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# **Report of the workshop: Implementation of Global Biodiversity Infor- mation Infrastructure (GBIF) projects as a biodiversity conservation strategy in the Do- minican Republic**



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Santo Domingo, August 29, 2022**

## INTRODUCTION

The workshop on the implementation of "Global Biodiversity Information Infrastructure (GBIF) projects as a strategy for biodiversity conservation in the Dominican Republic" was held at the National Museum of Natural History "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano" in Santo Domingo, on August 29, 2022 in the morning hours.

## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

The workshop was announced to the various personalities, institutions and associations of the biodiversity sector personally, by email and through different social (Facebook) and professional networks (Linkedin, Plagiodontia) using the invitation shown in Figure 1. It was also uploaded and promoted in the local press<sup>1</sup> and through our website. The National Museum of Natural History "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano" and the Dominican Environmental Consortium, assisted in the announcement.



The poster features logos for the European Union, GBIF, BID, the Dominican Environmental Consortium (CAD), and the EcoMar program. The title of the workshop is "Taller sobre la implementación de proyectos de la Infraestructura Mundial de Información en Biodiversidad (GBIF) como estrategia de conservación de la biodiversidad en República Dominicana". It lists three speakers: Liliana Betancourt Fernández, Alejandro Herrera-Moreno, and Gabriel de los Santos. The topics of the conferences are: "Mecanismos e importancia de la Infraestructura Mundial de Información en Biodiversidad GBIF", "Pautas para los inventarios de la biodiversidad costera y marina de la isla Hispaniola", and "La colección de arácnidos del Museo Nacional de Historia Natural 'Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano'". The event is held at the National Museum of Natural History "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano" on Monday, August 29, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Taller sobre la implementación de proyectos de la Infraestructura Mundial de Información en Biodiversidad (GBIF) como estrategia de conservación de la biodiversidad en República Dominicana**

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Conferencista invitado

**CONFERENCIAS**

*Mecanismos e importancia de la Infraestructura Mundial de Información en Biodiversidad GBIF*

*Pautas para los inventarios de la biodiversidad costera y marina de la isla Hispaniola*

*La colección de arácnidos del Museo Nacional de Historia Natural "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano"*

**Lugar: Museo Nacional de Historia Natural "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano"**  
**Fecha: Lunes, 29 de agosto de 2022. Hora: 8:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.**

Figure 1. Invitation to the workshop. URL: <https://www.programaecomar.com/TallerGBIFRD.jpg>.

<sup>1</sup> OJALÁ (2022). Promueven taller sobre proyectos de infraestructura en biodiversidad. Sitio web: <https://ojala.do/medioambiente/promueven-taller-sobre-proyectos-de-infraestructura-en-biodiversidad>

## WORKSHOP AGENDA

The workshop was held according to the following agenda:

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. Admission and registration of participants
- 9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome remarks by César Rodríguez, Director of the Dominican Environmental Consortium (CAD)
- 9:15-9:45 a.m. Conference: Global Biodiversity Information Infrastructure (GBIF) as a basis for conservation. Liliana Betancourt, Programa EcoMar
- 9:45-9:50 a.m. Comments and questions
- 9:50-10:05 a.m. Breaks
- 10:05-10:35 a.m. Conference: Guidelines for coastal and marine biodiversity inventories for the island of Hispaniola. Alejandro Herrera-Moreno, Programa EcoMar
- 10:35-10:40 a.m. Comments and questions
- 10:40-11:10 a.m. Conference: The arachnid collection of the National Museum of Natural History "Profesor Eugenio de Jesús Marcano". Gabriel de los Santos, National Museum of Natural History "Profesor Eugenio de Jesús Marcano".
- 11:10 a.m.-12:05 p.m. Comments and questions
- 12:05-12:10 p.m. Closing remarks
- 12:10- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and exchange among participants

Each participant received the workshop agenda with two printed materials to support the lectures with information about the project, Hispaniola's biodiversity and GBIF.

- Guidelines for inventories of coastal and marine coastal and marine biodiversity of Hispaniola. URL: <https://www.programaecomar.com/TripticoPautasInventario.pdf>
- On the geographic limits for coastal and marine biodiversity inventories of Hispaniola. URL: <https://www.programaecomar.com/TripticoMarcoGeografico.pdf>

At the beginning of the activity and during comments and questions moments a background poster with project information was projected (Figure 2).

## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

The workshop was attended by 67 participants from 19 institutions.

1. National Aquarium of Santo Domingo
2. Association of Biology Students ADEBIO
3. Dominican Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture CODOPESCA
4. Dominican Environmental Consortium CAD
5. Counterpart International
6. Barrick Gold Biodiversity Department
7. Jaragua Group
8. Punta Cana Group
9. Dominican Institute of Agricultural, Livestock and Forestry Research IDIAF
10. Institute of Botanical and Zoological Research IIBZ
11. Santiago Botanical Garden
12. National Botanical Garden of Santo Domingo

13. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
14. National Museum of Natural History "Prof. Eugenio de Jesús Marcano
15. Programa EcoMar, Inc.
16. Autonomous University of Santo Domingo UASD
17. INTEC University Santo Domingo Institute of Technology
18. Pedro Henríquez Ureña National University (UNPHU)
19. Vice-Ministry of Biodiversity and Protected Areas

The involvement of key biodiversity actors with information about the GBIF and our and others GBIF projects, with the support of the CAD and the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources was an important achievement of this workshop.



Figure 2. Background poster projected during the event activities.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC REPORT**



Photo 1. Views of the National Museum of Natural History, venue of the event.



Photo 2. Introduction to the workshop by Liliana Betancourt (Programa EcoMar) introductory remarks by César Rodríguez Director of the Dominican Environmental Consortium and views of the auditorium.

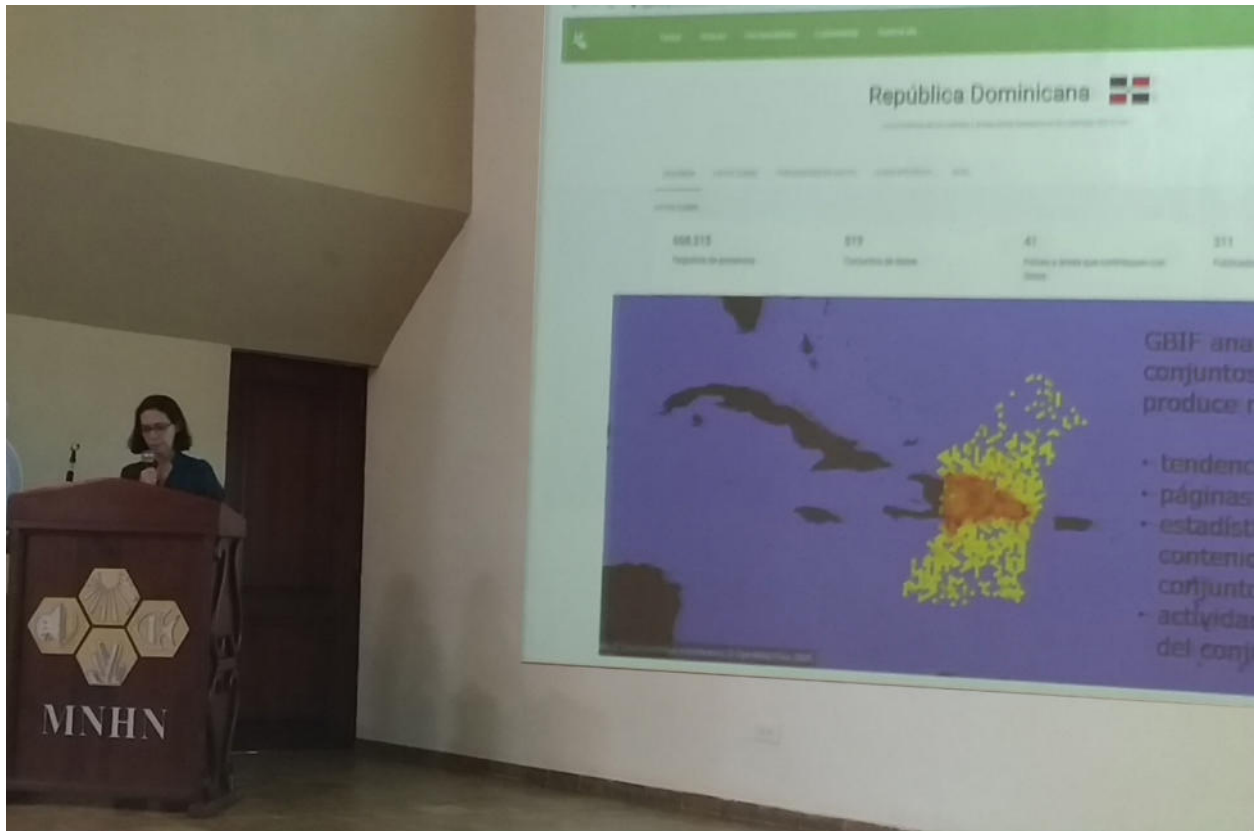


Photo 3. Presentations by Liliana Betancourt and Alejandro Herrera from Programa EcoMar.



Photo 4. Closing of the event and collective photo of participants.





Photo 5. Exchange of participants during the break and final lunch.