

# Report from the Governing Board Chair

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tanya Abrahamse, Chair

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Peter Schalk, Budget Committee Chair

André Heughebaert, Nodes Committee Chair

Thomas Orrell, Science Committee Chair

Donald Hobern, Executive Secretary

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIORITIES FOR 2017/2018

- Financial stability and sustainability
- GBIF Review and Value proposition
- Secretariat staffing capacity
- The One Billion records milestone
- Recruitment of the new Executive Secretary

# BIG DATA FOR BIODIVERSITY: GBIF.ORG SURPASSES 1 BILLION SPECIES OCCURRENCES

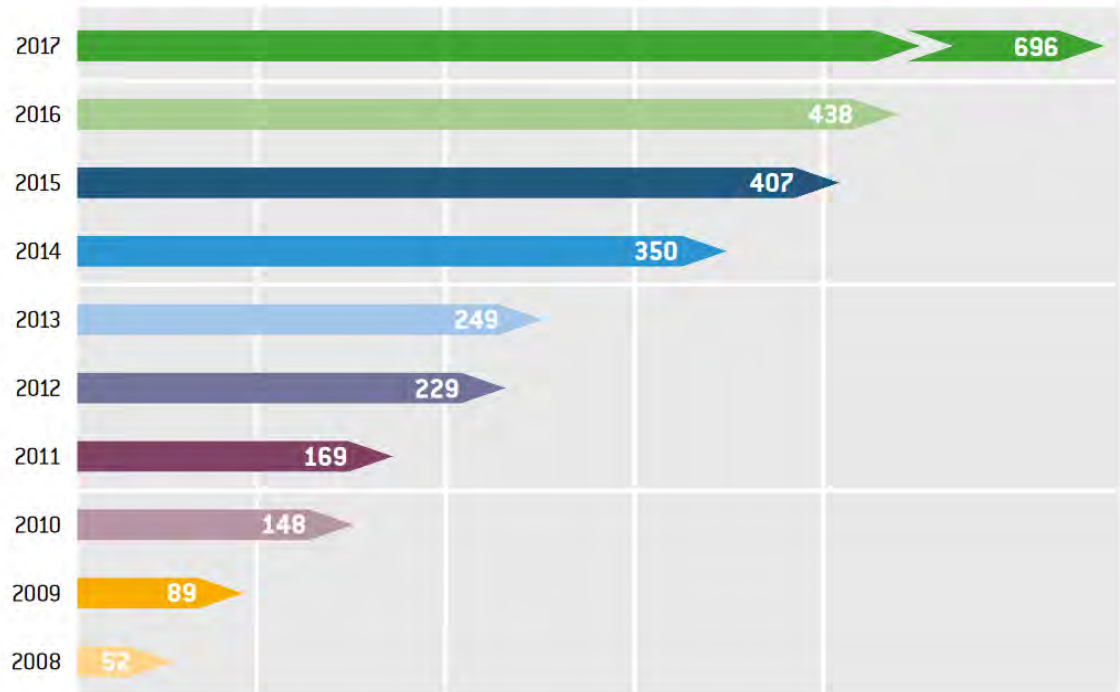


Frilled anemone (*Metridium dianthus*). Photo by B. Guichard, Agence Française pour la Biodiversité

# GBIF SCIENCE REVIEW 2018



ANNUAL NUMBER OF PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES USING GBIF-MEDIATED DATA



# GBIF SECRETARIAT

- Donald Hobern, Director
- Tim Hirsch, Deputy Director and Head of Participation and Engagement (8 persons)
- Andrea Hahn, Head of Data Products (4 persons)
- Tim Robertson, Head of Informatics (8 persons)
- Anne Mette Nielsen, Head of Administration (5 persons)

A total of 26 staff members

# NEW PARTICIPANTS SINCE GB24

1 new Voting Participant has joined:

- Liberia – September 2018

4 new Country Associate Participants have joined:

- South Sudan – April 2018
- Zimbabwe – May 2018
- Viet Nam – July 2018
- Cameroon – September 2018

3 new Other Associate Participants have joined:

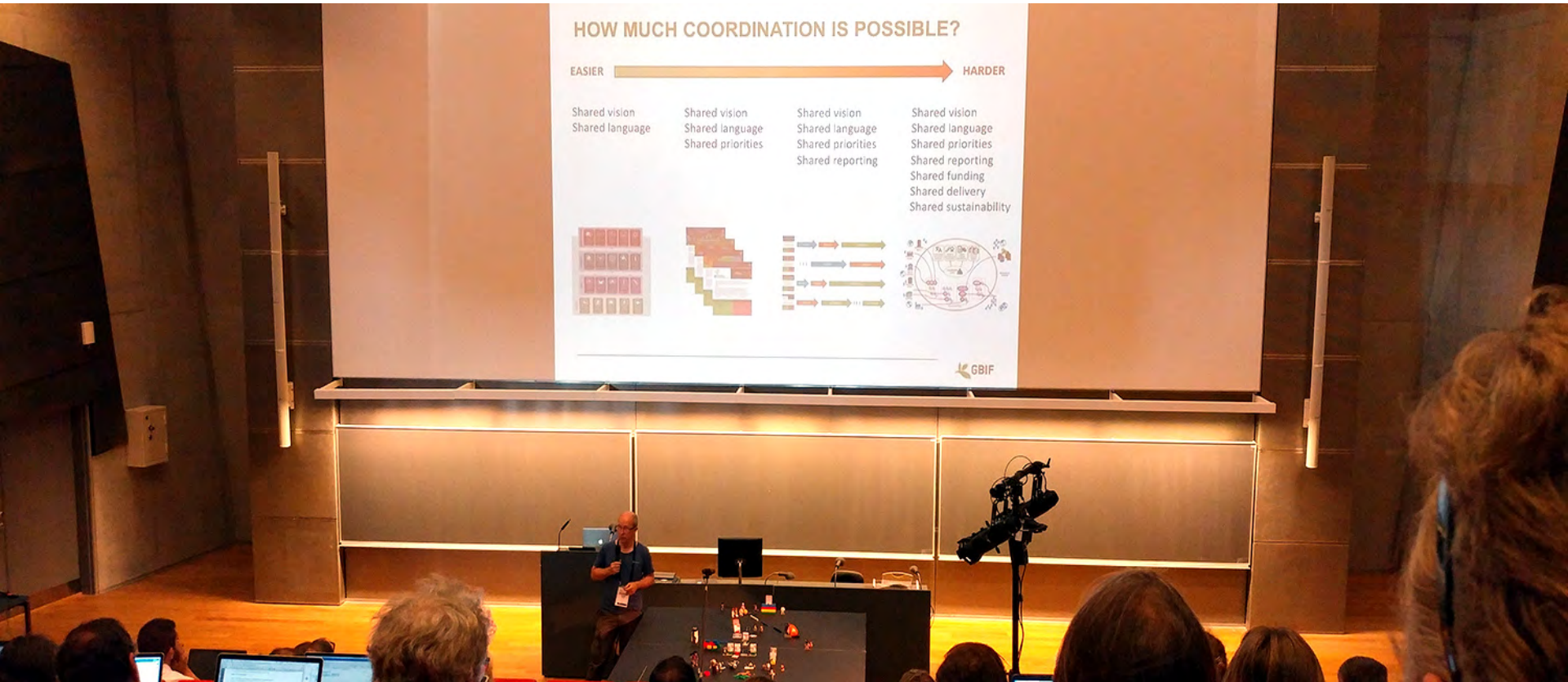
- SPREP – October 2017
- Specify Collections Consortium – August 2018
- LifeWatch ERIC – October 2018

# GBIF COMMITTEES

- Executive Committee
- Budget Committee
- Nodes Committee
- Science Committee



# DONALD AT GBIC2



*GBIC2 attendees explored models for a coordination mechanism that could align and accelerate efforts to understand the world's biodiversity. Photo by Eun-Shik Kim*