

Status of plans for regional meetings in 2022

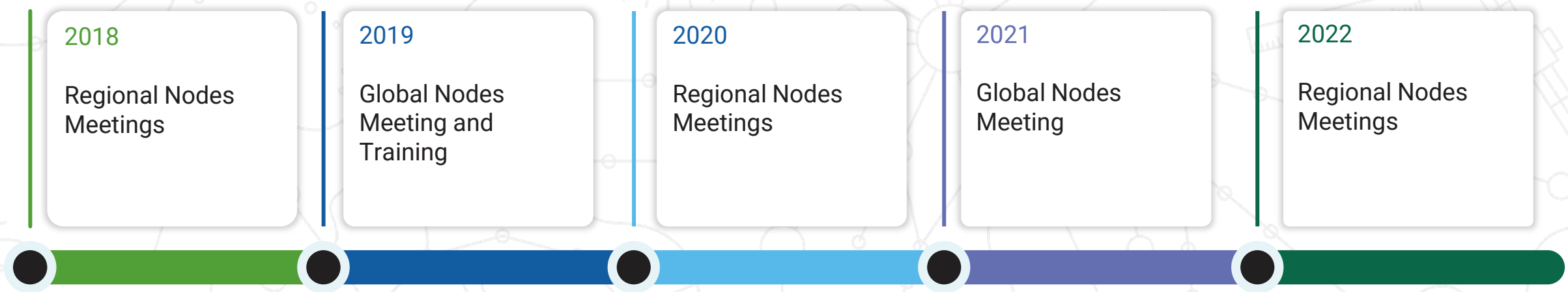
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GBIF NODES PLAY A KEY ROLE IN CONNECTING OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY



NODES COMMITTEE MEETINGS ALTERNATE BETWEEN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL EVENTS





REGIONAL NODES MEETINGS - OBJECTIVES

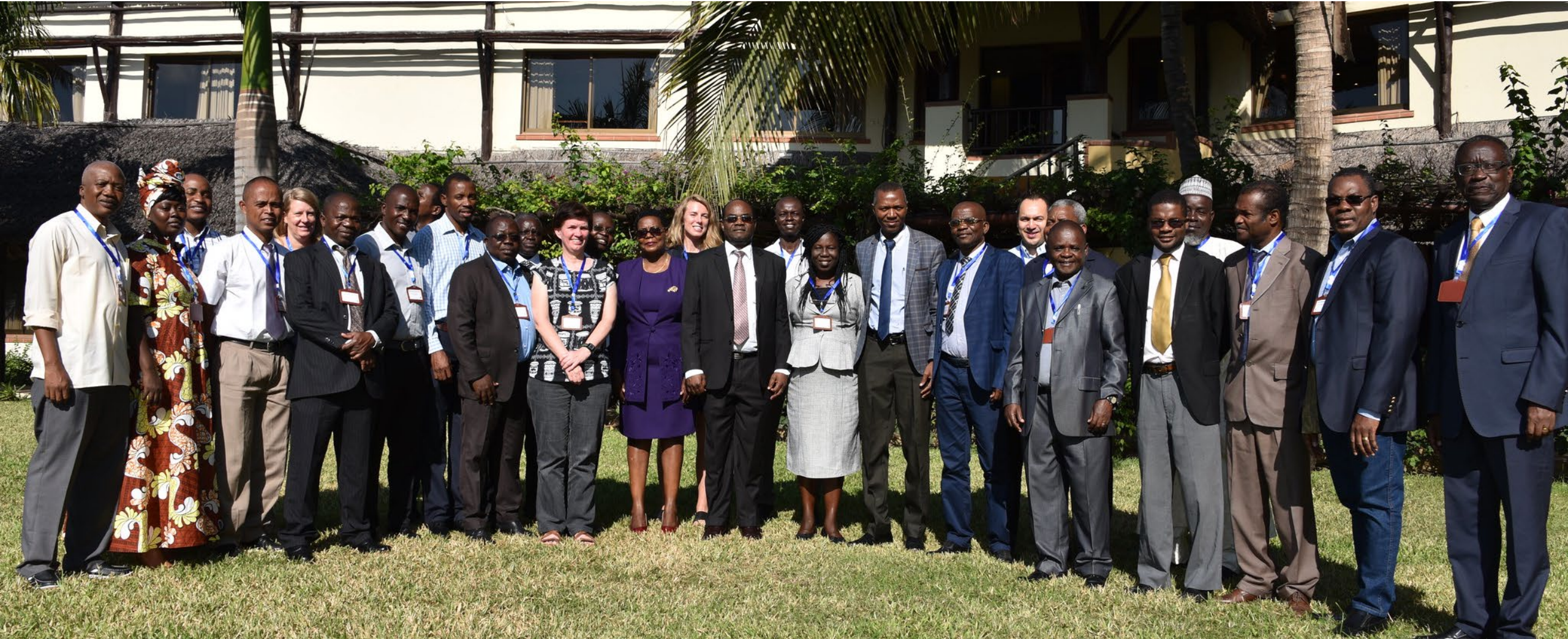
Support regional coordination, led by the regional representatives

Facilitate regional collaboration by allowing nodes to share updates on their activities and receive peer feedback

Provide feedback to the Secretariat on regional issues and priorities

Develop stronger regional engagement in GBIF by identifying outreach strategies and actions, often also engaging observers

IN 2018, REGIONAL MEETINGS WERE IN PERSON EVENTS LIKE THIS:



STAYING CONNECTED AT THE 2019 GLOBAL NODES MEETING IN LEIDEN



BUT THEN IN
2020...

Virtual regional
meetings had to be
quickly organized to
replace events that
were planned to be in-
person



ZOOM FATIGUE!!

Objective 7 of the
Nodes Strategy 2020-
2021:

Experiment with tools
for remote working





Global Nodes Meeting 2021

GBIF node managers and node staff met for the first virtual global gathering from 28 June to 2 July!

2021 – FIRST EVER
VIRTUAL GLOBAL
NODES MEETING

EXPERIMENTING WITH
REMOTE TOOLS

- Dedicated event website
 - Pre-recorded presentations
 - Access to recordings of all sessions
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- <https://gnm2021.gbif.org/>



EXPERIMENTING WITH REMOTE TOOLS

- Virtual informal Icebreaker events
- Kumospace



What does OBIS use for its taxonomic backbone?

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Integrated Taxonomic Information System

6%

World Register of Marine Species

88%

GBIF Backbone Taxonomy

6%

Join at

slido.com

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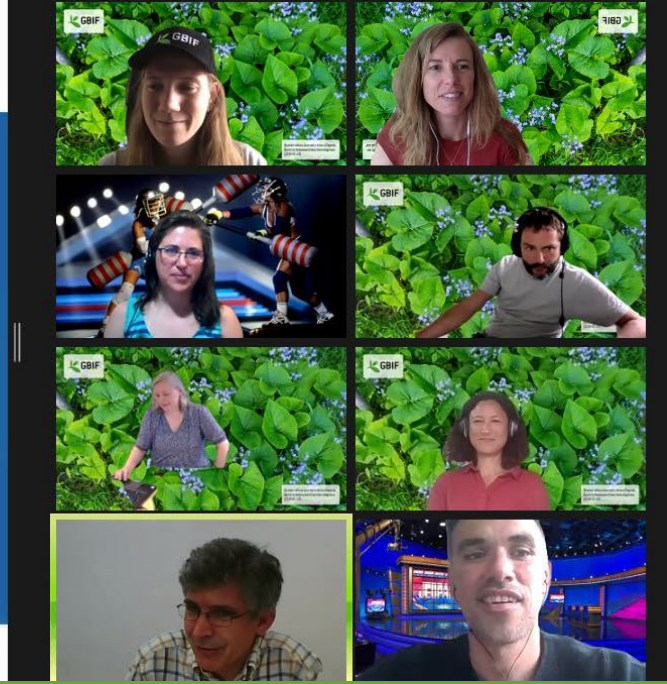


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EXPERIMENTING WITH REMOTE TOOLS

- Session organized by OBIS to facilitate interaction between the OBIS community and nodes
- Included a quiz using Slido

Did you know that you can download a species list for an area? How would you generate a species list for the "Azores" island group?



EXPERIMENTING WITH REMOTE TOOLS

- NODES VS. HELPDESK battle
- Interactive session featuring various lesser-known ways to use GBIF.org

WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM THE VIRTUAL GLOBAL NODES MEETING?



168
participants!!



Updates can be handled as pre-recorded presentations for people to watch when it suits them

Virtual format allows us to reach a wider audience

The live Nodes Vs. Helpdesk battle and other live sessions focused on interactions and feedback were fun...

... but participants missed opportunities for more detailed (informal) discussions



HOW CAN WE USE THIS EXPERIENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GOING FORWARD?

- Pre-recorded update presentations from the Secretariat
- Some sessions can be open to a larger virtual audience
- Use of community forum for ongoing discussions
 - <https://discourse.gbif.org/>
- Mixed approaches to keep the community connected

2022 REGIONAL MEETINGS WILL VARY IN FORMAT

Some in-person events...



Some fully virtual events....



... and some tackling the hybrid format!



TIMELINE



North America

Europe & Central Asia

Latin America &
Caribbean

Africa

Virtual event

In person, Luxembourg

Hybrid format, Togo

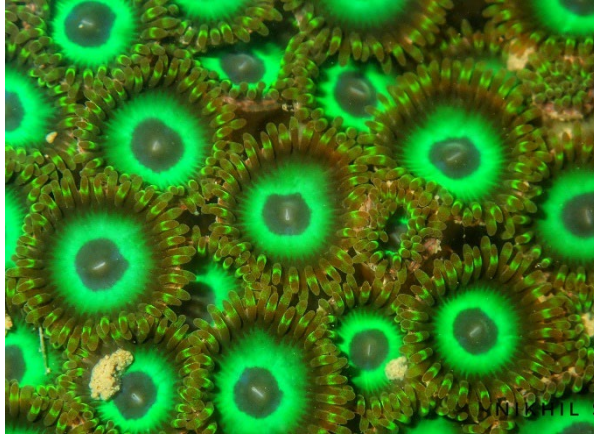
31 May

23-25 May

No dates fixed

27-28 July

TIMELINE



Asia

Oceania

Ongoing community
webinars

Large in-person event

Next one: 12 April

November tbc

No fixed dates

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Regional representatives will share details with nodes on how to register for events

Preparatory surveys

Collaborative documents

<https://discourse.gbif.org/>

Suggest other topics or opportunities to highlight in GBIF community webinars



THANK YOU

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