Data mobilisation from GBIF to the EBV Data Portal

Harmonisation of species keys for the JSON query of species listed in the Annex I of the Birds Directive

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Introduction

In this notebook we prepare the speciesUsageKey for birds listed in Annex I of the Birds Directive. Subsequently, we will work with the GBIF occurrence data and therefore use the speciesUsageKey in its backbone taxonomy. We have previously prepared a list from Annex I of the Birds Directive that includes the taxonomy.

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Load Libraries

```
rm(list=ls())
gc()

##          used (Mb) gc trigger (Mb) max used (Mb)
## Ncells 2270313 121.3    6147489 328.4 12006812 641.3
## Vcells 5136122 39.2    43069612 328.6 104364218 796.3

# Load requiered libraries
library(here)
library(dplyr)
```

Data Pre-processing

First we start loading the species taxonomy obtained through the gbif spcies matching tool.

```
# Load species taxonomy only with 'accepted' scientific names in the GBIF backbone taxonomy
tax <- read.csv(here("input/data/birds/taxonomy/list193birds_directive_annexi_match_gbif_updated.csv"))
```

As some of the scientific names in Annex I of the Birds Directive are considered synonyms by the GBIF backbone taxonomy, we will use the acceptedUsageKey for the synonyms and the key for the accepted scientific names. To do this, we will fill in the acceptedUsageKey column with the key for accepted names, and keep the acceptedUsageKey for synonyms. Thus, the accepted keys for all species in the list will appear in the acceptedUsageKey column.

```
# Merge in one column `key` of accepted names and `acceptedUsageKey` of synonyms
usagekeys <- tax %>%
   mutate(acceptedUsageKey = coalesce(acceptedUsageKey, key))

# Write CSV with `acceptedUsageKey` for all species to be used in the JSON query
write.csv(usagekeys, here("input/data/birds/taxonomy/list193birds_directive_annexi_allaccepted_usagekey
```