## Lecture 8 Digital biological collections

**PBIO 161 Biological collections** 



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### Basic plan of the lecture

- Creating digital data from biological collections (*Jere*)
  - motivation
  - methods
- Acquiring specimen data (Jere)
- Distributing data (Kari)
  - Finnish Biodiversity Information Facility
  - Legal issues: licenses, restrictions (Nagoya Protocol etc)

## Definitions

- Digital data
  - In practice data converted to a binary, computeraccessible format
  - Data != meaningful content
- Digitization (*digitointi*)
  - Converting into digital data
  - Often, but not always, means imaging (or otherwise recording) a specimen in our context
- Digitalization (*digitalisaatio*)
  - Increasing digitization & use of digital data



# Why do we digitize natural history collections?

- research infrastrucure
  - access to data
  - analysis
  - backup/security
- public relations



#### Physical specimens



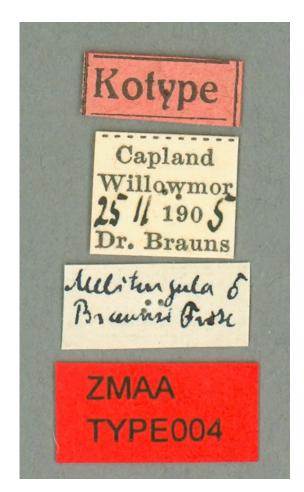






#### http://mus.utu.fi/ZMAA.TYPE004

cotype *Meliturgula braunsi* Friese, 1903



by U. of Turku

#### http://mus.utu.fi/ZMAA.TYPE004

Collection: Type specimen collections of Åbo Akademi		
Datasets:	Coll. Forsius	
Notes:	Collected after the description by the type collector from the type location	
	Åbo Akademi/Coll. Forsius/XVIII.7. APIDAE	
Collecting	g event (gathering)	
Leg:	Brauns, J.	
Start date:	25.11.1905	
Verbatim le from orgin source:	al Dr. Brauns	
Lat (N):	-33.287796	
Lon (E):	23.489593	
Coordinate	e WGS84 and ETRS89, decimal	

Created by Hopkins, Tapani on 2017-12-19 Edited by Teräs, Anssi on 2019-03-05 Current owner is Zoological Museum, Biodiversity Unit, University of Turku

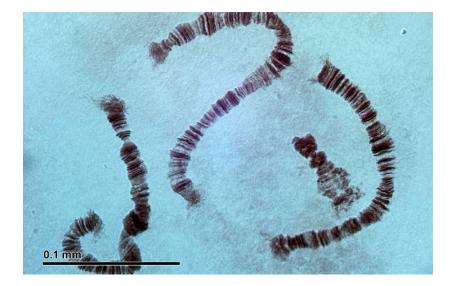
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# Field notes, manuscripts other papers

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#### Experimental data

- Sonograms
- Chromosome slide preparations

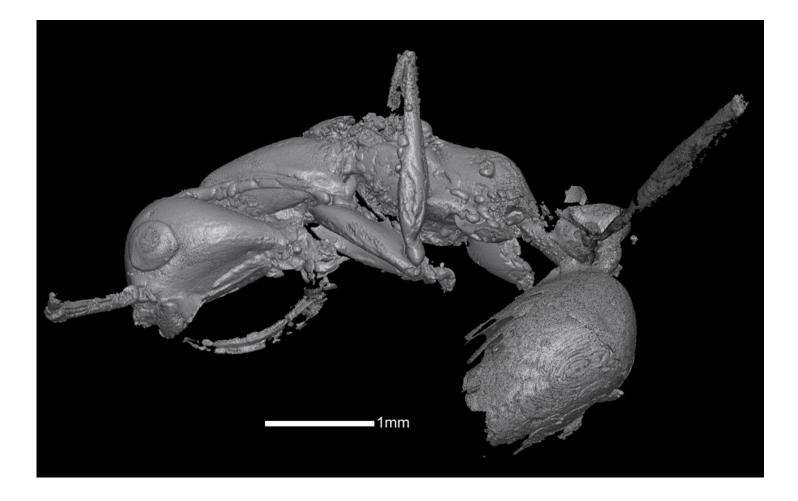


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# Other items digitized in natural history collections

- Chemical data: DNA
- Collection-level data
- Collection maintenance: loans, donations etc.
- Metadata
- Observations
- Literature

#### Methods and tools



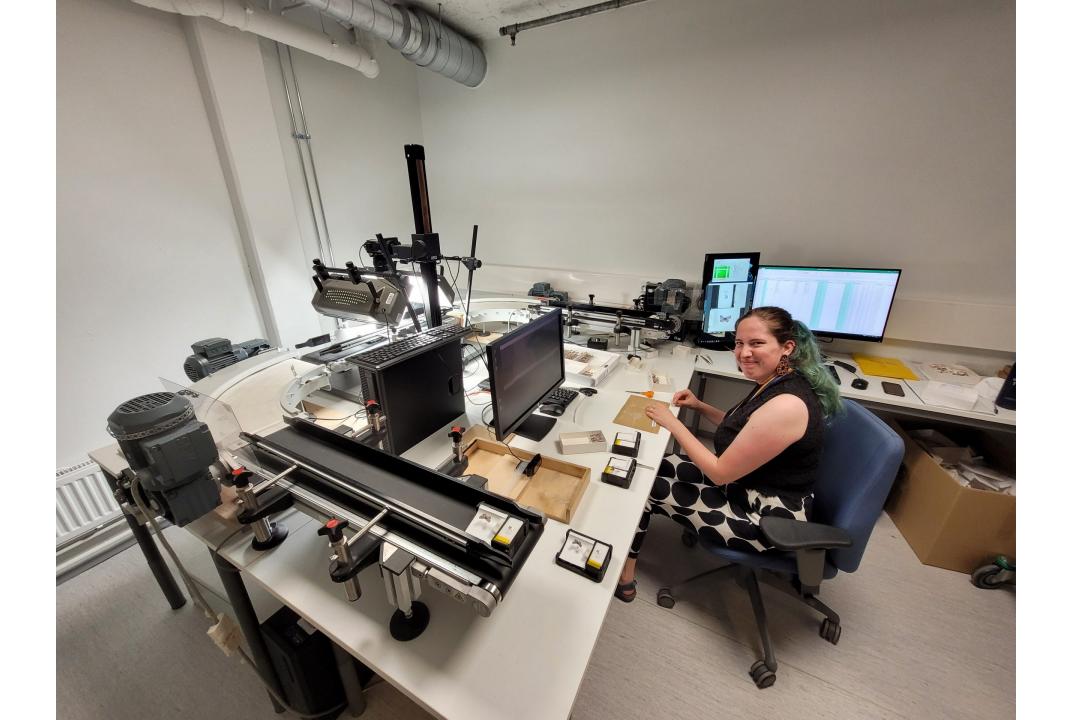
Profile computed tomographic scan of the *Haidomyrmex scimitarus* holotype. specimen AMNH-BUFB80 by Phillip Barden, <u>Creative Commons Attribution</u> <u>4.0 International</u>

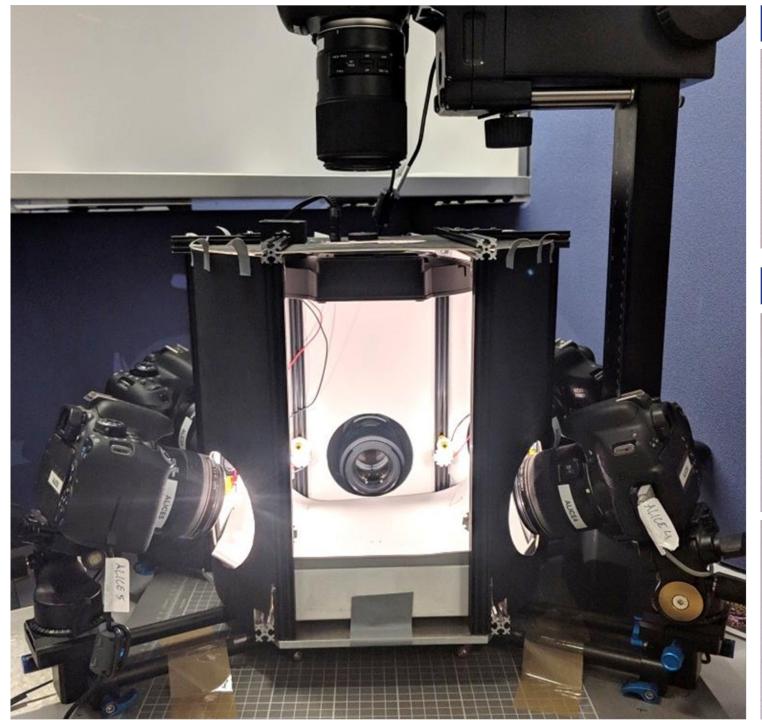
#### Imaging: 2D

- Fast
- Cheap
- Can handle many types of material
- Limits on quality

http://plants.jstor.org/stable/10.5555/al.ap.visual.ma-ajb04-d-0812







#### Specimen Images



#### Label Images

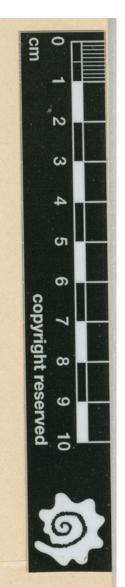








#### Calibration data

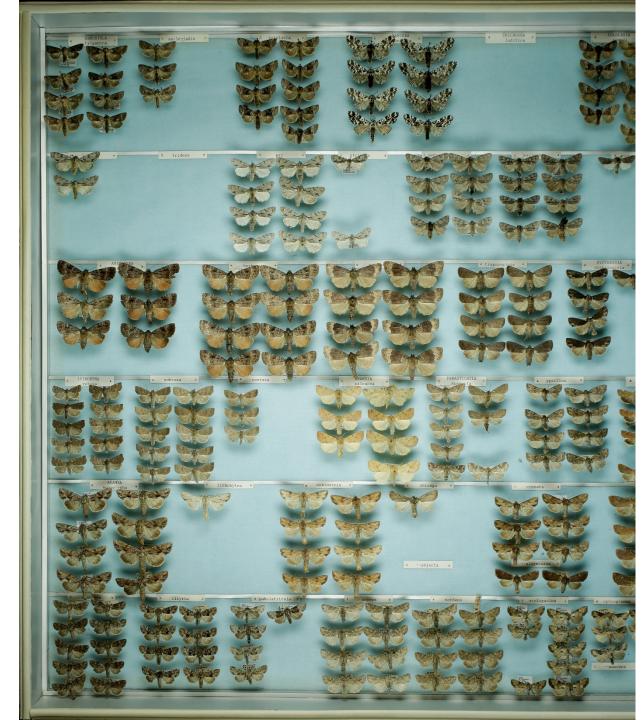






### Imaging: 2D

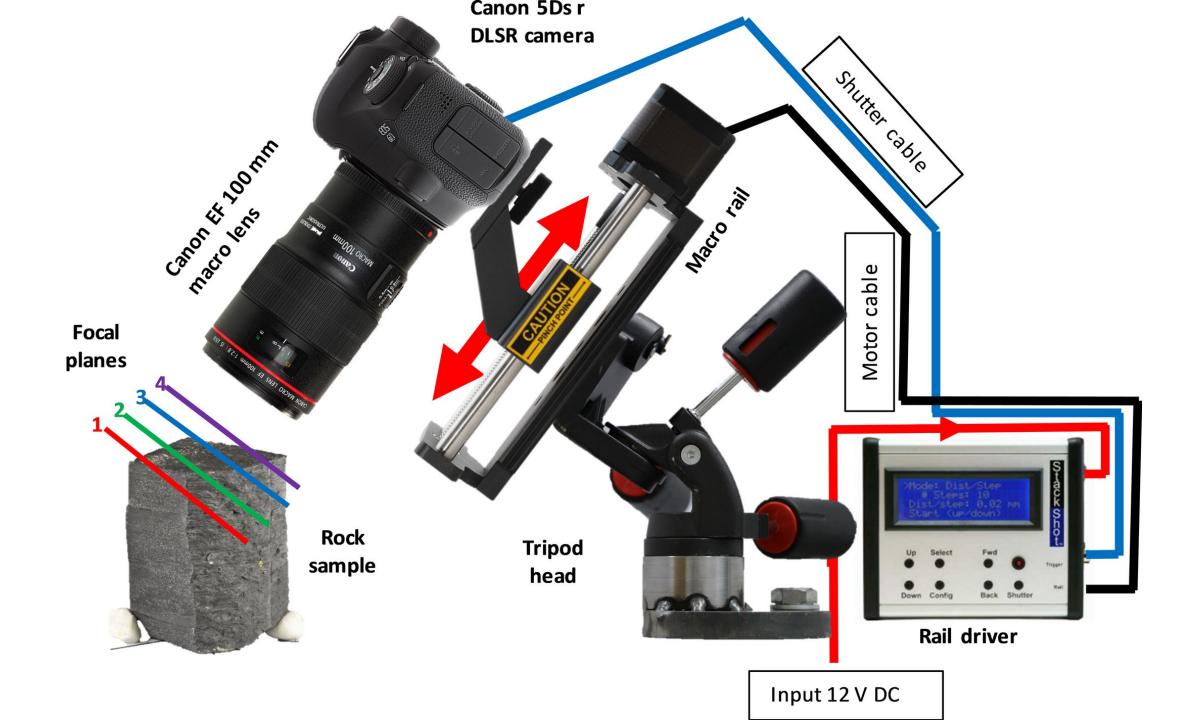
• Coll. Seppo Karhula aquired & documented @ Luomus



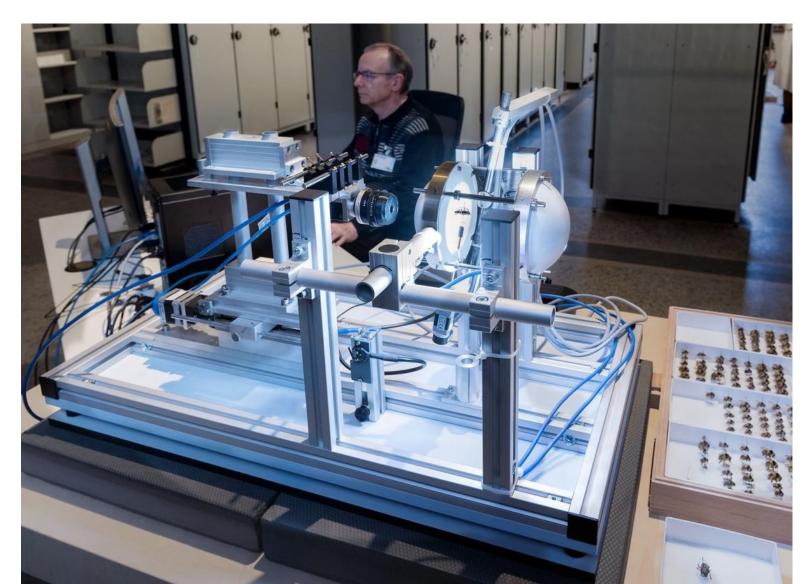
#### Imaging: 2D stacking

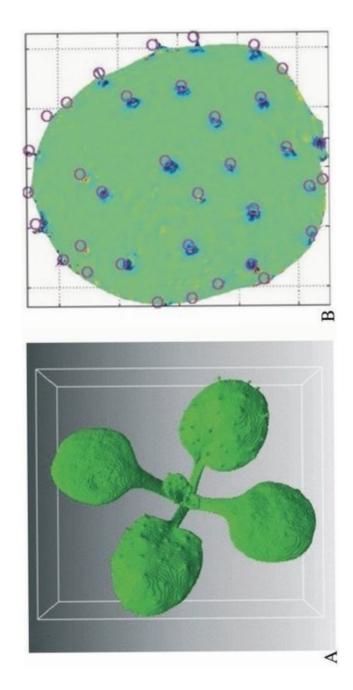


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#### Imaging: 3D surface

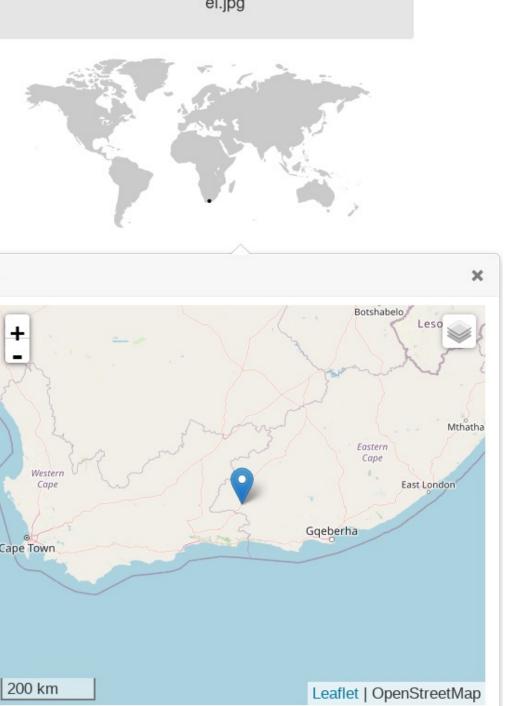




## Imaging: 3D internal (microCT)



Verbatim leg from orginal source:	Dr. Brauns	
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Lon (E):	23.489593	
Coordinate system:	WGS84 and ETRS89, decimal degrees	
Verbatim locality from label or other original source:	Capland Willowmor	• •
Country:	South Africa	-
Biogeographical province:	The Cape Provinces	
Administrative province:	Eastern Cape	Western Cape
Verbatim date from original source:	25 11 1905	Cape Town
Municipality:	Sarah Baartman District Municipality	
Locality	Willowmore	
names:		200 km



#### http://id.luomus.fi/HA.H0769110 Orchis curvifolia F. Nyl. 1844

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### How much data is enough data?

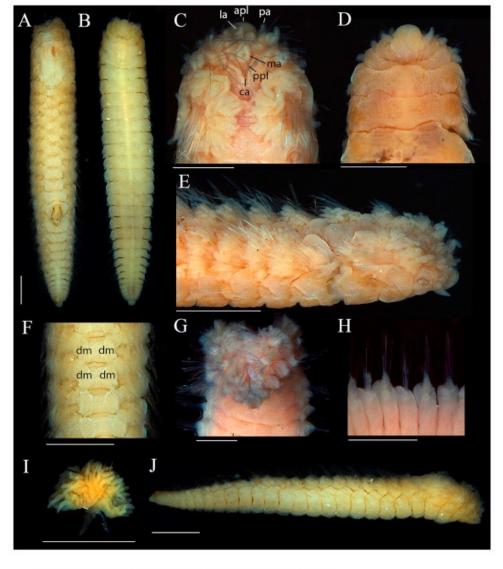
• Minimum Information about a Digital Specimen MIDS

MIDS level	Record extent	Purpose
1	Basic	A basic record of specimen information.
2	Regular	Key information fields that have been agreed over time as essential for most scientific purposes.
3	Extended	Other data present or information known about the specimen, including links to third-party sources.
0 (Note)	Bare	A bare or skeletal record making the association between an identifier of a physical specimen and its digital representation, allowing for unambiguous attachment of all other information.

# Book-keeping: keeping the digital and the physical together

Keeping track of specimens & digital data

- Which specimen was used for the illustrations in a species description?
- What specimens did Dr. Krivosheina examine in 2004 at Luomus?



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Fig. 3. *Cryptonome barbada* sp. nov. Stereoscope images. A. entire specimen, dorsal view; B. entire specimen, ventral view; C. anterior region, dorsal view; D. anterior region, ventral view; E. anterior region, lateral view; F. mid-body region, dorsal view; G. anterior region, dorsal view, H. Left side of mid-body region, ventral view; I. Branchia; J. entire specimen, lateral view. Scales bar = 1 mm. apl. anterior prostomial lobe; ca. caruncle; dm. dorsal mound; la. lateral antenna; ma. median antenna; pa. **palp**; ppl. posterior prostomial lobe.

### Unique identifiers

- Solves several problems:
  - Referring to a particular sample in text (e
  - Linking related data
- Stable = unique & understandable

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Herbarium of Dr. Anthony L. Swinehart		
ALS#1352 Family: ERICACEAE Taxon: Andromeda glaucophylla Notes: Yost Bog, Sec. 22, T38N, R8E, Lagrange County, Indiana, USA.		
legit: Anthony L. Swinehart Date: SEPT 5, 1999 determinavit: A.L.S.		



#### Stable identifiers

- Still in flux globally
  - See DOI 10.1371/journal.pbio.2001414 : McMurry: "Identifiers for the 21st century: How to design, provision, and reuse persistent identifiers to maximize utility and impact of life science data"
- CETAF Stable Identifiers
  - URIs: Look like web addresses: <u>http://id.luomus.fi/GV.45118</u>
- Alternatives
  - LSID Life Science Identifiers
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  - DOI (Digital Object Identifier)
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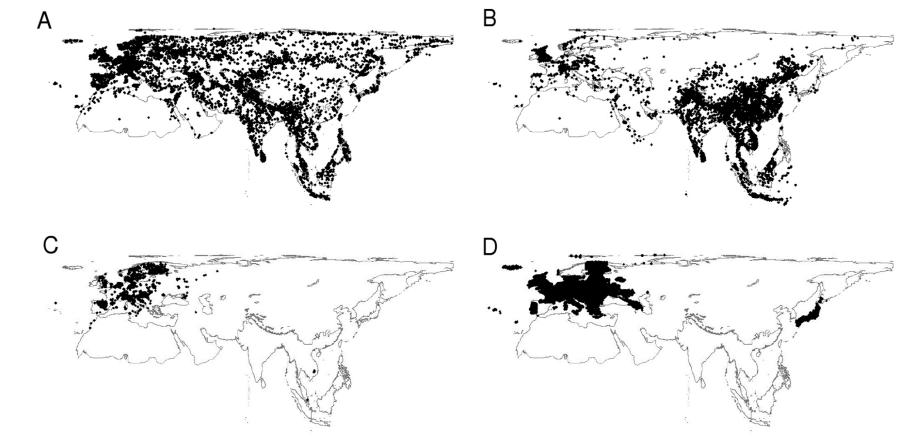
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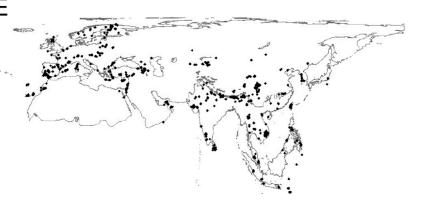
Make your work – in collections and elsewhere – reproducible: use stable identifiers

### Basic plan of the lecture

- Part 2: Finding & acquiring collection specimen data
  - Caveats concerning specimen data
  - GBIF in more detail
  - (Data formats)

The spatial distribution of records from different sources. A) museums, B) literature, C) ringing, D) atlas, and E) website trip reports.





#### Galliformes

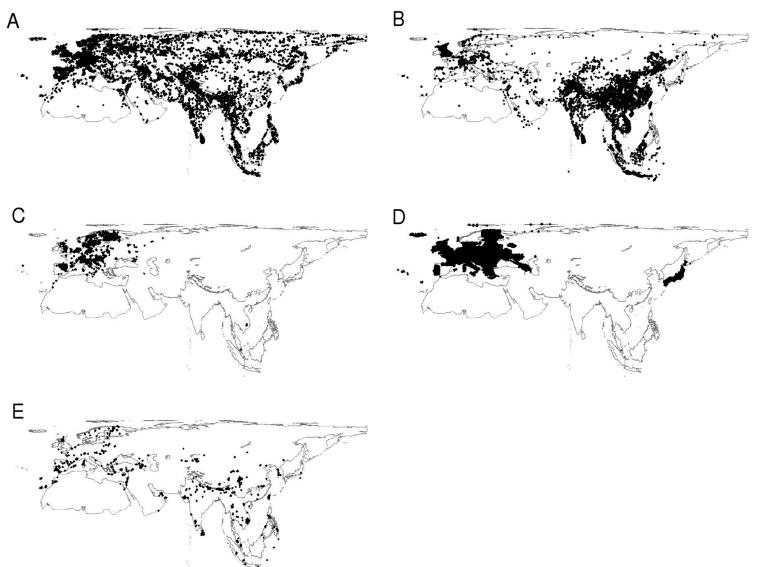
*Boakes et al. 2010* Distorted Views of Biodiversity: Spatial and Temporal Bias in Species Occurrence Data *Boakes et al. 2010* Distorted Views of Biodiversity: Spatial and Temporal Bias in Species Occurrence Data

• By collating a large historical database of  $\sim$ 170,000 records of species in the avian order Galliformes, dating back over two centuries and covering Europe and Asia, we investigate patterns of spatial and temporal bias in five sources of species distribution data: museum collections, scientific literature, ringing records, ornithological atlases, and website reports from "citizen scientists." Museum data were found to provide the most comprehensive historical coverage of species' ranges but often proved extremely time-intensive to collect. Literature records have increased in their number and coverage through time, whereas ringing, atlas, and website data are almost exclusively restricted to the last few decades. Geographically, our data were biased towards Western Europe and Southeast Asia. Museums were the only data source to provide reasonably even spatial coverage across the entire study region. In the last three decades, literature data have become increasingly focussed towards threatened species and protected areas, and currently no source is providing reliable baseline information—a role once filled by museum collections.

#### Is there bias in this study on bias?

The spatial distribution of records from different sources.

A) museums, B) literature, C) ringing, D) atlas, and E) website trip reports.

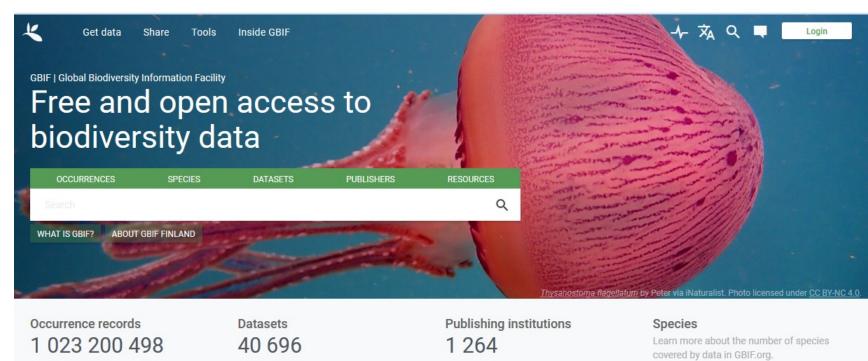


## Morphological/gene data (global)

- DNA
  - BOLD best traceability back to specimens (<u>v4.boldsystems.org/</u>)
  - Genbank/European Nucleotide Archive large, but has quality issues (<u>www.ebi.ac.uk/ena</u>)
- Character libraries:
  - Morphobank <u>morphobank.org/</u>
- 2D/3D image/model libraries:
  - very scattered

## Collection sample data sources: global

- GBIF (portal)
  - Original focused mostly on occurences from observations
  - Species
  - Curated datasets
- Other databases
  - <u>iobis.org/</u> (global marine biodiv.)
  - Many others by field or region: CSIRO, India Biodiversity Portal

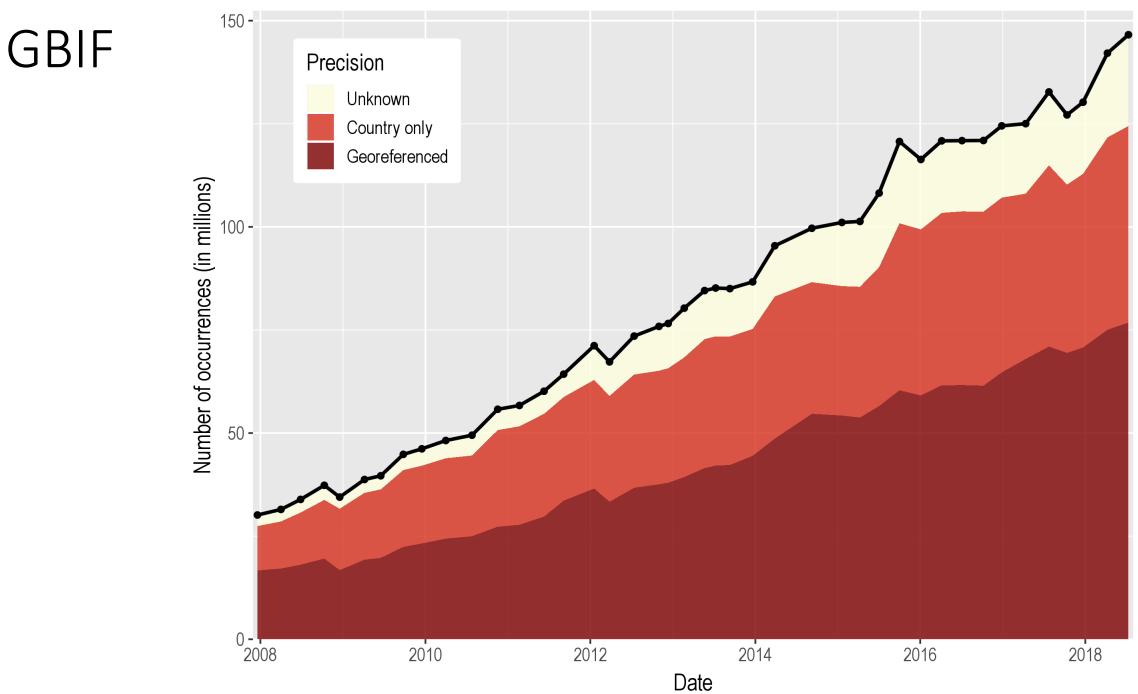


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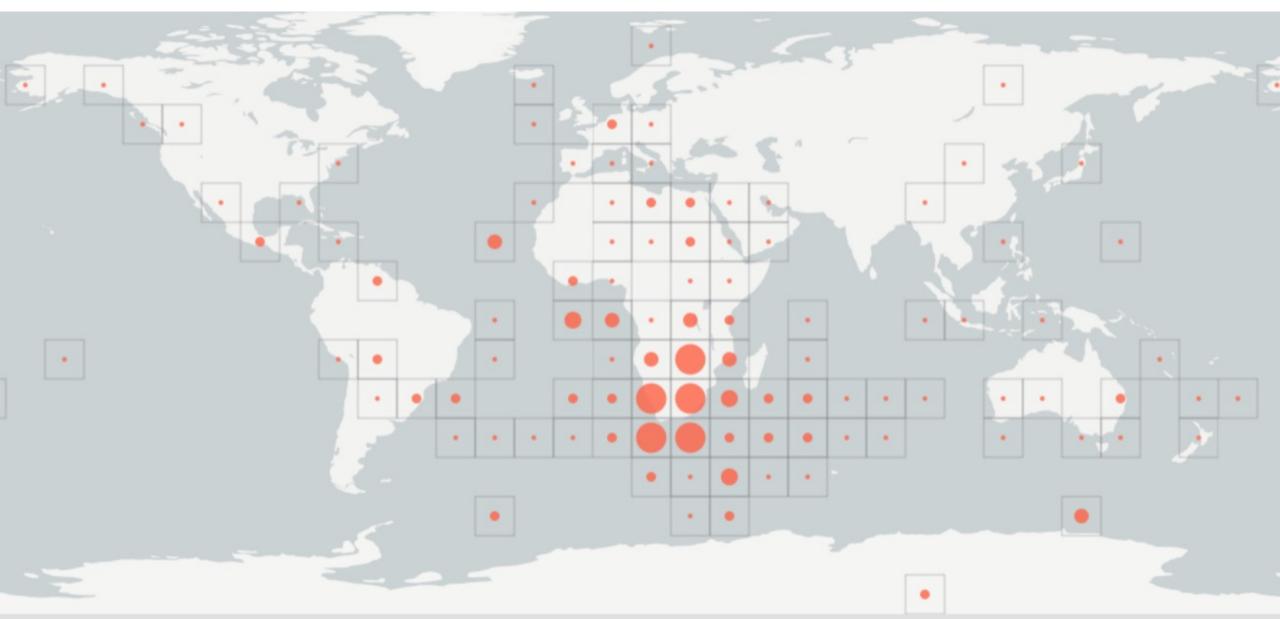
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	Preserved specimen	149 053 992
	Fossil specimen	10 053 234
	Living specimen	1 409 721
	Unknown	24 079 355

#### Availability of coordinates and country for specimens



#### GBIF "South Africa"



# Laji.fi country:"South Africa"



The one thing to remember from this part!

# All data is biased, some data is just wrong

Almost certainly out of time here, so everything past this slide will be skipped

for institutes?

# Biscussion Ban we prepare for future research needs today?

Who owns the data (or the specimen)?

# Finding digital collection (etc) data

- choose your requirements
  before searching
- primary & non-primary (aggregator) sources
- collection data is verifiable
- existing vs. digi on demand



# Data formats: occurence data

- Comma-separated values (CSV)
- Excel files (.xls/.xlsx)
- Darwin Core

# Simple Darwin Core

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# Darwin Core

http://rs.tdwg.org/dwc/

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# Issues with specimen data

- Always know your original source!
- Occurence data is extremely biased
  - Work with uniform(cough cough) subsets
  - Normalize as far as possible
- Big data is full of small mistakes

# **CETAF** Stable identifiers

- Examples
  - http://id.luomus.fi/GV.45118
  - <u>http://mus.utu.fi/ZMAA.TYPE001</u>
- Museum für Naturkunde Berlin:
  - object at http://coll.mfn-berlin.org/u/ZMB\_123
  - rdf at http://coll.mfn-berlin.org/u/ZMB\_123.rdf
  - json at http://coll.mfn-berlin.org/u/ZMB\_123.json
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  - html at http://coll.mfn-berlin.org/u/ZMB\_123.html



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### Number of occurrences per day of year



# **IPS-161 BIOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS**

<u>Wed 24.viii.</u> <u>Lecture 8</u> - Jere Kahanpää/digitization team & Kari Lahti

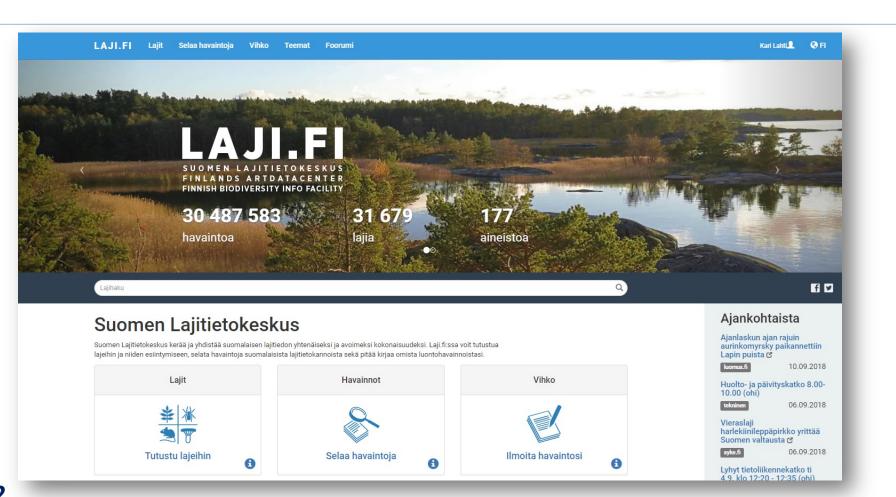
Documentation, databases (including KOTKA etc.) + DIGITALIZATION + OPEN data (FinBIF, GBIF)

- + biodiversity-informatics
- citing specimens by unique identifiers

### Kari LAHTI 24.8.2022

# **FinBIF** — Finnish Biodiversity Information Facility - National Infrastructure of Species Information -

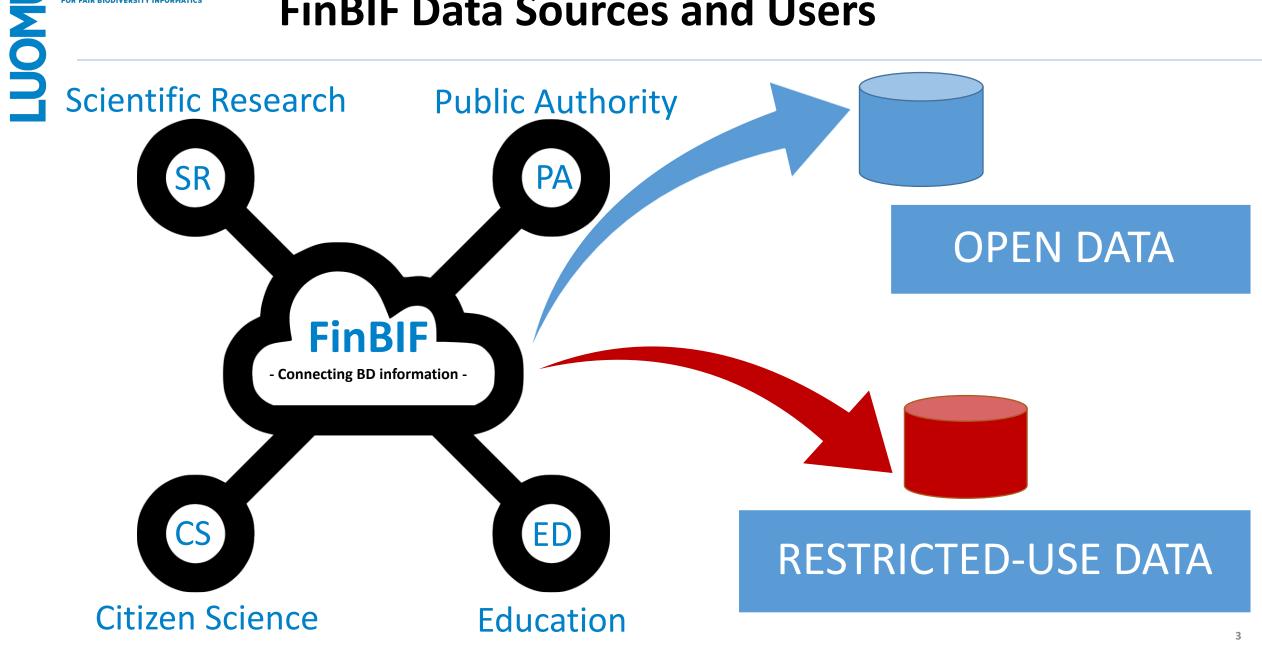




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# **FinBIF Data Sources and Users**



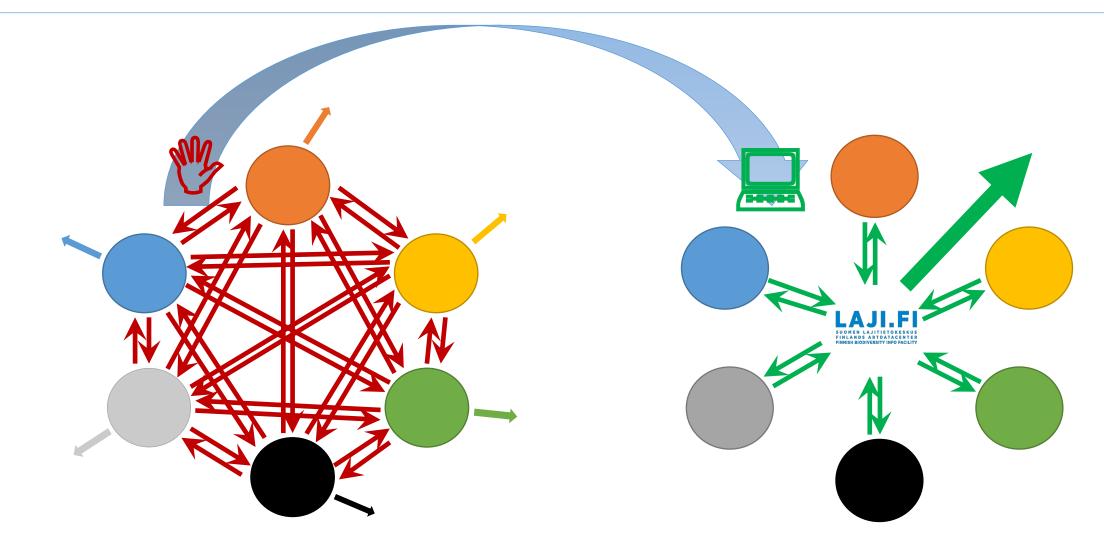


# **FinBIF – From Chaos towards Harmony**





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# **FinBIF – From Chaos towards Harmony**

**Natural Science** Collections

LUOMUS

LUONNONTIETEELLINEN KESKUSMUSEO

TURUN YLIOPISTO | Biodiversiteetti

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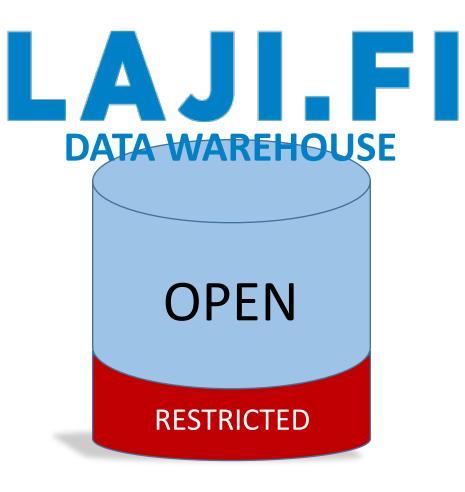


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**FinBIF – Data sharing and usage** 



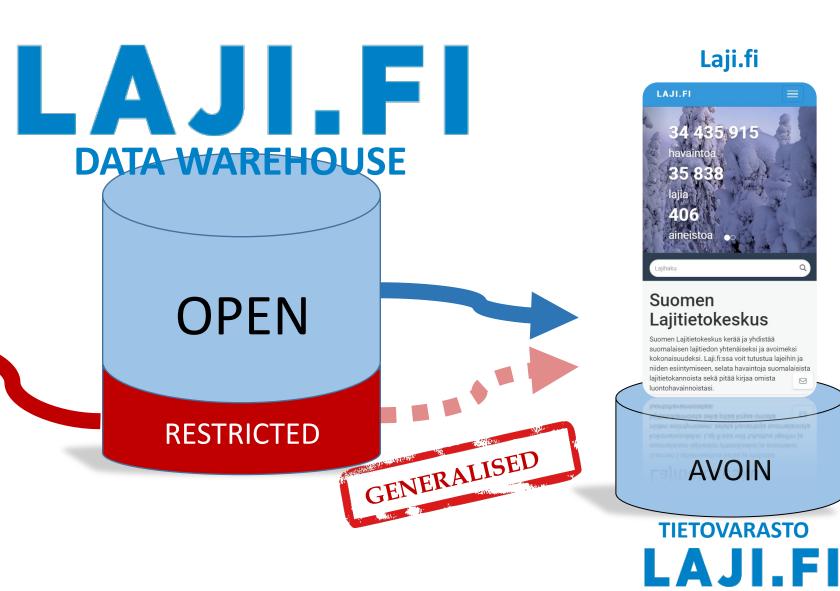


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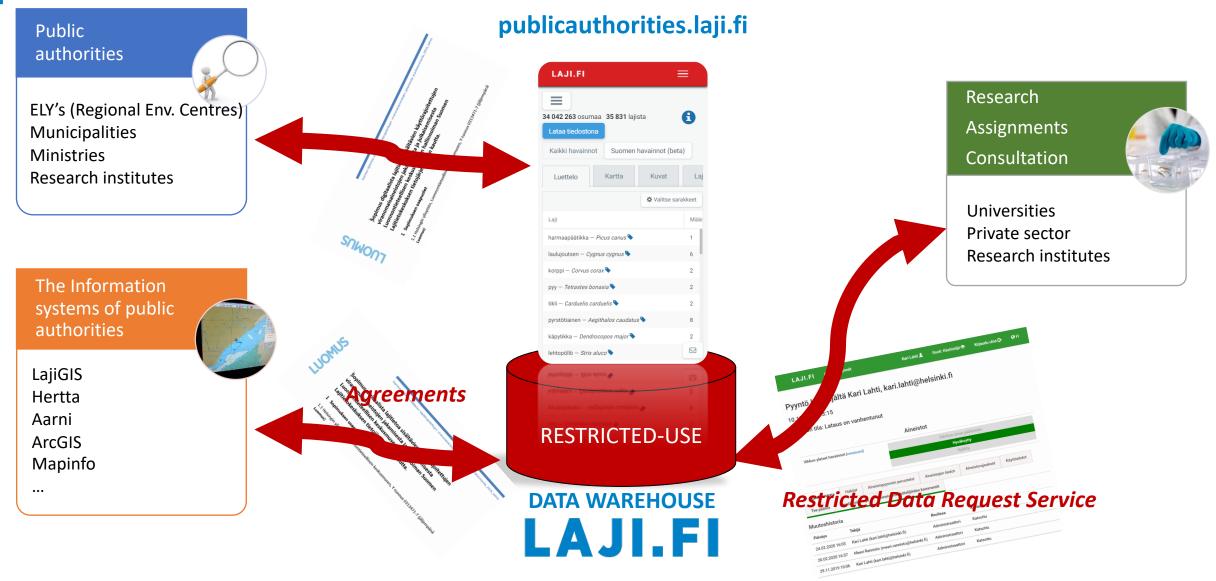
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# **FinBIF – The usage of restricted-use data**

#### **RESTRICTED DATA REQUEST SERVICE Open Data** LAJI.FI Aineistopyynnöt kari.lahti@helsinki.fi 👤 Open Tervetuloa aineistopyyntöjen hallintajärjestelmään Kannassa ei ole pyyntöjä. **Data Warehouse** REQUESTER Restricted 2. **Private data Research data Sensitive Data** - restricted use -- embargo -4. kari.lahti@helsinki.fi 🚨 Tervetuloa aineistopyyntöjen hallintajärjestelmään 3. Aineistopyynte Tarkastele aineistopyynno klaa vike kla se loosa. ISION PUBLIC SERVICES Soll Nävtä kerralla Havaintojen lukumäärä Jusia tapahtumi 3. 148 27 A11 Kesk maner no Vi 2 3 320 07.03.2017 12:52 320 whatestaaia@gmail.cor 06.03.2017 11:58 320 vhatestaaia@gmail.com 06.03.2017 10:41 4 622 whatestaaia@gmail.com 04.03.2017 04:25 pyhatestaaja@gmail.com

#### http://schreibaby-zephyr.deviantart.com/art/Entomologist-Kitaro-221196716



# FAIR principles as a "pressure test"

# Published 2016\*

- Adopted widely
  - EC European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) "As Open as Possible, as Closed as Necessary"
  - Horizon 2020
    - <u>Turning FAIR into reality</u> (EUROPA>Publications\_Office of the EU>Publication detail> Turning FAIR into reality)

### Aim is to make the data:

- Findable
- Accessible
- Interoperable
- Re-usable

- 1. The elements of the FAIR Principles are related, but independent and separable.
- 2. The Principles assist discovery and reuse by third-parties.
- 3. The barrier-to-entry is maintained as low as possible.
- 4. The Principles function in any combination and incrementally increase degrees of 'FAIRness'.

# **FAIR & Finnish Biodiversity Information Facility**

# TEST results of FinBIF (self assessment) \*\*\* = max score

### Findable

- 1. Persistent identifier, PID
- 2. Rich metadata
- 3. Registered in a searchable resource
- 4. PID is specified at the metadata

### Accessible

- 1. Data should be retrievable by identifier according to principle "As Open as Possible, as Closed as Necessary"
- 2. Protocol is open, free, and universally implementable
- 3. Registration and authorisation supported, where necessary
- 4. Metadata still available even when the data is no longer available.

### Interoperable

- 1. Data use a formal, accessible, shared, and broadly applicable language for knowledge representation.
- 2. Data use vocabularies that follow FAIR principles.
- 3. Data include qualified references to other data

### **Re-usable**

- 1. Meta(data) have a plurality of accurate and relevant attributes.
- 2. Data are released with a clear and accessible data usage license.
- 3. Data are associated with their provenance.
- 4. Data meet domain-relevant community standards

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### **Unique PIDs**

FinBIF uses a *persistent HTTP-URI identifier* for all types of real-life and digital objects (specimens, occurrences, taxa, metadata, persons, organisations, information systems, etc.), as recommended by the World Wide Web Consortium (Best practices for publishing linked data; <u>https://www.w3.org/TR/ld-bp/</u>).

The identifier takes the user to an ID redirect service, which redirects the user to a page that shows information about the object in human-readable format. For example, specimen identifiers redirect to information about the specimen and taxon identifiers to a page describing the taxon.

The redirect service can also provide machine-readable data about the object, if the user (client software) requests that using Accept headers.

If partner organisations do not provide HTTP-URI identifiers for their occurrences, FinBIF will use the persistent internal IDs of the data source to generate globally unique URI identifiers.

DOI (Digital Object Identifier) identifiers for data downloads and dataset metadata will be created in the near future. (<u>https://www.doi.org/driven\_by\_doi/DOI\_Marketing\_Brochure.pdf</u>).



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Lataus koostuu seuraavista aineistoista joille on määritelty käyttöoikeuslisenssi:

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#### Lataa tiedosto

Lataamalla tiedoston sitoudut noudattamaan yllä mainittuja käyttöoikeuslisenssejä. Lisenssit löytyvät myös latauksen readmettt tiedostosta.



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Tiedoston vienti Exceliin Tiedoston vienti ArcGIS -paikkatieto-ohjelmaan



### Kotka CMS

- Kotka is one of the two **primary data** management systems of FinBIF
- Kotka applies simple and **pragmatic** approaches. This has helped it grow into a nationally used system.
- The aim is to improve **collection management efficiency** by providing practical tools.
- Kotka **emphasises the quantity** of digitised specimens over completeness of the data. It harmonises practices by bringing all types of collections under one system; the types currently covered include zoological, botanical, mycological and palaeontological museum collections, tissue and DNA samples, and botanic garden and microbial living collections.
- Kotka stores data mostly in a denormalised free text format using a triplestore and a simple hierarchical data model. This allows greater flexibility of use and faster development compared to a normalized relational database.
- Kotka does some data validation, but quality control is seen as a continuous process and is mostly done after the data have been recorded into the system.
- Kotka is a web application. Data can be entered, edited, searched and exported through a browser-based user interface (UI). However, most users prefer to enter new data in customizable MS-Excel templates, which support the hierarchical data model, and upload these to Kotka. Batch updates can also be done using Excel.
- Kotka stores all revisions of the data to avoid any data loss due to technical or human error.
- Kotka supports **designing and printing specimen labels** (Heikkinen et al. 2019b), annotations by external users, and handling accessions, loan transactions, and the Nagoya protocol (Kuusijärvi et al. 2019).
- <u>https://biss.pensoft.net/article/37181/list/19/</u>

# FinBIF – RELEVANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS



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# **Decision making**

- Sustainable use of Natural Resources
- Land use practices and planning Ο
- Nature Conservation, species Ο protection, Red Data Books
- EU and National Reporting Ο
- Invasive Alien Species; early warning Ο and eradication

# Research

- Species surveys and censuses Ο
- **Climate Change indications** Ο

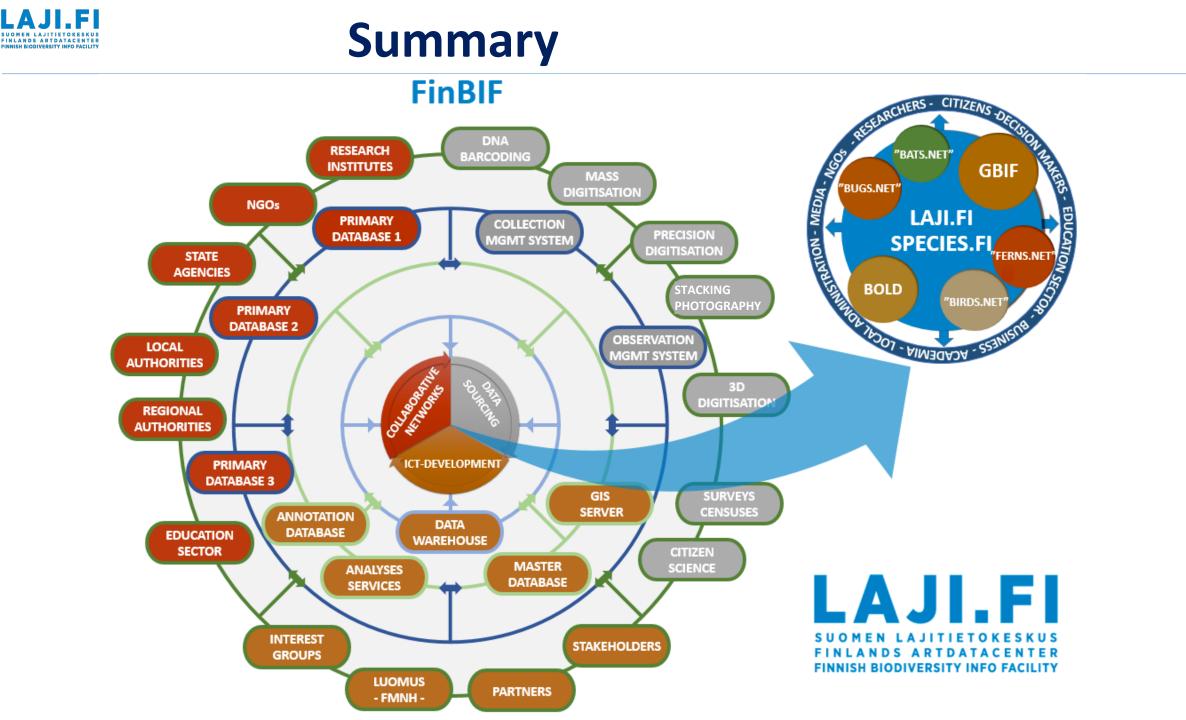
# **Education**

- Schools Species identification and digital herbaria
- University Learning environment Ο



## Challenges encountered with database and data

- 1. Biggest challenge is to convince data owners to share their data especially as Open Data
- 2. The diverse use of **different taxonomies**, taxonomic backbones and scientific names in **defining the same taxon concepts** creates a huge challenge, which we are trying to tackle by applying **Linked Data principles with taxon concept URI-identifiers.** Harmonising the used taxonomies to be linked or redefined with the national taxonomy of FinBIF is the ultimate national goal. Nordic-Baltic pilot to link the regional taxonomies is under way through NeIC led project DeepDive.
- 3. Endless need to **provide tools** to assist users in the **process of sharing** their data **and using** FinBIF data (Excel imports-exports, E-forms, GIS-application support, API interfaces...). Data is stored in such a huge variety of forms standards enormously needed.
- 4. Data flow issues from a content standpoint are mainly concerning how to deal with the data quality, how to handle data sensitivity, how to manage scientific research data to allow enough time for analysing and publishing and at the same time share the e.g. raw species occurrence data asap for needed use (land use planning and practices, EIA etc.)
- 5. Data policies are often institutional and quite often protect the institution's internal potential benefits instead of supporting open data. Licencing, sensitive information and use-restrictions are most difficult issues to solve when designing the data policy. To cover the legal aspects is another challenge.



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