capacity building and biodiversity data mobilization for conservation, sustainable use, and decision making in Africa and Madagascar

2.5. **Start date and end date of the reporting period**: 01/06/16 - 30/11/16

2.6. **Country(ies) in which the activities take place**: Benin

3. Overview of results

3.1. Executive summary

Give a short summary of the activities implemented and the outcomes of the project for the reporting period (no more than ½ page)

At Benin level, we began our project's activities in June 2016 and received the first intallment of the project (5,000€) on 29th June 2016. We achieved some of the planned activities as follows:

We orgaized two workshops respectively on June and October 2016. The first one was to inform nnational partners on the selected project and plan its activities; the second one was to capacitate national partners on data mobilization, data formatting, data cleaning, and data publishing.

With the partners at national and regional levels, we achieved the lists of priority family species of the project and published at least 7,316 occurrence data on threatened and invasive alien species on GBIF site.

At Côte-d'Ivoire level the activities of the project began in June 2016 and received the first intallment of the project (4,000€) in the same Month. The achieved activities are as follows:

One workshop and two meetings were organized on august and septembre 2016. The workshop was to inform national partners on the selected project and plan its activities; Concerning the meetings, the first one was to establish species lists after bibliography search with the herbarium partners. The list of priority family species are achieved. The second meeting was designed to work with the Director General of Scientific Research of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research at September 28, 2016. Mr Koffi Kouao Jean attended the meeting in cotonou on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing…

In DRC, the first instalment of 4,000€ was received. The lists of priority species of the project were achieved. Two workshops were organized; the first one was at national level and concerned endangered and alien invasive plant species held in Kinshasa (26 – 27 July 2016); this contributed to the achievement of the lists of priority species of the project. The second meeting was the regional one held in Benin to build capacities of consortium members on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing… It was attended by Mbala Henri

In Guinea, The launch of the BID-project of Guinea took place on June 17, 2016. At that occasion, the regional project was presented to participants. The lists of priority species to be considered in the project were achieved. Two teleconferences on Skype were organized. These conferences allowed the members of the consortium to define together the main lines to follow, but also to follow the general direction to carry out the activities of the project. A representative of Guinea, Mr. Diabate Moussa attended the regional meeting in Cotonou, Benin.

In Madagascar, the activities of the project began in June 2016 and received the first intallment of 4,000€ on 21st july 2016. The lists of priority species of the project was elaborated with the agreements of national partners. Face to face contacts helped inform national partners on the project, its priority lists and the planned activities. Ranaivo Jaona attended the meeting in cotonou on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing…

In Mali, the project began its activities in July 2016 and received the first intallment of the project 4,000€ on 08th July 2016. They achieved the lists of priority family species of the project. They also attended the regional meeting in cotonou on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing…Mr GUINDO Abdoulaye attended the meeting in cotonou on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing…

In Niger, they achieve the lists of priority species through a national workshop with all the project partners; they joined GBIF; Mr KIMBA Ousseini attended the meeting in cotonou on data type knowledge, data digitization, data formatting, data cleaning, data publishing…

In Senegal, the project started in May 2016. The lists of priority species to be coonsidered in the project are achieved and a workshop was held on 9th November to inform partners on the project and validate the lists of priority species retained in the project.

3.2. Progress against expected milestones:

Expected milestones/activities	Completed? Yes/No	Name of institution/organisation	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Completed capacity self-assessment questionnaire for data holding institutions (http://www.gbif.org/resource/82785)	Yes	Laboratory of Forest Sciences Herbier du Bénin Centre d'Etudes, de Recherches et de Formation Forestières ONG Nature Tropicale	We received and completed the questionnaire on request of BID team	GBIFS
At least three national data publishing institutions are registered with GBIF.org For registered data publishers see: http://www.gbif.org/publisher/search	Yes	GBIF Benin Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques Direction Générale des Eaux, Forêts et Chasse Laboratoire d'Ecologie Appliquée/Université d'Abomey-Calavi (LEA/UAC) Laboratory of Forest Sciences (University of Abomey-Calavi) Agence Privée d'Expertise et de Conseils pour le Développement Inclusif (APECDI)	Six data pubishers, effectively published their data on GBIF site	GBIF Benin (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/b2db85d5-c5fe-4125-9e36-590a5f651829) Université d'Abomey-Calavi, Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/2afeb273-cbbc-4fcf-a10f-7baf271b62c5) Direction Générale des Eaux, Forêts et Chasse (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/616e379f-90ed-4c21-9793-8e20f982e9d1) Laboratoire d'Ecologie Appliquée/Université d'Abomey-Calavi (LEA/UAC) (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/633602e8-4c6f-4619-b433-c4968da3ed08) Laboratory of Forest Sciences (University of Abomey-Calavi) (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/5ca9a113-2397-4540-84b4-41114a1404ef) Agence Privée d'Expertise et de Conseils pour le Développement Inclusif (APECDI) (http://www.gbif.org/publisher/dfb951db-f345-4e4b-a7e2-00da7efce5e7
At least one person from the project team has completed the certification process following the first BID Capacity Enhancement workshop	Yes	GBIF Benin	We were two from Benin (GBETOHO Jaures and myself, GANGLO Cossi Jean)	GBIFS
Knowledge dissemination activities have been scheduled following the first BID Capacity Enhancement workshop	Yes	GBIF Benin	We achieved a workshop from 12 to 13 october 2016 to capacitate national partners following the capacities we gained during Kigali workshop	Report

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3.3. Datasets published on GBIF.org

If the dataset is not yet published, please indicate the name of the institution that is expected to host the data when published in the column "DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution". Add as many rows as needed.

Dataset title	Publishing institution	DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution	Date/expected date of publication	Explanatory notes
Census of the threatened species of Benin. Data mobilized in the framework of BID-AF2015-0066-REG project funded by EU	Laboratory of Forest Sciences (University of Abomey-Calavi)	http://www.gbif.org/dataset/8e912d78-6259-44e3-8f58-debb3081a15f	19 /10/2016	See the DOI
Invasive plant species recorded in protected areas and riparian land in Sudano-guinean and Sudanian agroecological zones of Benin. Data mobilized in the framework of BID Regional project BID-AF2015-0066-REG and funded by EU	Laboratory of Forest Sciences (University of Abomey-Calavi)	http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc	19 /10/2016	See the DOI
Threatened species recorded in protected areas and riparian land in Sudano-guinean and Sudanian agroecological zones. Data mobilized in the framework of BID Regional project BID-AF2015-0066-REG and funded by EU	Laboratory of Forest Sciences (University of Abomey-Calavi)	http://www.gbif.org/dataset/aef22888-444e-4cba-bfc5-f709ef15ccf4	19 /10/2016	See the DOI

3.4. Examples of use of biodiversity data available through GBIF

Use the table to document use or planned use of data available through GBIF as part of your project. Please provide the DOI for datasets published on GBIF or data downloaded from GBIF in the "Dataset" column. Briefly describe how the data have been used or are planned to be used in the "Data use" column (ca. 50 words). Provide the date or approximate time frame in months for the use or planned use in the "Date/time frame" column. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Dataset	Data user	Data use	Date/time frame	Sources of verification	Notes
Census of the threatened species of Benin. Data mobilized in the framework of BID-AF2015-0066-REG project funded by EU (http://www.gbif.org/dataset/8e912d78-6259-44e3-8f58-debb3081a15f) Invasive plant species recorded in protected areas and riparian land in Sudano-guinean and Sudanian agroecological zones of Benin. Data mobilized in the framework of BID Regional project BID-AF2015-0066-REG and funded by EU (http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc) Threatened species recorded in protected areas and riparian land in Sudano-guinean and Sudanian agroecological zones. Data mobilized in the framework of BID Regional project BID-AF2015-0066-REG and	Center of study and research in forestry, Benin. Ministry of Environment General Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Benin NGO Tropical Nature, Benin Faculty of Agricultural	The activities we planned to use data are as follows (goal 3 of the project): • Achievement of distribution maps of the invasive alien species and threatened species at present and in the future • Identification of threats on species • Identification of efficient actions to protect and conserve threatened species • Identification of efficient actions to control invasive alien species • Recommendations with regard to threatened and invasive alien species • Exchange of achievements within the consortium	11/2016-05/2018	No result achieved yet	Before using the data, we must have adequate capacities. To use the data as planned, we need capacities in Geographic Information System and in niche modelling. My team is actually trying to acquire those capacities and then use and encourage the use of the data. By next reporting period, we will be able to achieve sound results in data use

funded by EU (http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc) Threatened and invasive plant species of Koto, Massi, Akpè, Ouèdo, Bonou, Atchérigbé, and Zè vegetations Threatened and invasive plant species of different vegetation types of Benin Threatened and invasive plant species of vegetation of South East Benin	sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin	• Evaluation of the usefulness of protected areas as of today and in the future and suggestions of possible adjustments • Achievement of communications and outreach on deliverables • broadcast deliverables through communications and outreach via diverse media				

3.5. Events organized as part of the project

List all the events that have been organized as part of your project. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Full title	Organizing institution	Dates	Number of participants	Sources of verification
Information and activity planning meeting with national project partners	GBIF Benin	14/6/2016	19	Report (see attachments)
Capacity building on data types, data mobilization, data formatting, data cleaning, and data publishing	GBIF Benin	12 – 13/10/2016	40	Report (see attachments)

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4. Implementation of BID project activities

Refer to section 2.2 "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" in your BID full proposal. Provide updates on each of the activities using the reporting criteria and other sources of verification as appropriate.
Sources of verification are for example links to relevant digital document, news, newsletter, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc.

4.1. Goal 1: Establish or strengten international collaborations to mobilize biodiversity data

Activity 1 name: Achievement of the list of priority species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

The lists of priority families of threatened and invasive alien species are achieved in agreement with consortium partners

Sources of verification

Report

Activity 2 name: Achievement of workshops at regional level

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

Due to a problem of agenda coordination with Professor Peterson Town, this activity initially planned to take place during the 3rd month will now take place from 28th November to 2nd December 2016.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 3 name: Sensitize consortium partners on the advantages of GBIF membership

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

Up to now, among the consortium partner, two new ones adhere to GBIF. They are DRC and Niger. I am still in contact with the partners from Senegal and Mali so that they can achieve the formalities.

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Sources of verification

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Activity 4 name: Digitization of data in overseas institutions

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, to obtain effeciient results, the implementation of the activity needs to be reorganized. In that purpose, I met with Eric Chenin of GBIF France and André Heughebaert of GBIF Belgium during GB23 in Brasilia. We agreed on the fact that to be cost efficient in that activity, imaged specimens in France, Belgium, and Netherlands will be prepared and sent to the consortium partners in Africa for digitization in the respective countries of the consortium. So by next reporting period, we will be able to show concrete results.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

4.2. Goal 2: Increase available biodiversity data, within and beyond the grant period

Activity 1 name: Achievement of workshops at national level

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

Two workshops were achieved:

- The first one took place on 14 June 2016 with the aim of informing national project partners on the project selected and plan its activities
- The second workshop took place on 12 and 13 October to capacitate data providers from different institutions on data types, data mobilization, data formatting, data cleaning, and data publishing

Sources of verification

Reports (see attachments)

Activity 2 name: Enhancing data mobilization at national level

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

Financial and technical assistance were given to partners to assist them publish their data. At least, 7,316 georeferenced data were published on GBIF portal during the period of activities. Please, see below the links to the datasets published.

Sources of verification

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/8e912d78-6259-44e3-8f58-debb3081a15f

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/aef22888-444e-4cba-bfc5-f709ef15ccf4

Activity 3 name: Publishing data mobilized at national level

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

At least, 7,316 georeferenced data were published on GBIF portal during the period of activities. Please, see below the links to the datasets published.

Sources of verification

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/8e912d78-6259-44e3-8f58-debb3081a15f

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/aef22888-444e-4cba-bfc5-f709ef15ccf4

Activity 4 name: Publishing data mobilized in overseas institutions

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, to obtain effeciient results, the implementation of the activity needs to be reorganized. In that purpose, I met with Eric Chenin of GBIF France and André Heughebaert of GBIF Belgium during GB23 in Brasilia. We agreed on the fact that to be cost efficient in that activity, imaged specimens in France, Belgium, and Netherlands will be prepared and sent to the consortium partners in Africa for digitization in the respective countries of the consortium. So by next reporting period, we will be able to show concrete results.

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Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 5 name: Achievement and publishing of checklists of threatened species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, we need to advance more in data publishing before achieving reliable checklist on threatened plant species

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 6 name: Achievement and publishing of checklists of invasive alien species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, we need to advance more in data publishing before achieving reliable checklist on invasive alien plant species

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

4.3. Goal 3: Apply biodversity data in response to conservation priorities

Activity 1 name: Achievement of distribution maps of the species at present and in the future

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, we need to acquire relevant capacities in GIS and niche modelling before achieving that activity. My team is actually doing its best to have such capacities so that by next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 2 name: Identification of threats on species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity partially depends on the completion of the first one of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 3 name: Identification of efficient actions to protect and conserve threatened species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first two activities of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 4 name: Identification of efficient actions to control invasive alien species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity partially depends on the completion of the first one of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 5 name: Recommendations with regard to threatened and invasive alien species

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first four ones of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

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Activity 6 name: Exchange of achievements within the consortium

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first five ones of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 7 name: Evaluation of the usefulness of protected areas as of today and in the future and suggestions of possible adjustments

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first one of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 8 name: Achievement of communications and outreach on deliverables

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first seven ones of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

Activity 9 name: Broadcast deliverables through communications and outreach via diverse media

Description of any implementation during the reporting period

No result achieved yet. Indeed, the achievement of that activity depends on the completion of the first eight ones of Goal 3. By next reporting period we will advance in achieving the activity.

Sources of verification

No result achieved yet

5. Updated calendar for the BID project implementation and evaluation period

The calendar should be completed in the same way as in the Full Project Proposal, but should include any expected changes. Provide reasons for any expected changes in section 5.1 'Explanatory Notes'.

Implementation period (maximum 24 months, starting 1 June 2016 at the earliest)																									
Implementation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy) Start date : 01/06/16 End date: 31/05/18																									
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Notes
BID Capacity Enhancement workshop 1			X	X																					
6-month progress analysis						X																			
Mid-term evaluation & reporting											X	X													
Achievement of the list of priority species	X	X																							
Achievement of workshops at regional level						X						X													
Sensitize consortium partners on the advantages of GBIF membership			X									X													
Digitization of data in overseas institutions									X	X	X														
Achievement of workshops at national level					X						X						X						X		
Enhancing data mobilization at national level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Publishing data mobilized at national level	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Publishing data mobilized in overseas institutions						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Achievement and publishing of checklists of threatened species													X	X	X	X	X	X	
Achievement and publishing of checklists of invasive alien species													X	X	X	X	X	X	
Achievement of distribution maps of the species at present and in the future			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Identification of threats on species			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Identification of efficient actions to protect and conserve threatened species			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Identification of efficient actions to control invasive alien species			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Recommendations with regard to threatened and invasive alien species			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Exchange of achievements within the consortium			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Evaluation of the usefulness of protected areas as of today and in the future and suggestions of possible adjustments			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Achievement of communications and outreach on deliverables			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
broadcast deliverables through communications and outreach via diverse media			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Evaluation period (maximum 6 months, ending 31 December 2018 at the latest)							
Evaluation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy) Start date : 01/06/2018 End date: 31/12/18							
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	Notes
Final financial and narrative reporting		X	X				
Achievement of the list of priority species	X						
Achievement of workshops at regional level	X						
Sensitize consortium partners on the advantages of GBIF membership		X					
Digitization of data in overseas institutions			X				
Achievement of workshops at national level			X				
Enhancing data mobilization at national level				X			
Publishing data mobilized at national level				X			
Publishing data mobilized in overseas institutions				X			
Achievement and publishing of checklists of threatened species				X			
Achievement and publishing of checklists of invasive alien species				X			
Achievement of distribution maps of the species at present and in the future				X			
Identification of threats on species				X			

Identification of efficient actions to protect and conserve threatened species				X		
Identification of efficient actions to control invasive alien species				X		
Recommendations with regard to threatened and invasive alien species				X		
Exchange of achievements within the consortium				X		
Evaluation of the usefulness of protected areas as of today and in the future and suggestions of possible adjustments				X		
Achievement of communications and outreach on deliverables					X	
broadcast deliverables through communications and outreach via diverse media					X	

5.1. Explanatory notes:

The activity "Achievement of workshops at regional level" was initially planned for the 3rd and 12th months of the project. We now try to harmonize our program with Professor Town Peterson from the University of Kansas and as of now, the workshop is planned to take place in Cotonou, Benin from 28th November to 2nd December 2016. Six months later, we will take the second course in Antananarivo, Madagascar in the 12th month.

The activity "Digitization of data in overseas institutions" which was initially planned for months 6-8 of the project is actually postponed to months 9-11 to allow time to clearly agree on the scenario of that activity. In that purpose, I met with Eric Chenin of GBIF France and André Heughebaert of GBIF Belgium during GB23 in Brasilia. We agreed on the fact that, to be cost effective in that activity, imaged specimens in France, Belgium, and Netherlands will be prepared and sent to the consortium partners in Africa for digitization in the respective countries of the consortium. So by next reporting period, we will be able to show concrete results. For the same reason, the activity on "Publishing data mobilized in overseas institutions" is postponed.

The activity "Achievement of workshops at national level" was initially planned for the 3rd, the 9th, the 15th, and the 21st months of the project. We achieved the first workshop only at the 5th month of the project because we were waiting to be capacitated first during the Kigali course which took place last August. The possibility for as to organize some activities of the national and regional projects together allows us to plan four national workshops for the regional project. The coming two workshops will take place every 6 months and the last one at the 23rd month of the project. We will therefore be efficient in capacitating our national partners during the workshops

The activities "Achievement of distribution maps of the species at present and in the future", "Identification of threats on species", "Identification of efficient actions to protect and conserve threatened species", "Identification of efficient actions to control invasive alien species", "Recommendations with regard to threatened and invasive alien species", "Exchange of achievements within the consortium", "Evaluation of the usefulness of protected areas as of today and in the future and suggestions of possible adjustments", "Achievement of communications and outreach on deliverables", and "broadcast deliverables through communications and outreach via diverse media", are delayed and will begin from month 7 because we need to acquire more capacities in data use and mobilize more data to achieve relevant research products to inform decisions.

6. Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other Cooperation

6.1. Relationship with project partners

Please describe the relationship between your project coordinating team/institution and your project partners, and with any other organisations involved in implementing your BID project.

All the project partners at national level are always invited to participate to our workshops. They usually participate unless they are on travel. They are also contributing data as promised. Other laboratories and entities of our Universities are also more and more involved in the project and they also promise to mobilize data. At regional level I maintain close contact with consortium partners through emails and Skype calls trying to steer the group.

6.2. Links to other projects and actions

Where applicable, outline any links and synergies you have developed with other actions, e.g. GBIF nodes, other BID funded projects, etc. If your organisation has received previous grants in vew of strengthening the same target group, to what extent has your BID project been able to build upon/complement the previous project(s) ?

As GBIF Benin node manager, I am in close contact with the three coordinators of BID small grant projects to assist them in attaining their objectives. In that purpose, I invited them and they all attended the workshop I organized on12[th] and 13th October 2016 on capacity building on data types, data mobilization, data formatting, data cleaning, and data publishing

7. Visibility

Please refer to the [BID guidelines.](#)

7.1. Visibility of the BID project

How is the visibility of your BID project being ensured?

Short summary

All the datasets published on GBIF site, cited the BID project and its funder (European Union). On the banner of the workshop of October, the logos of EU and GBIF were put in good places.

Sources of verification

Workshop report

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/8e912d78-6259-44e3-8f58-debb3081a15f

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/4aaa8072-3711-4668-8276-deef01ad29bc

http://www.gbif.org/dataset/aef22888-444e-4cba-bfc5-f709ef15ccf4

7.2. Visibility of the EU contribution

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured within your project implementation?

All the datasets published on GBIF site acknowledged European Union as the funder of the BID project. We also thank EU in our opening speeches. On the banner of the workshop of October, the logo of EU was put in good place.

Sources of verification

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