

2020 GBIF Asia virtual regional nodes meeting

Draft programme

Events

The [GBIF Asia virtual regional nodes meeting](#) will take place on Zoom on 17 July 07:00-09:00 UTC. This event is for Node Managers and their teams.

In addition, Node Managers and their teams are invited to participate in [the GBIF Asia virtual summit](#) that will take place on Zoom on 20 July 07:00-09:00 UTC.

Finally, representatives from the nodes in Asia have been invited to participate in the [Data mobilization workshop for Asia](#).

Objectives

The meeting aims to engage GBIF node managers from the region in discussions on:

- a) Progress towards the aims described in the [Nodes Strategy 2020-2021](#)
- b) Strengthening regional engagement and participation in GBIF through BIFA, CESP and other outreach actions
- c) Development of a regional engagement strategy

The aim of the summit is to bring Asian stakeholders together to learn about the activities of GBIF, and to address the need for improved access to data on the rich biodiversity of the region. The summit will discuss some of the issues raised in the [recently published 20-year review of GBIF](#) which highlights the need to expand participation in Asia.

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Friday 17 July 2020; Asia Virtual Regional Nodes Meeting

Zoom meeting for Node Managers and their teams

- Presentations and discussion will be in English
- Please join at 06:30 UTC to test video and audio
- The meeting will run from 07:00-09:00 UTC
- The meeting will be recorded

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Tsuyoshi Hosoya, Regional representative for Asia

Session 1: Lightning talks from node managers

All node managers are invited to give a 5 minute presentation providing an update on their activities, with time for questions.

Session 2: GBIF Secretariat update and regional engagement strategy

Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat Deputy Director

An overview of data mobilization and availability in Asia. Presentation of a draft regional engagement strategy for Asia 2020-2021.

Session 3: Discussion: fundraising and engagement issues

Tsuyoshi Hosoya, Regional representative for Asia

Discussion to identify regional outreach actions and possible funding sources to move towards the objectives of the strategy.

Monday 20 July 2020; GBIF Asia Virtual Summit

Zoom webinar for nodes, BIFA project teams, observers from the region

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Welcome to the webinar

Session 1 – Introduction to GBIF participation in Asia and the Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia (BIFA) programme

Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director, GBIF Secretariat

Session 2 – Activities and plans of the nodes representing Asian countries and organizations currently participating in GBIF

Dr. Tsuyoshi Hosoya, Asia Regional Representative

Session 3 – Positive impacts of BIFA on mobilizing data and broadening the community of practice

Maheva Bagard Laursen, GBIF Secretariat

Series of short talks from BIFA-funded projects

Session 4 – Panel discussion responding to issues raised in GBIF's 20-year review

Speakers to be confirmed. Session facilitated by Tim Hirsch, GBIF Secretariat

Panel to discuss possible approaches to addressing issues raised by the 20-year review, including better representation of Asian governments in the GBIF membership, and options for a regional office in Asia.

Session 5: How to stay engaged in GBIF and BIFA in the future

Mélanie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat