

SUPPORTING DATA MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA WEST OF URAL MOUNTAINS

MID-TERM ACTIVITY REPORT

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Executive summary

The project has been approved on the Moscow University side and we make an agreement with a third-party company taking part in the work. The digitizing work is in progress now. We have made the instructions for the digitization procedure and prepared the system to publish our data on GBIF website via IPT. A small test dataset was created. We plan to publish at least 20000 new specimens till 14 August.

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Introduction

The digitizing work is performing now.

The project and its objectives

We have started the digitization work in the end of June. The whole work takes 80 calendar days and will be finished till 15 September. In the course of digitizing, we are performing checking its results and preparing the data for publishing via GBIF IPT. A small test dataset was published on GBIF website (<https://www.gbif.org/dataset/9beef55a-b4a4-4031-a1e0-0d2bdeea2c21>). We plan to publish the first part of our submission including at least 20000 specimens till August 14.

Project activities completed by mid-term

We have made a comprehensive description for the digitization company of how the catalogues should be scanned and inputted into the digital database. About 40% cards have been already digitized and will be published on the GBIF website after checking. We attach the documentation specifying our expenses on the digitizing company service. Due to legislation reasons, our co-founding expenses had to be registered as a separated contract, so the documentation includes two commercial offers and covers the whole project expenses. In the financial report, we specify sums which have been already spent in accordance with the first commercial offer.

Project communications

We plan to announce the work on collections digitizing in the international conference “Informational technologies in biodiversity studies” (<http://bit.icc.ru>) which will be delivered in Irkutsk, Russia, in 11-14 September 2018.

Mid-term evaluation findings and recommendations for the remaining project implementation period

As the project start was delayed, we were not able to publish the first part of our submission in time. However, as we can assess the work progress now, we plan to finish the whole project till the final target date.