

GBIF Oceania Regional Nodes Meeting & Pacific Engagement Meeting for the Biodiversity Information for Development Programme

10 -13 September 2024, Wellington, New Zealand

Background

GBIF—the [Global Biodiversity Information Facility](#)—is an international network and data infrastructure funded by the world's governments and aimed at providing anyone, anywhere, open access to data about all types of life on Earth.

The [Biodiversity Information for Development](#) (BID) programme is an initiative led by GBIF and funded by the [European Union](#) aiming to significantly improve the availability and accessibility of data, information, and knowledge for decision makers in developing countries, to enable effective implementation of the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#) (GBF).

The BID programme is entering a new phase (August, 2024 to July, 2029) that will include actions in the Pacific region, such as capacity development workshops and calls for project proposals, aimed at standardizing and publishing biodiversity data via GBIF. The programme seeks to build a strong regional community of practice engaged in the sharing and reuse of biodiversity data, supporting scientific research, and mainstreaming biodiversity information into decision-making processes.

Meeting aims

The *GBIF Oceania Regional Nodes Meeting and the Pacific Engagement Meeting for the Biodiversity Information for Development Programme* will convene representatives from GBIF nodes, biodiversity data-holding institutions, the biodiversity research community, CBD regional support centres, and other initiatives dedicated to collecting, sharing and use of biodiversity data in the region.

The aims of these meetings are to:

- Discuss approaches to strengthening the GBIF Oceania-Pacific community with those currently engaged in activities related to open biodiversity data.
- Share regional progress updates and best-practices.
- Identify key regional capacity and information needs to inform the development of the upcoming BID call for data mobilization proposals in the region.
- Identify opportunities for synergies between existing and upcoming regional initiatives and the BID programme, such as supporting or participating in related training efforts, encouraging data sharing through regional programmes, and identifying potential data flows to enhance the use of data mobilized through BID.
- Encourage broad participation in the calls for proposals, including applicants, reviewers, mentors, trainers, and partners.

GBIF Oceania Regional Nodes Meeting Agenda

BNZ Wellington Partners Centre, Level 1, BNZ Place, 1 Whitmore Street,
Wellington - 10 September, 2024

8.30 - 9.00	Arrival	
9.00- 9.10	Brief welcome/karakia to open	
9.10 - 9.25	Welcome, brief introductions and today's agenda	Speaker: Peggy Newman, GBIF Oceania regional representative
9.15 - 10.30	Node Updates / Highlights, Initiatives, Concerns / Q & A	Facilitator: Peggy Newman Speakers: All Nodes and Observers
10.30- 11.00	Tea / Coffee	
11.00- 11.30	The GBIF network: - Mission and Priority areas - GBIF Regional Support Initiatives: Regional support teams, Capacity programmes - BID/CESP, Training materials, Data4Nature	Facilitator: Peggy Newman Speaker: Maheva Bagard Laursen and Melianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat
11.30- 12.30	Indigenous Data Sovereignty / Local Contexts Presentation and Q&A / Regional Priorities Discussion	Facilitator: Aaron Wilton, GBIF Oceania deputy Speaker: Maui Hudson, Local Contexts
12.30- 13.30	Lunch	
13.30- 14.00	Data Standards and Models: - Introduction to TDWG - GBIF Data Model Update	Speakers: Ely Wallis, CSIRO and Tim Robertson, GBIF Secretariat
14.00- 14.30	Discussion: Regional Needs, Issues and Priorities Suggested topics: Invasive species monitoring, Indigenous Knowledge, Data Repatriation, Industry engagement, among others	Facilitator: Peggy Newman Speakers: All
14.30- 15.00	Tea / Coffee	
15.30 - 16.30	Discussion: Building Regional Engagement and Growing Membership	Facilitator: Peggy Newman
16.30 - 16.45	Wrap up: Summary of key points, reporting to Governing Board and introduction of agenda for BID Pacific engagement meeting	Facilitator: Peggy Newman
16.45	Karakia to close meeting	
16.55	Group Photo	
17.00	Meeting Close	

BID Pacific Engagement Meeting Day 1 Agenda

Wharewaka Function Centre, Taranaki Wharf, 2 Taranaki Street, Waterfront, Wellington (Makaro Room) 11 September, 2024

8.30 - 9.00	Arrival	
Welcome session		
9.00 - 9.15	Mihi - Maori greeting	
9.15 - 9.45	Welcome address and opening remarks by host country	Speaker: Meredith McKay, GBIF Head of Delegation, Aotearoa New Zealand
9.45 - 10.00	Introduction to GBIF and the BID programme	Speaker: Melianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat
10.00- 10.30	Welcome refreshments	
Session 1: Setting the scene		
10.30 - 11.10	The BID programme from the perspective of previous grantees	Invited speakers: Ainsof So'o, SPREP; Janet Gagul, University of Papua New Guinea; Pagi Toko, New Guinea Binatang Research Center, Papua New Guinea; Marika Tuiwawa, University of South Pacific (online)
11.10 - 11.30	Outlining the new phase of the BID programme and key objectives	Speaker: Maheva Bagard Laursen, GBIF Secretariat
11.30 - 11.40	Objectives of the meeting	Speaker: Melianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat
11.40 - 12.00	Update from the GBIF Oceania nodes on regional status and priorities	Speakers: Peggy Newman and Aaron Wilton, GBIF Regional representatives
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
Session 2: Regional perspectives on biodiversity information needs		
13.00 - 14.45	Lightning talks and video presentations from regional experts	Invited speakers: TBC
14.45 - 15.00	Wrap up and introduction of agenda for day 2	Speaker: Melianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat
	Karakia to close meeting	
Group behind the scenes visit of Te Papa Museum		

BID Pacific Engagement Meeting Day 2 Agenda

Wharewaka Function Centre, Taranaki Wharf, 2 Taranaki Street, Waterfront, Wellington (Makaro Room) 12 September, 2024

9.00	Meeting start	
	Brief welcome/karakia to open	
Session 4: Identifying regional priorities for biodiversity data mobilization		
9.00 - 9.15	Reminder on the objectives for the day	Speaker: Melianie Raymond, GBIF Secretariat
9.15 - 9.30	Overview of data-relevance by thematic areas and data availability in GBIF	Speaker: Maheva Bagard Laursen, GBIF Secretariat
9.30 - 10.30	Group exercise: Discussions on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mobilization of data sources in line with regional priorities- Addressing capacity needs for effective biodiversity data management and sharing- Delivering biodiversity data for use	Facilitators: Maheva Bagard Laursen and Melianie Raymond
10.30 - 11.00	Tea/ Coffee	
11.00 - 12.00	Plenary discussion on results of group exercise	Facilitators: Maheva Bagard Laursen, Melianie Raymond, Peggy Newman, Aaron Wilton
12.00 - 13.00	Lunch	
Session 5: Recommendations for implementing the BID programme in the region		
13.00 - 14.00	Group exercise: Formulating suggestions for the implementation of the programme's key activities to ensure their relevance to the region	Facilitators: Maheva Bagard Laursen and Melianie Raymond
14.00 - 15.00	Plenary discussion on results of group exercise Round of take home messages from participants	Facilitators: Maheva Bagard Laursen, Melianie Raymond, Peggy Newman, Aaron Wilton
15.00- 15.30	Tea / Coffee	
15.30 - 16.00	Next steps from GBIF Secretariat: documenting the results of this meeting and ongoing opportunities for engagement	Speakers: Maheva Bagard Laursen and Melianie Raymond

16.00 - 16.30	Concluding remarks from meeting hosts and regional representatives	Speakers: Meredith McKay, Peggy Newman, Aaron Wilton
16.30 - 17.00	Group photo Practical information for day 3 excursion	
17.00	Karakia and meeting close	

BID Pacific Engagement Meeting Day 3 Excursion

Group visit to Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, 13 September, 2024

This excursion will start at 9:30, with shuttle buses to take participants to Zealandia. Further practical information will be provided to participants during the meeting.

Bioblitz

We encourage all participants to take part in a Bioblitz to capture occurrences using iNaturalist: <https://inaturalist.nz/projects/gbif-2024-oceania-regional-meetings>. Further details will be provided during the meeting.

About Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne

New Zealand has some of the most unique biodiversity and advanced conservation techniques in the world. Zealandia is the ultimate way to experience our rare and amazing wildlife. This tour is a way to soak up the beautiful scenery while learning more about our unique ecological history.

We will host a guided 2 hour tour with Zealandia's experienced guides. This includes an engaging and informative walk through the picturesque sanctuary to witness the native wildlife that is once again living on the mainland. With everything in Zealandia living wild, our nature-guru guides will use their knowledge of birdsong, habitats, and local flora to track down even the rarest of our unique animals.

What You Might See:

Kākā | Kākāriki | Takahē | Tuatara | Tīeke/Saddleback | Whitehead | Wētā | Kererū | Hihi | Bellbird

What to bring:

- This is a 2-hour guided outdoor experience, and tours commence in all weather conditions.
- Please ensure that you are suitably dressed for a short outdoor bush walk.
- Wear sturdy walking shoes as the ground is rough and uneven in places.
- Please bring some warm clothes and a waterproof jacket.
- Bring a water bottle and sunscreen

Additional information

Everyone will need to conduct a biosecurity check of their bags before entering the sanctuary to ensure that Zealandia stays free from predators and invasive species. Please follow your guide's instructions during the tour.

Smoking or vaping is not permitted at any time within Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne or the Visitor Centre.

Want to explore Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne further? Your tour booking includes General Admission to the sanctuary! General Admission can be used the day of or the day after the booked tour date. Standard opening hours and last entry times apply. Please check our [website](#) for current opening hours.