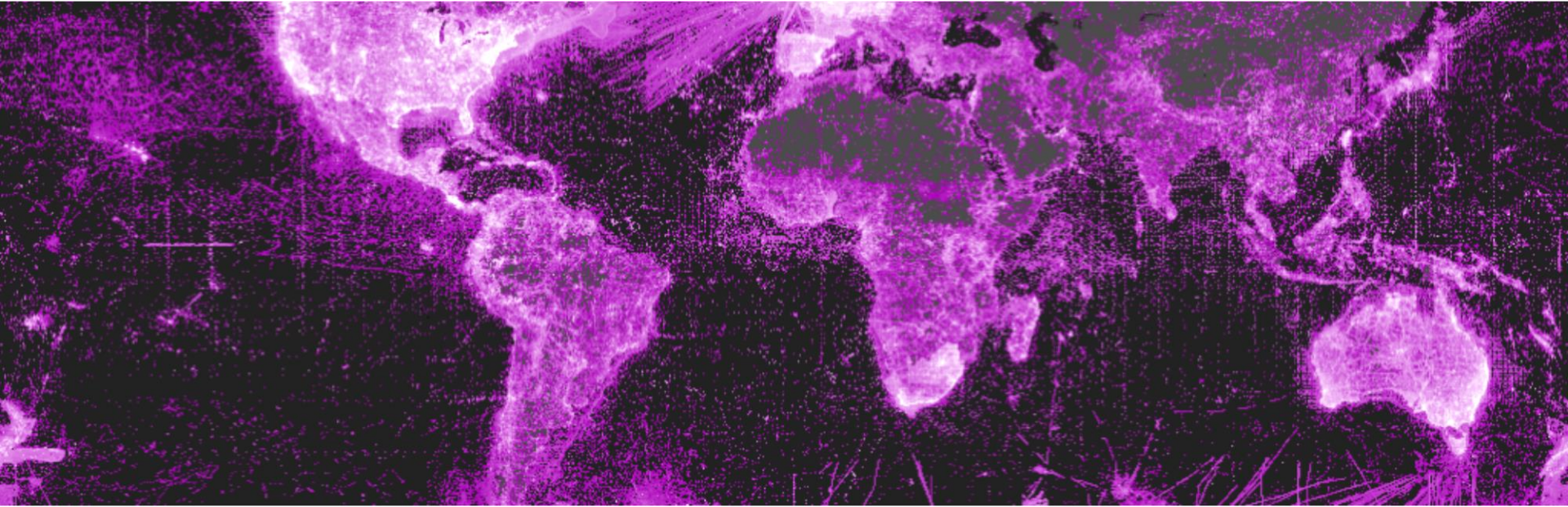




GBIF

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Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia (BIFA)

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BIFA BACKGROUND

- Created from contribution to GBIF supplementary funds by Government of Japan
- EUR 156,000 to support GBIF activities in Asian region
- Steering committee composed of MoE-J, Asian nodes regional coordinator, GBIF Secretariat

BIFA BACKGROUND

- Proposals for use of funds may be developed by any of:
 - MoE-J
 - GBIF Secretariat
 - GBIF Asia nodes subcommittee

BIFA BACKGROUND

- General categories for allocation of funds:
 - Partial funding for Asia regional meeting
 - Support for regional activities identified as priorities by GBIF Asia nodes
 - Capacity-related activities (e.g. mentoring, training, workshops), emphasis on JICA-funded project in Vietnam
 - GBIF-related activities in Asia potentially supporting work of IPBES

BIFA PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Overall objectives: to help strengthen GBIF mission in Asia, providing co-funding to support collaborative projects aimed at one or more of:

- Increasing the availability of data relating to Asian biodiversity, to support science-policy needs
- Establishing or strengthening national BIFs in Asian countries
- Expanding the GBIF network in Asia

BIFA PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Project allocation: approx. EUR 125,000,
incorporating:

- Co-funding for projects nominated by Asia nodes subcommittee
- Co-funding for MoE-J/GBIFS nominated project in Vietnam
- Project period preferably to end of 2016

BIFA PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Project may address objectives by combining following types of action eligible for co-funding:

- Data mobilization activities (occurrences, sample-based data, checklists, metadata)
- Mentoring activities (2 or more GBIF Participants or potential Participants)
- Regional training support (courses, workshops)

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BIFA PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

Project may address objectives by combining following types of action eligible for co-funding:

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- Documentation (production of key learning/promotional resources, or adaptation to national or regional context)
- Needs assessment (assessing user needs to inform data mobilization)
- Policy and decision support (e.g. for CBD reporting, IPBES assessments)

BIFA PROJECT CRITERIA

- Alignment with 3 BIFA objectives
- Alignment with other priorities identified by region
- Value and re-usability of project's deliverables
- Cost-effectiveness, e.g. number of Participants benefiting, co-funds leveraged
- Sustainability of efforts
- Monitoring and evaluation plans for project

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

- 30 June - 1 July: brainstorming on potential projects, nominate individuals or teams to develop concept notes by 31 July 2015 (see template)
- Further communication with absent Asia nodes
- Early August: selection panel to assess concept notes
- Late August: selected projects requested to submit full proposals
- Early September: selection panel to assess full projects
- October/November: projects announced, contracts signed

POTENTIAL PROJECT FROM VIETNAM

- To build on current JICA-funded project to establish national biodiversity database (MONRE)
- Expand existing data content (currently only pilot data from one national park)
- Link current database to GBIF
- Establish national network for biodiversity information
- Mentoring from existing node on use of tools, best practices, node development