

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GBIF NIGERIA-NgBIF

Omokafe A Ugbogu (NgBIF –Node manager)

Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, Jericho, Ibadan, Nigeria



CEESP



INTRODUCTION OF GBIF NIGERIA-NgBIF

Nigeria joined GBIF as an Associate Participant

<https://www.gbif.org/news/82818/nigeria-joins-gbif-as-national-member>



CEESP



ACHIEVEMENTS OF GBIF NIGERIA -NgBIF

- In 2017, Nigeria won two projects under *Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) programme*, funded by EU
- (a) National Project : “BID-AF2017-0210-NAC: Capacity Advancement for the Nigeria node of GBIF” (FRIN & partners)
- (b) Small Project: “ BID_AF2017_0311_SMA Species diversity, abundance, banking and barcoding of Odonata of southern and Eastern Nigeria ” – (UNILAG)
- CESP 2018 - Nigeria node mentoring



GBIF



BID

Biodiversity Information
for Development

CESP



ACHIEVEMENTS OF GBIF NIGERIA -NgBIF

- Some of the activities of NGBIF can be found on <http://www.ngbif.org.ng>.
- Nigeria IPT is hosted by GBIF France on <http://ipt-nigeria.gbif.fr>.
- Under these projects, 30,309 Data were mobilized and published.
- In addition, 17,105 data occurrences mobilized under JRS sponsored project titled “[Capture of Primary Biodiversity Data for West African Plants](#)” were published on our IPT.



CEESP



ACHIEVEMENTS OF GBIF NIGERIA -NgBIF

- Over 200 Biodiversity holders have been trained in Data mobilization and publication skills on GBIF platform.
- The Nigeria Node participated in the Regional and International activities of GBIF.
- Biodiversity Open Data Ambassador
- Our activities under GBIF have brought Nigeria Biodiversity to a greater height



CEESP



SUSTAINABILITY OF NGBIF

- Human resources: Young scientists involvement, (e.g Biodiversity Open Data Ambassador)therefore very promising
- Technical infrastructure : Still evolving
- Financial resources: Still evolving, mainly from GBIF for now



CHALLENGES

- The node lacks feedback mechanism in place for assessment.
- Some big herbaria and botanical gardens have seemingly been hesitant to publish with GBIF.
- Inadequate funds for the implementation of Node activities.
- Difficulty in securing the Country as voting member due to high annual membership fees.



CEESP



DESIRE FOR NGBIF UNDER GBIF

- Nigeria to become a voting participant
- Increase in Data Mobilization and publication
- GBIF becoming more visible amongst Data holders with high level of activities
- Meeting up with the challenges of Biodiversity needs
- NgBIF providing data for National, State and Local Decision and policy making on Biodiversity
- Attracting more funds



CEESP

