

# Making Your Collections Count

*A GRSciColl Workshop for Ethiopian and Lithuanian Biodiversity Institutions*

You are invited to a hands-on online workshop on the Global Registry of Scientific Collections (GRSciColl) – the international catalogue that makes your institution’s collections discoverable to researchers worldwide. Whether your collections are fully digitized or still entirely physical, this workshop will help you put them on the global map.

<b>Dates:</b>	12 June 2026
<b>Time:</b>	09.00 – 13.00h CEST (with breaks)
<b>Format:</b>	Online (Zoom/Teams), with breakout rooms
<b>Follow-up:</b>	One week of asynchronous tasks + 1-hour follow-up call on 19 June
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Organized by:</b>	GBIF Sweden / Swedish Museum of Natural History (NRM)
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Lena Thöle, Data Steward, GBIF Sweden

## Who is this for?

- Collection managers, curators, and data managers at biodiversity-holding institutions in Ethiopia & Lithuania
- GBIF node staff and institutional data coordinators
- Researchers responsible for maintaining or documenting scientific collections
- Anyone at an institution that holds physical scientific collections

## What you will learn and accomplish

- Understand what GRSciColl is, how it connects to GBIF, and why it matters for your institution
- Search GRSciColl and identify gaps in your country’s collection registrations
- Model your institution’s collections in the GRSciColl hierarchy
- Register or update your institution and collections in GRSciColl during the session
- Prepare and upload a collection descriptor – a structured summary that makes your collections searchable by taxon, even without specimen-level digitization

## Workshop structure

**Live session (4 hours):** Presentations, live demo, interactive exercises in breakout rooms, and hands-on entry creation in GRSciColl.

**Asynchronous week (5–7 days):** Complete your entries, request editor access, peer-review a colleague’s entry, upload a collection descriptor.

**Follow-up call (1 hour):** Troubleshooting, progress report, and sustainability planning.

## Prerequisites

- A computer with a web browser and stable internet connection
- A GBIF account – create one for free at [www.gbif.org](http://www.gbif.org) before the workshop
- Basic knowledge of your institution’s collections: what they contain, approximately how many specimens, and who manages them
- No programming, database, or GRSciColl experience required

A pre-session questionnaire will be sent two weeks before the workshop. Please complete it and gather information about your institution’s collections in advance – this will make the hands-on session much more productive.

**Register here if you are from an Ethiopian institution:** <https://forms.gle/vERDo7bjqSFu5eE96>

**Register here if you are from a Lithuanian institution:** <https://forms.gle/wY8zoxMK6b3a9gLr6>

**If you have any questions, please contact:** [lena.thole@nrm.se](mailto:lena.thole@nrm.se)

**Registration deadline: 25 May 2026**

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