



BID Africa 2017 – Small Grant Template

Midterm narrative report

Instructions

- Fill the template below with relevant information. If no result has been achieved on a specific point, please indicate it as “no result achieved yet” and **indicate expected date of completion**
- Use the information included in your project Full proposal (reproduced in annex III of your BID contract) as a baseline from which to complete this template
- The information provided below must correspond to the financial information that appears in the financial report
- Sources of verification are for example direct links to relevant digital documents, news/newsletters, brochures, copies of agreements with data holding institutions, workshop related documents, pictures, etc. **Please provide access to all mentioned sources of verification** by either providing direct link or sending a copy of the documents.
- This report must first be sent as a **Word document** to BID@GBIF.org and be pre-approved by GBIFS
- Once this report is pre-approved in writing by GBIFS, it must be signed by the BID project coordinator and sent by post to:

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat (GBIFS)
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Template

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2. Project Information

2.1. Project Coordinator: Institution/network/agency name: Centre de Surveillance de la Biodiversité (CSB)

2.2. Main contact person and role:

MASUDI MUENYE MALI Franck, Research Assistant, Amphibians & Herpetology (CSB/ Département d'Ecologie, Biodiversité et Ressources Terrestres (DERBT))

2.3. BID proposal identifier:

BID-AF2017-0250-SMA

2.4. Project title:

Capacity Building and Biodiversity data mobilization to address Amphibian conservation in DR Congo

2.5. Start date and end date of the reporting period:

01/10/17 and 31/01/18

2.6. Country in which the activities take place:

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

3. Overview of results

3.1. Executive summary

Give a short summary of the activities implemented and the outcomes of the project for the reporting period (500 words maximum)



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3.2. Progress against expected milestones:

Give an overview of all the expected milestones for your project from the beginning until now (see Annex IV of your contract)

Expected milestones/activities	Completed? Yes/No	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Completed capacity self-assessment questionnaire for data holding institutions https://www.gbif.org/document/82785/self-assessment-guidelines-for-data-holding-institutions (EN) https://www.gbif.org/document/82813/modele-dauto-evaluation-pour-les-institutions-detentrices-de-donnees (FR) (Early Progress report milestone)	Yes	This has been a requirement following the contract is signed. The project leader, Franck Masudi, completed the capacity self-assessment questionnaire for data holding institutions following GBIF template that was available on https://www.gbif.org/document/82813/modele-dauto-evaluation-pour-les-institutions-detentrices-de-donnees (FR) , and he submitted the form at the due deadline of 30 November 2017.	GBIF site web
At least one national data publishing institutions are registered with GBIF.org Guidelines to become a publisher: https://www.gbif.org/become-a-publisher (Early Progress report milestone)	Yes	The Kisangani Biodiversity Monitoring Centre (CSB/UNIKIS) has been registered to become a publisher: https://www.gbif.org/become-a-publisher	https://www.gbif.org/publisher/3fc079e3-9654-4be8-a917-db7394752193 . On the GBIF site Web
At least one person from the project team has completed the certification process following the BID Capacity Enhancement workshop on Data Mobilization organized as a part of the BID programme Africa 2015 or the BID programme Africa 2017 (Early Progress report milestone)	No	In the 2017 edition of the first and second capacity building workshop on data mobilization in South Africa, two members of the project participated respectively. Corneille Ewango had not completed the certification process due to the health problem. As for Franck Masudi, he did the exercises but the results were not submitted before the planned deadline due to Internet problems, which were unfortunately temporarily cut off during this period. Translated with www.DeepL.com/Translator	If required, Corneille can provide a medical report and Franck Masudi will provide proof signed by the institution (CSB/UNIKIS)
Knowledge dissemination	Yes	Due to the health status of a key	The pictures of the workshop



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activities have been scheduled following the first BID Capacity Enhancement workshop (Early Progress report milestone)		<p>member of the project, we had not carried out this activity, which had initially been planned for July 2018 because the supporting reports were sent to GBIF management late. This had seriously hampered the smooth running of the project.</p> <p>However, a 10-day knowledge dissemination workshop is planned for late Mid-October 2018. This workshop will be attended by members of LWIRO, BUKAVU, GOMA, EPULU... which is entirely funded by GBIF-BID</p>	as well as the reports that will be sent to the GBIF management and the BID team
At least one dataset has been published to GBIF.org (Midterm report milestone)	Yes	To this stage of the project implementation, the data is entered to be connected in the GBIF platform	GBIF site Web
The data users identified in the full proposal have documented their intended use of the mobilized data and provided early feedback (Midterm report milestone)			





3.3. Project deliverables and activities

Refer to the table in section 2.2 "Deliverables, activities and reporting criteria" of your BID full proposal. Provide updates on the status of each of planned deliverables. In the event of unexpected delay, please provide detailed explanatory notes and indicate planned completion date. Add as many rows as needed.

Deliverable	Related activity	Completed ? Yes/No	Explanatory notes	Sources of verification
Checklist of Amphibians of DR Congo with emphasis to north-eastern DR Congo species	Collection/ Mobilization of existing data: Checklist compilation	Yes	On-going: Species compilation from CSB biological inventories and systematic review of published studies on amphibians to look for evidence both of systematic occurrence of species and taxonomy is ongoing to build a complete checklist of DR Congo amphibians Franck Masudi, the project leader based in CSB coordinated the data mobilization from CSB 14 inventories	Progress list of Amphibians of NE DR Congo Compiled data are available on CSB database
Establishment of national/regional biodiversity information facilities (Amphibian meta-data and Species Survival Group)	Collection/ Mobilization of existing data: Checklist compilation	Yes	All participants at the November workshop agreed to establish the Species Survival Group..	The pictures of the workshop as well as the reports that will be sent to the GBIF management and the BID team
Database and checklists of different species being compiled with habitats and ecological notes	Data Entry and Quality Control	Yes	Both researchers and staff worked on the processing, input and formatting of field monitoring data. We verified the data entry in accordance with GBIF database standards.	Data available on CSB database
First national amphibians database (Data encoding & Amphibian's species occurrence data)	Capacity-building workshop	Yes	The workshop on data mobilization in Mid-October 2018, which will bring together curators from the collections of CSB, Lwiro, UNIKIS-	Partial compiled data available on CSB database





			Faculty of Science, Zoological Museum of the Faculty of Science, WCS, research stations and all holders of compiled data, will be present to organize the compiled data.	
First national amphibians database (Data encoding & Amphibian's species occurrence data)	Capacity-building workshop	Yes	The database is already available and we are in the process of processing and recording other additive data that were received late from our LWIRO team members	CSB database
- Training reports and modules - Trained team of national managers and researchers in the exploitation of data Number of species analyzed	Capacity-building workshop	Yes	Two project staff members participated in the improvement workshop and are currently preparing the knowledge dissemination workshop for Mid-October 2018.	In Progress
- First national amphibians meta-database (Data encoding & Amphibian's species occurrence data) - Workshop report and first team of DR Congo' Amphibians Survival Group for management and exploitation of data	Data uploading into the GBIF server	Yes	The data is provided to GBIF according to GBIF standards GBIF tools. This work is carried out by the project leader after compilation and verification as well as data quality analysis with all project partners who had the data.	on-going
- First national amphibians climate change database (Data encoding & Amphibian's species occurrence data) - Established National Amphibian Species Survival Group, trained team of researchers in the data management	Data uploading into the GBI server	Yes	All data is provided to GBIF in accordance with GBIF standards and using GBIF tools (IPR, Darwin Core archives). For this delayed task, the project requires an exceptional extension of 1 or 2 months and, see if a local person like Frank can actually help to	current





and exploitation			achieve it.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spatial maps of amphibians distribution patterns and - Manuscripts: Assessment of the impacts of climate change on large-scale potential distribution of species - A developed Amphibian Conservation Strategic Plan using IUCN conservation status 	Communicating research findings & Conservation Action Plan	Yes	All participants in this Mid-October 2018 workshop will commit to producing data documents in the form of joint peer review publications using EU BON products developed in collaboration with GBIF.	On-going





3.4. Datasets published on GBIF.org

Refer to the table in section 2.4 “Biodiversity data mobilization plan” of your BID full proposal. If the dataset is not yet published, please indicate the name of the institution that is expected to host the data when published in the column “DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution”. Add as many rows as needed.

Dataset title	Publishing institution	DOI or URL/Planned hosting institution	Date/expected date of publication	Explanatory notes
Amphibians of DR Congo	CSB	https://centresurveillancebiodiversite.org/?page_id=190 https://www.gbif.org/publisher/3fc079e3-9654-4be8-a917-db7394752193	October 2018	Species compilation on-going from books, scientific publications, gray literature and collections
Ituri Forest Amphibians	CSB and CEFRECO F/ WCS-DRC Program (DR Congo)	https://centresurveillancebiodiversite.org/?page_id=190 https://www.gbif.org/publisher/3fc079e3-9654-4be8-a917-db7394752193	October 2018	Biomonitoring collections and recording/observation of samples and biological inventories.
Albertine Rift Amphibians	CSB; CEFRECO F/ WCS-DRC Program (DR Congo); CNRS-Lwiro (DR Congo); CNRS-Uvira (DR Congo); CSB-Kisangani (DR Congo) and UTEP	https://centresurveillancebiodiversite.org/?page_id=190 https://www.gbif.org/publisher/3fc079e3-9654-4be8-a917-db7394752193	October 2018	Biomonitoring collections and recording/observation of samples and biological inventories.
Collections & biomonitoring records/observations	CSB; CEFRECO F/ WCS-DRC Program (DR Congo); CNRS-Lwiro (DR Congo); CNRS-Uvira (DR Congo); CSB-Kisangani (DR Congo), RMCA, IRScNB and UTEP	https://centresurveillancebiodiversite.org/?page_id=190 https://www.gbif.org/publisher/3fc079e3-9654-4be8-a917-db7394752193	November 2018	On-going compilation of sample and biological inventory database, photos. Pending data mobilization completion and integration of RMCA data on the dataset.





3.5. Examples of use of biodiversity data available through GBIF

Use the table to document use or planned use of data available through GBIF as part of your project. You may want to refer to the section 2.5 "Plan to support the integration of biodiversity information into policy and decision-making processes" of your BID full proposal. Please provide the DOI for datasets downloaded from GBIF in the "Contributing dataset(s)" column. Briefly describe how the data contribute or are planned to contribute in the "targeted application" column (ca. 50 words). Provide the date or approximate timeframe in months for the completion of activity in the "Date/time frame" column. Timeframe indicated may be after the completion of the project unless targeted application is one of the deliverables of your project. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Targeted application	Data user	Contributing dataset(s)	Date/time frame	Sources of verification	Notes
None	None	None	None	None	None

3.6. Events organized as part of the project

List all the events that have been organized as part of your project. Please provide links to any documents or webpages documenting the use in the "Sources of verification" column. Add as many rows as needed.

Full title	Organizing institution	Dates	Number of participants	Sources of verification
On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going	On-going

Explanatory Note:

We are organizing an awareness and data mobilization workshop in mid-October 2018 with the organizations that are sharing data as part of this project. This activity will be followed by an information workshop on the importance and use of bioinformatics with policy makers, scientists from other fields of research using the data (botanists, and other zoological groups, etc.)





4. Updated calendar for the BID project implementation and evaluation period

The calendar should be completed in the same way as in the Full Project Proposal, but should include any expected changes. Provide reasons for any expected changes in section 4.1 'Explanatory Notes'.

Implementation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy)																
Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Notes
Early Progress evaluation & reporting			X	X												
Mid-term evaluation & reporting									X	X						
BID Capacity Enhancement workshop – Data mobilization and publication (Online training - Participation is mandatory)			X													
BID Capacity Enhancement workshop – Data use (Online training - Participation is mandatory)					X											
Collection/Mobilization of existing data																
Capacity-building workshops																
Data Entry and Quality Control																
Data uploading into the GBIF server																
Communicating research findings & Conservation Action Plan																





Evaluation period start date and end date (dd/mm/yy)				
Activity	1	2	3	Notes
Final financial and narrative reporting		X	X	
Preliminary Project narrative reporting				
Preliminary Project financial reporting				
Final project financial and narrative reporting				

4.1. Explanatory notes:

Given the delay in the project, particularly in the case of illness of one of the key members of the project and obviously the delay accumulated either for the transfer of funds or for the agreements between sending and receiving the various documents related to the project, we are aware of this. Therefore, for the time being, we are actively working in the sense that we are completing all activities planned in time as agreed in the core documents (full proposal). Therefore, the project leaders request that the third tranche be paid for the finalization of certain project activities.



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5. Beneficiaries/affiliated entities and other cooperation

5.1. Relationship with project partners

Please describe the relationship between your project coordinating team/institution and your project partners, and with any other organisations involved in implementing your BID project.

CSB/ UNIKIS is a Congolese institution based at the University of Kisangani that manages biological inventories in DR Congo. The Centre benefits from the collaboration of national and international institutions and conservation NGOs working to document, conserve and protect this megabiodiversity in the Central African country. As part of this project, CSB is collaborating with WCS, CRSN-Lwiro, CRSN-Uvira, the Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature and the Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique (IRScNB). Franck Masudi is also mentored by his co-sponsor at the University of Texas & Biodiversity Collection in El Paso, USA, and Corneille Ewango is a research associate at the Royal Museum for Central Africa, Belgium. Most data contributors have had the opportunity to collaborate on a number of biological inventories organized by different partners in DR Congo. Most importantly, this project was supported to integrate the 10,000 records from the RMCA's historical and recent amphibian collections as part of the data mobilization and contribution of the RMCA partners and collaboration with their amphibian experts. The analyses and publications will be jointly written by a team of partner scientists and GBIF's climate change and modelling expertise. The project will host the analysis workshop in Mid-October 2018, scheduled for April 2018, an opportunity to expand our network of scientific experts.

5.2. Links to other projects and actions

Where applicable, outline any links and synergies you have developed with other actions, e.g. GBIF nodes, other BID funded projects, etc. If your organization has received previous grants in view of strengthening the same target group, to what extent has your BID project been able to build upon/complement the previous project(s) ?

During the workshop on development in Cape Town, Mr. Corneille had the opportunity to discuss with fellow beneficiaries from Madagascar and Cameroon whose projects focused on plant and plant inventories and explored their case studies to then develop and format the existing botanical data he holds on several sites he has listed in DR Congo.

The Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation and the GBIF node of the DRC have expressed their interest and request that similar initiatives be taken to extend this amphibian case study to other little-known groups, such as reptiles, butterflies, bats, dragonflies....

In April 2018 in Cape Town, Franck Masudi had an opportunity to interact with scientists working on species on the regional Red List of the KBA BirdLife South Africa Key Biodiversity Area (KBA), IUCN's Species Survival Commission. Most of our sharing with them was to extend their project to our region in Central Africa, precisely in the DRC.





6. Visibility

Please refer to the [BID guidelines](#).

6.1. Visibility of the BID project

How is the visibility of your BID project being ensured?

Short summary

For all announcements and purposes such as the banners for the workshop, we would like to congratulate and acknowledge the support received from GBIF BID under the EU-funded programme. To comply with this regulation, we have used the terms of the EU GBIF grant, all communications relating to BID-funded projects, including the following recognition: This project is funded by the European Union, the EU flag and the GBIF and IDB logos in our printing and communication documents.

Sources of verification

6.2. Visibility of the EU contribution

How is the visibility of the EU contribution being ensured within your project implementation?

Short summary

Sources of verification

Various receipts for the payment of project activities (in the form of financial supporting documents) and internal progress reports to the CSB

Signature _____

Name of the contact person for the BID Project: _____

Date report sent by email in Word format to bid@gbif.org for pre-approval: _____

Date report sent by post to GBIF Secretariat: _____



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