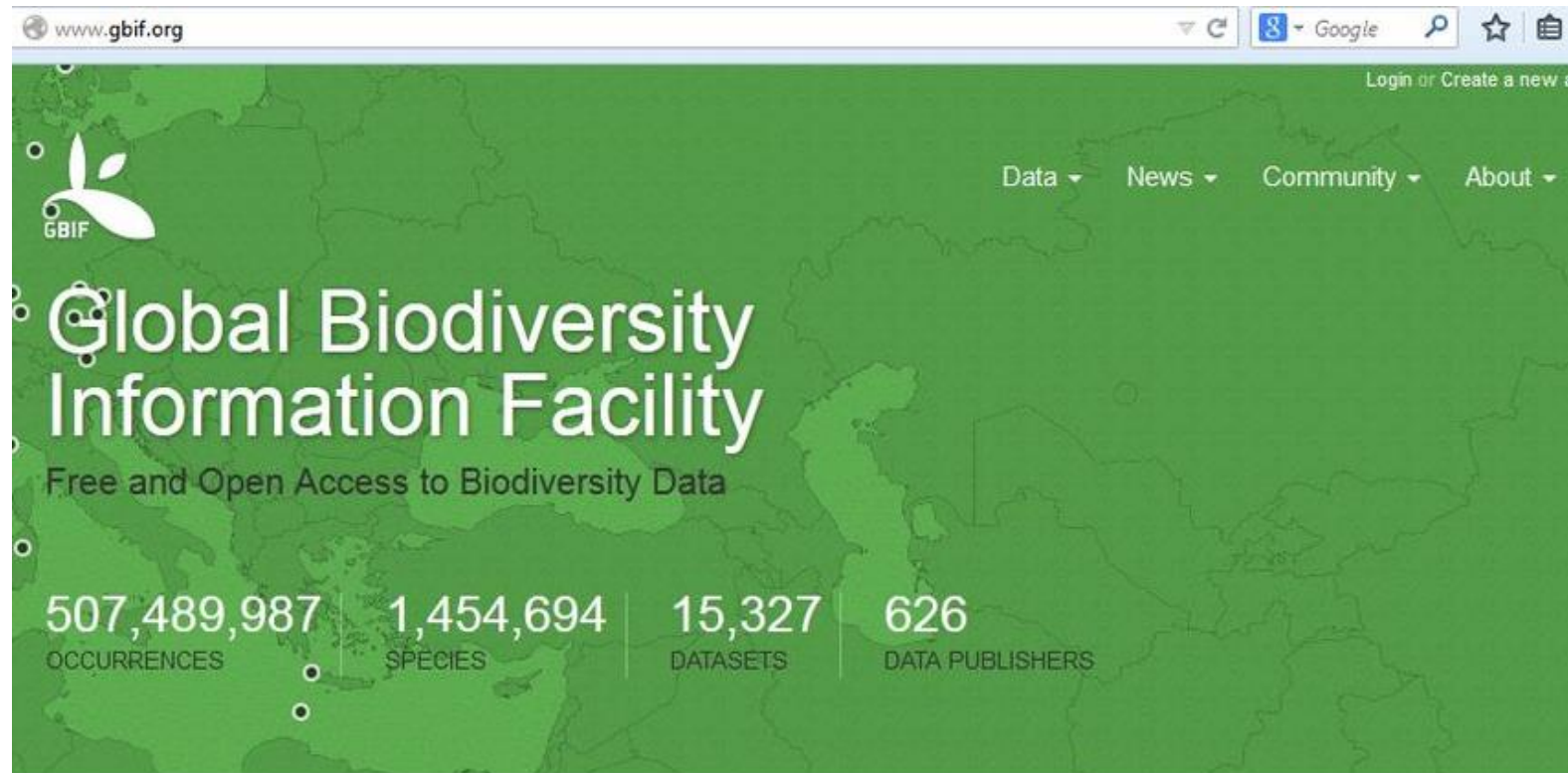


Handling data from online databases



GBIF



The screenshot shows the GBIF website homepage. The browser address bar displays 'www.gbif.org'. The page features a green background with a world map. The GBIF logo is in the top left. The main heading is 'Global Biodiversity Information Facility' with the tagline 'Free and Open Access to Biodiversity Data'. A navigation menu includes 'Data', 'News', 'Community', and 'About'. A statistics section displays four metrics: 507,489,987 OCCURRENCES, 1,454,694 SPECIES, 15,327 DATASETS, and 626 DATA PUBLISHERS. The top right corner has links for 'Login or Create a new account'.

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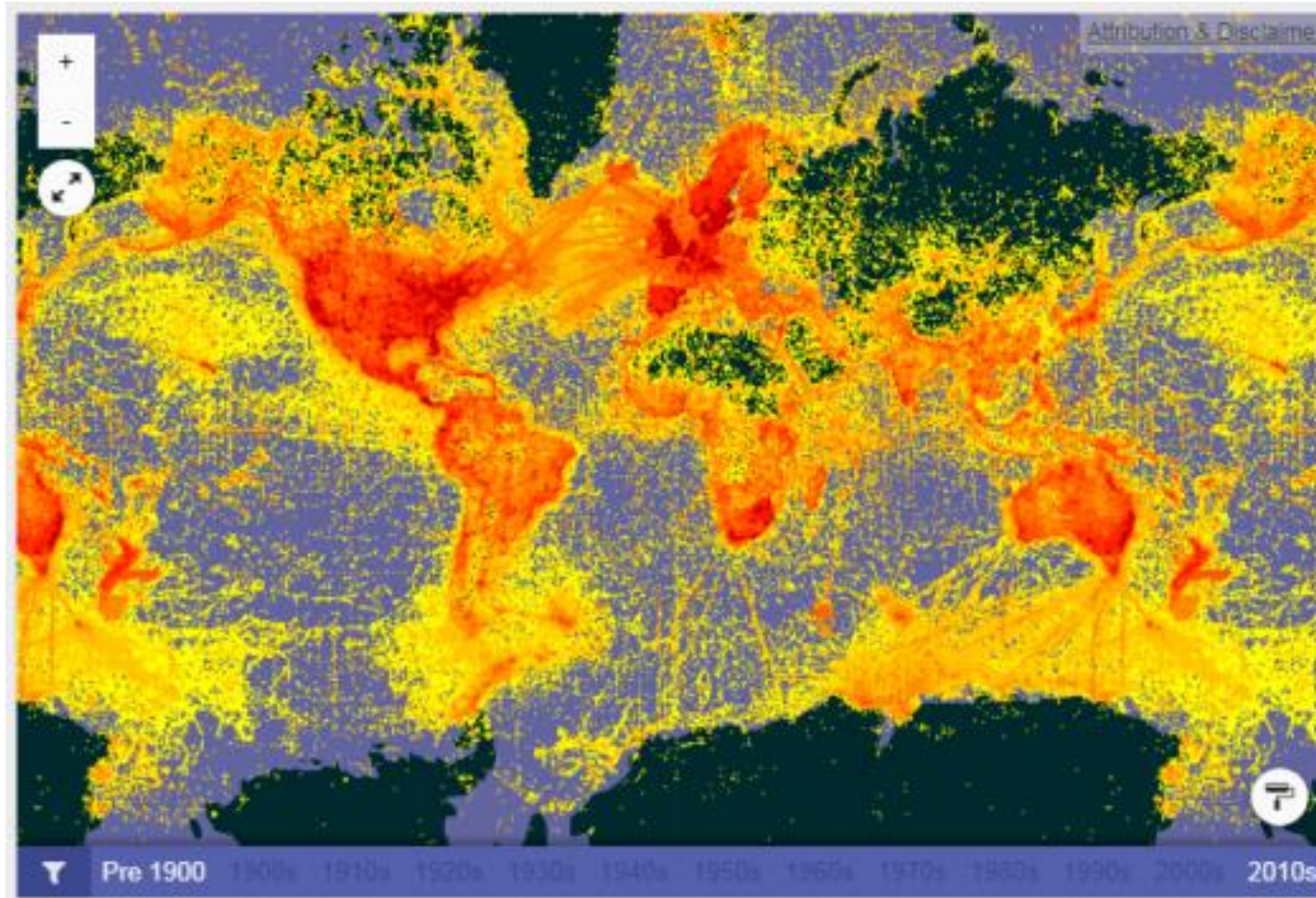
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Spatial patterns



Georeferenced data

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ABOUT

This map shows the density of all 709,833,516 georeferenced occurrence records published through the GBIF network.

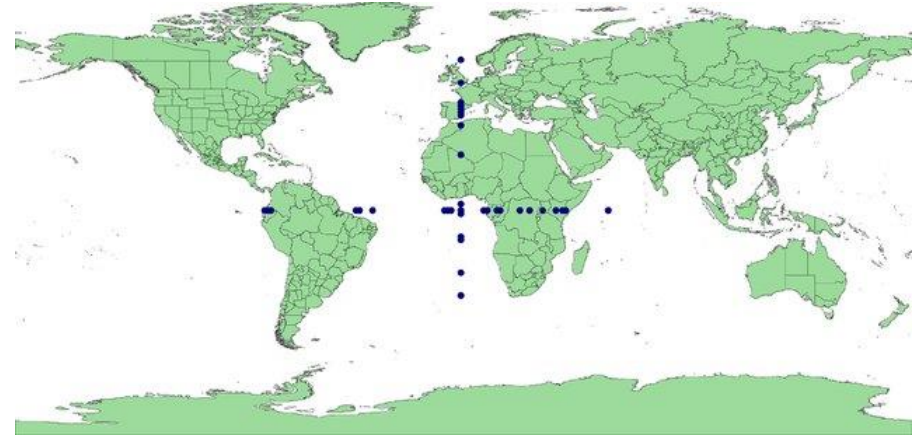
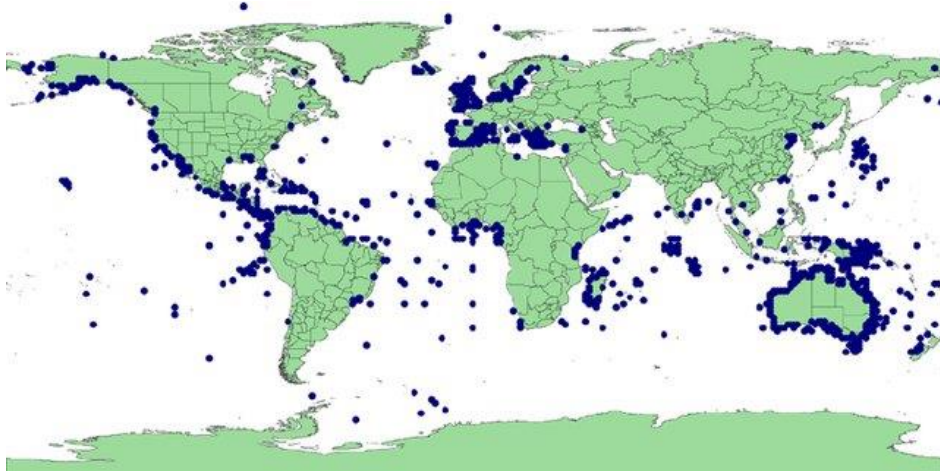
To explore the records, zoom into the map or click on the links above and add further filters to customize search results.

Taxonomic patterns



Taxon	Species	Records
Animals	~1,500,000 (100%)	1,244,868,061 (100 %)
Chordates	~65,000 (4.3%)	1,083,205,366 (87 %)
Birds	~10,000 (0.67 %)	1,016,295,307 (82 %)
Anseriformes	~150 (0.01 %)	91,312,960 (7.3 %)
Canada goose	1	10,032,766 (0.81%)
Mammalia	~5,400 (0.36 %)	17,995,625 (1.44 %)

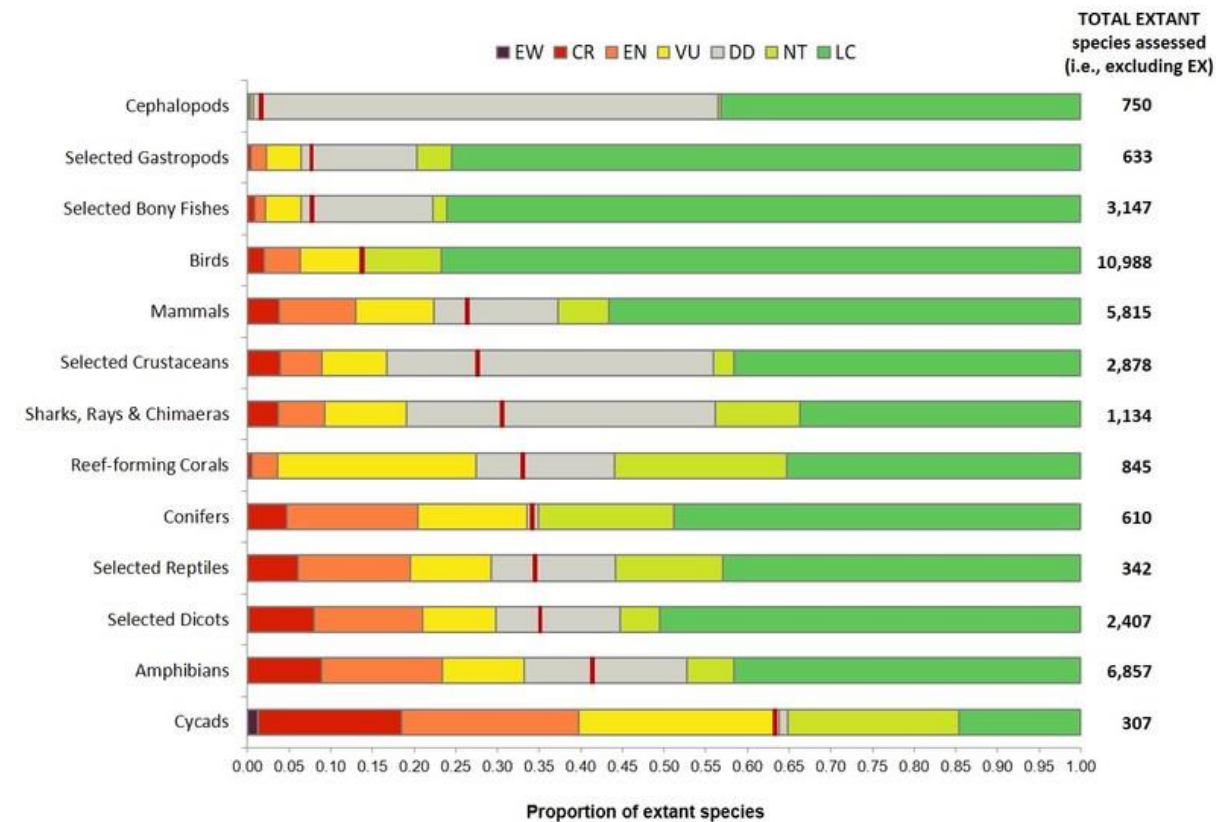
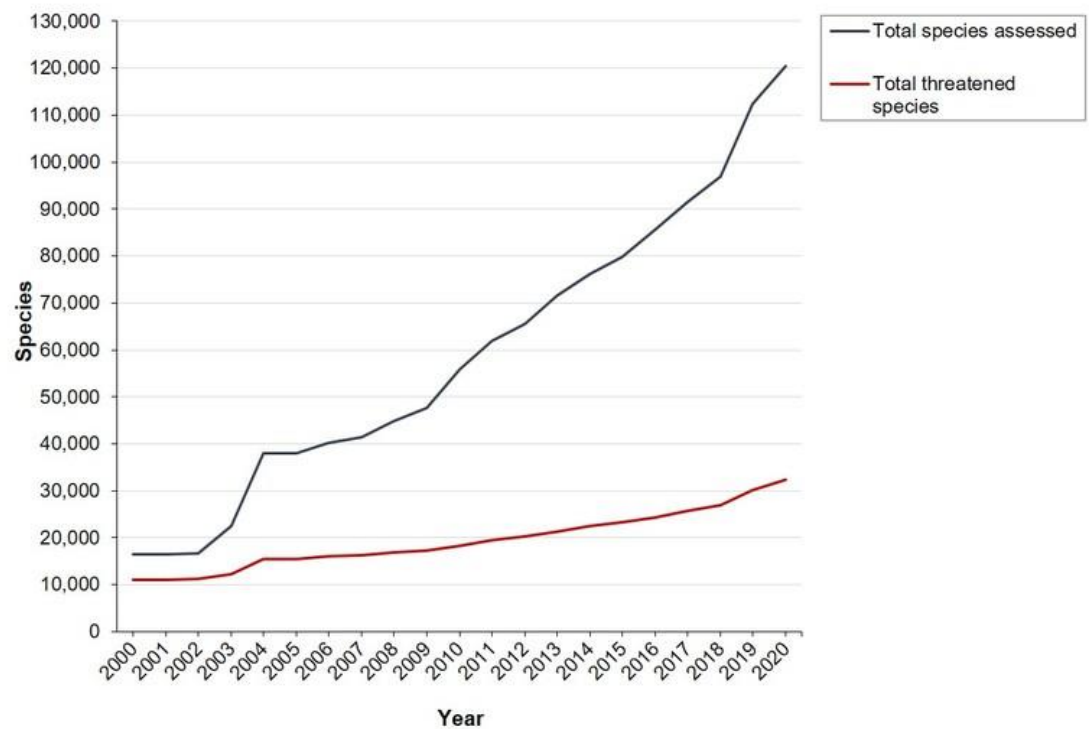
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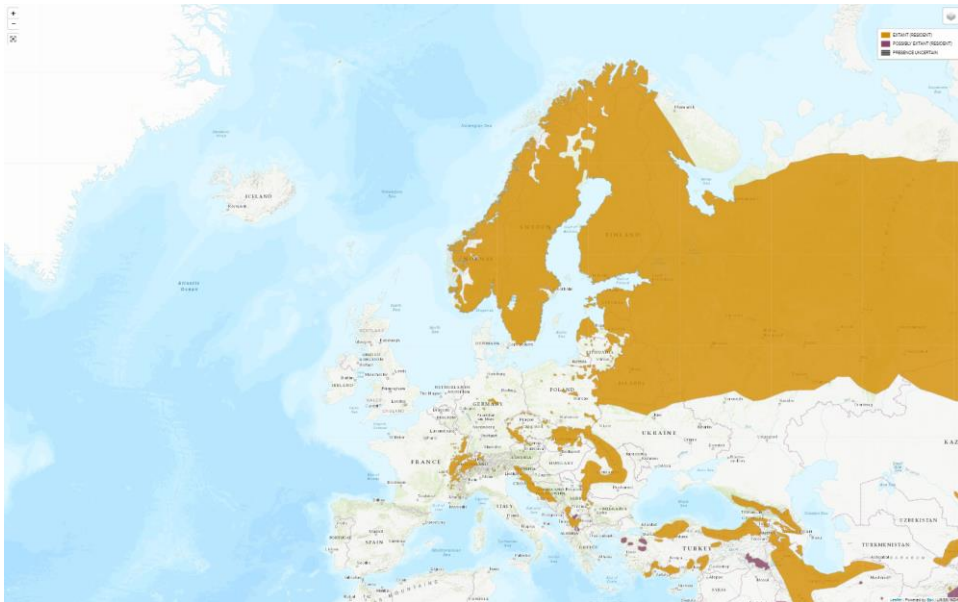
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Assessments



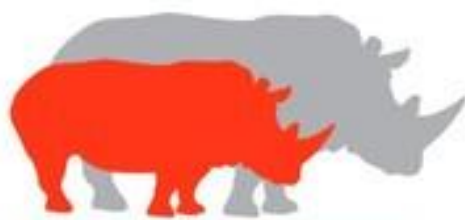
Ranges



Taxonomic patterns

Nature's backbone

Vertebrates



Assessment Goal 61,635

Species Assessed 52,649 (2020)

An estimated 99% of all organisms are

Invertebrates



Assessment Goal 45,344

Species Assessed 23,808 (2020)

The Earth's lungs

Plants



Assessment Goal 38,521

Species Assessed 43,557 (2020)

The most under-researched and under-funded

Fungi and other species groups



Assessment Goal 14,500

Species Assessed 358 (2020)

Pros and cons

GBIF	IUCN
Points	Polygons
Very limited quality control	(Imperfect) quality control
Inconsistent taxonomy	Internally consistent taxonomy
(Some) data on most taxa	Only data on selected taxa

