Biodiversity Information for Development   
Stakeholders survey 2: Data holders in the Pacific

Biodiversity Information for Development (BID) is a multi-year programme funded by the [European Union](http://europa.eu/) and led by GBIF. Its aim is to increase the amount and use of biodiversity information in [the ‘ACP’ nations of sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific](https://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/african-caribbean-and-pacific-acp-region_en).

GBIF is seeking input from two stakeholder groups critical to the long-term success of the BID programme - data holders and decision makers.

Data holders need resources and incentives to distribute the many types of information that they steward.

This survey seeks the opinions of data holders from ACP countries in the Pacific. What financial or technical challenges do you face in sharing data for use in research and policy?

The thirteen-question survey starts on page three and will take around 20 minutes to answer. Please submit your completed survey to [bidsurvey@gbif.org](mailto:strategicplan@gbif.org) at your earliest convenience. An online version of this survey is available at [links.gbif.org/bidsurveydh](http://links.gbif.org/bidsurveydh) if you prefer to use that mechanism.A parallel survey for biodiversity decision makers can be found [here](http://links.gbif.org/bidsurveydmdoc).

FR: Une [version française de ce sondage est disponible ici](http://links.gbif.org/bidsurveyfrdhdoc) .

# Funding opportunities through the BID programme

Funding available through the BID programme will seek to support capacity enhancement activities and projects that mobilize biodiversity data and strengthen national or regional biodiversity information facilities in the ACP countries.

GBIF will open a call for proposals for the Pacific in the third quarter of 2016, providing a total of up to €500,000 in project grants. The call will adopt a similar model to the [first call for proposals from sub Saharan Africa](http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/news/bid-2015-call-for-proposals-pre-announcement-EN) with three grant types:

* **National biodiversity data mobilization grants** seeking to establish or strengthen [national biodiversity information facilities](http://www.gbif.org/resource/80925) and to sustainably increase the biodiversity data available about the country to respond to national priorities.
* **Regional biodiversity data mobilization grants** to develop international collaborations to sustainably increase biodiversity data relevant for biodiversity conservation priorities. These must involve a minimum of three partners from the region, with an identified lead agency coordinating the activities of the consortium.
* **Small biodiversity data mobilization grants**, which seek to mobilize biodiversity data from individual data holders (individual persons, institutions, projects) targeted for use in decision-making and/or research.

BID will favor projects that

* Mobilize biodiversity data related to protected areas, threatened species, or invasive alien species
* Generate best practices in digitizing natural history collections and/or in mobilizing [species occurrence data, sampling event data, species checklists or dataset descriptions (metadata)](http://www.gbif.org/publishing-data/summary)
* Engage users of biodiversity data in producing guiding examples of the integration of biodiversity data into decision-making and research, and ensure the mobilized data are suited to the user’s needs
* Develop lasting national, regional or thematic networks to support ongoing data sharing and reuse

**Eligibility**

Applicants leading project proposals must be legal entities located in a Pacific ACP country. Partners in regional consortia may include institutions in overseas territories located in the Pacific region. All applicants must include project co-funding as well as plans to ensure sustainability of activities after project support from BID concludes. The BID programme funds will support staff time, travel and costs associated with the organization of meetings and workshops, and a limited amount of cost for IT services and equipment.

We encourage those interested in BID to bookmark [this page](http://www.gbif.org/bid), sign up for our newsletters [here](http://www.gbif.org/bid) and [elsewhere](http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/summary), and subscribe for [news](http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/archive/rss) and [events](http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/events/upcoming.xml) to ensure that they receive timely updates.

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| Key outcomes for the BID programmeEnhanced capacity for effective mobilization and use of biodiversity information  * Improved enabling environment for collaborative mobilization of targeted biodiversity data in each of the three ACP target regions * Enhanced capacities of key stakeholders for coordinating the mobilization, management and use of targeted biodiversity data and establishing biodiversity information systems and networks, through the concept of training the trainers * A strengthened community of practice supporting the implementation of funded projects  Enhanced availability of information resources and best practice guidance for mobilization and application of biodiversity information for key policy needs  * Partnerships between key holders and users of biodiversity data are established or strengthened through consortia or biodiversity information systems and networks * Targeted biodiversity data mobilized in each of the three ACP regions * The use of the mobilized biodiversity data promoted through engagement with the scientific and policy communities * Identification and analysis of examples of the use of targeted biodiversity information in decision-making * Achievements of project interventions recognized by international science-policy initiatives |

# Contact information

**Please provide your full contact information:**

**1. First name\*[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**2. Last name\***

**3. Email\***

**4. Country\***

**5. Institution name\***

# About your institution

**6. Your role in the institution\*[[2]](#footnote-2)**

**7. Type of institution. Please mark with an "X" in the column on the left those which apply.\***

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|  | **Type of institution** |
|  | Policy: Ministry or National agency |
|  | Policy: Regional government |
|  | Policy: Local government |
|  | Academic / research institution |
|  | Biological collection or museum |
|  | Park or reserve authority |
|  | Citizen science initiative |
|  | Private company or consultancy |
|  | Non-governmental organization (NGO) |
|  | other (please specify): |

**8. Please mark with an "X" in the column on the left, the statements that apply to your institution.\***

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|  | **Statement** |
|  | We advise decision-making bodies (national or international) around biodiversity-related policies. |
|  | We produce or hold data describing biodiversity. |
|  | We perform applied or basic scientific research. |
|  | We directly manage and/or exploit natural resources. |
|  | We are responsible for maintaining lists of threatened species. |
|  | We are responsible for protected area management. |
|  | We are responsible for biosecurity. |
|  | We aggregate biodiversity data from different sources. |
|  | We coordinate biodiversity-related networks. |
|  | We are mandated to coordinate biodiversity data management in the country/region. |
|  | Others (please describe): |

**9. Please answer yes or no to the following questions about your institution’s data holdings:**

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| **Question** | **Yes/No** |
| Does your institution manage a collection of plant, animal or other biological specimens? |  |
| Has any of the collection been databased? |  |
| Does your institution manage field observations or survey data for plants, animal or other biodiversity within your country? |  |
| Are these observations in a database? |  |
| Does your institution maintain a list or lists of species found in your country? |  |

**10. Thinking about your institution, please state your level of agreement with the following statements (mark with an "X" your level of agreement)\***

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| **Statement** | **Completely disagree** | **Disagree** | **Neutral** | **Agree** | **Completely agree** |
| Biodiversity information and/or data are of value to our work. |  |  |  |  |  |
| We have access to sufficient digital biodiversity information and/or data sources to support our work. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowing more about how to analyze biodiversity information and/or data would benefit our work |  |  |  |  |  |
| Knowing more about how to digitize and share biodiversity information online would benefit our work. |  |  |  |  |  |
| We have access to the technical infrastructure needed to mobilize and analyze data. |  |  |  |  |  |
| We have the capacity to write project proposals and implement them in collaboration with partners |  |  |  |  |  |
| Our work would benefit from improved collaboration and networking between biodiversity-related institutions. |  |  |  |  |  |

**11. Have you used biodiversity data available through GBIF.org to support policy and decision-making?**

No

Yes – please provide further details including relevant references, links and contacts

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# Participation in BID

**12. Would you consider participating in the Biodiversity Information for Development programme? Please mark with an "X" the statements that apply.\*[[3]](#footnote-3)**

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|  | **Statement** |
|  | We would consider being part of a project proposal with a data digitization and sharing component. |
|  | We would consider being part of a project proposal around the reinforcement of biodiversity information networks. |
|  | We would be willing to promote the project and invite some of our partners to present proposals. |
|  | We could collaborate in other ways (please describe): |

**13. Could you help us identify other partners in your country and the ACP region?**

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# End of the survey

Thank you for completing our survey!

Please help us to increase the impact of the BID project by sharing this survey with others.

1. \* Required answer [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. \* Required answer [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. \* Required answer [↑](#footnote-ref-3)