

Improving the link between DNA data and museum specimens

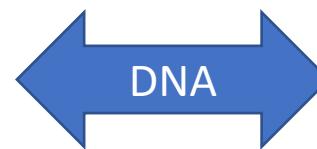
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The Swiss Natural History collections: a source and reference for genetic data

Swiss Natural History Collections
= 60 M specimens in CH



Genetic studies / museomics

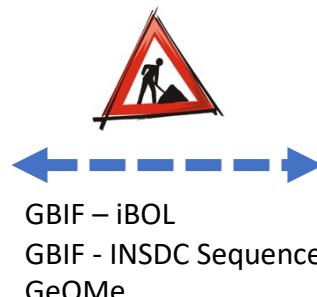
Tree of life & systematics

Barcodeing of life (SwissBOL, iBOL, BIOSCAN)

Monitoring of genetic diversity (DECLINE, GenDiv, Phylogenomics of GE flora)

Genomics - European Reference Genome Atlas (ERGA), Biodiversity Genomics Europe project

GBIF / SwissCollNet



BOLD / GBIF.ch (DNA barcodes)
EMBL/NCBI /ENA (raw data)
DRYAD and others (processed data)

The questions we want to solve

DNA data linked to specific specimens or collections:

- *How many type specimens hosted in a Swiss collection have been sequenced?*

DNA data linked to specific locality or regions:

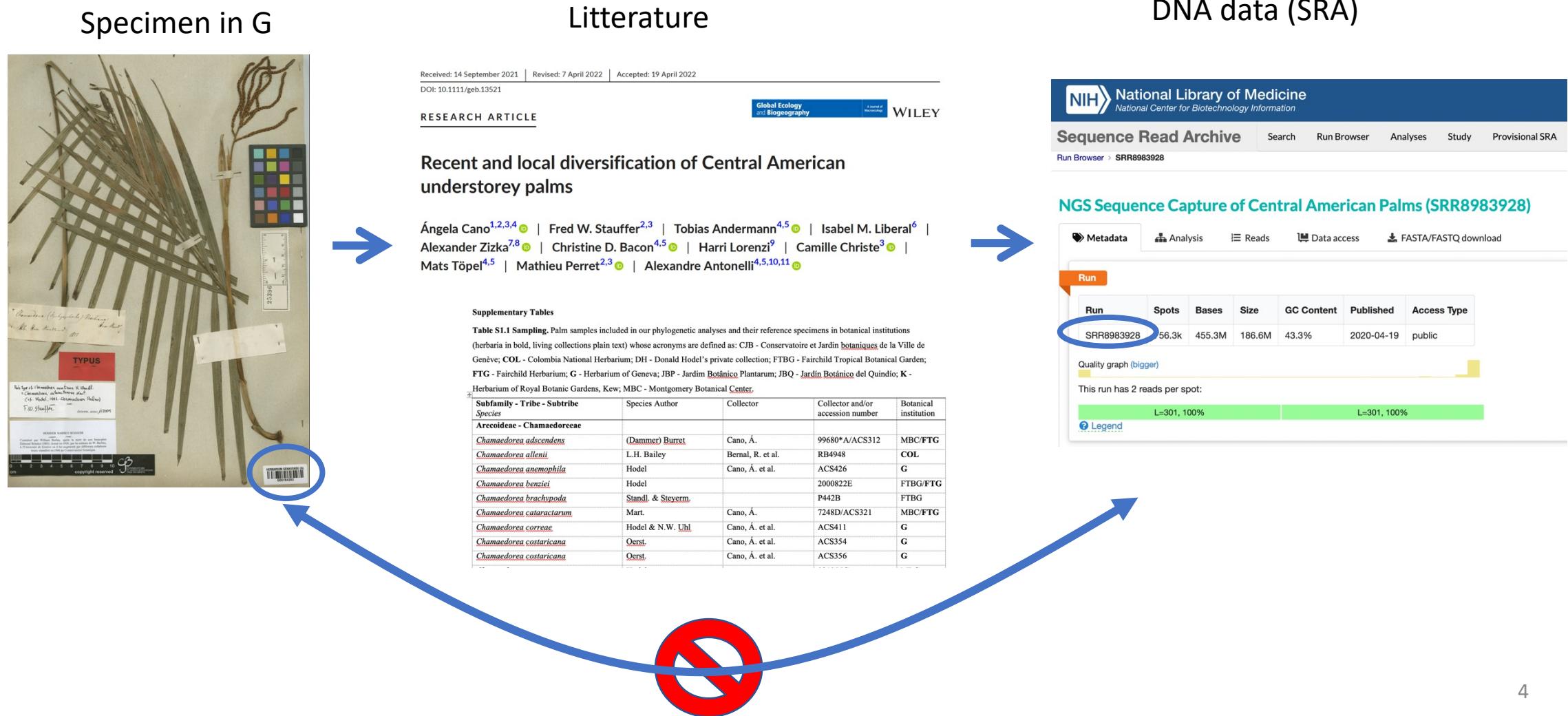
- *What are the genetic data available for the alpine fauna? Where are the gaps?*

DNA or tissues available:

- *Are there DNA extractions available for Leontopodium alpinum in CH?*

→ There is no current easy/automatic way to answer these questions

Example of the broken link between specimens and DNA data



Existing/proposed solutions

- Guidelines prepared by the GBIF and GGBN
- DwC standards for DNA-derived data

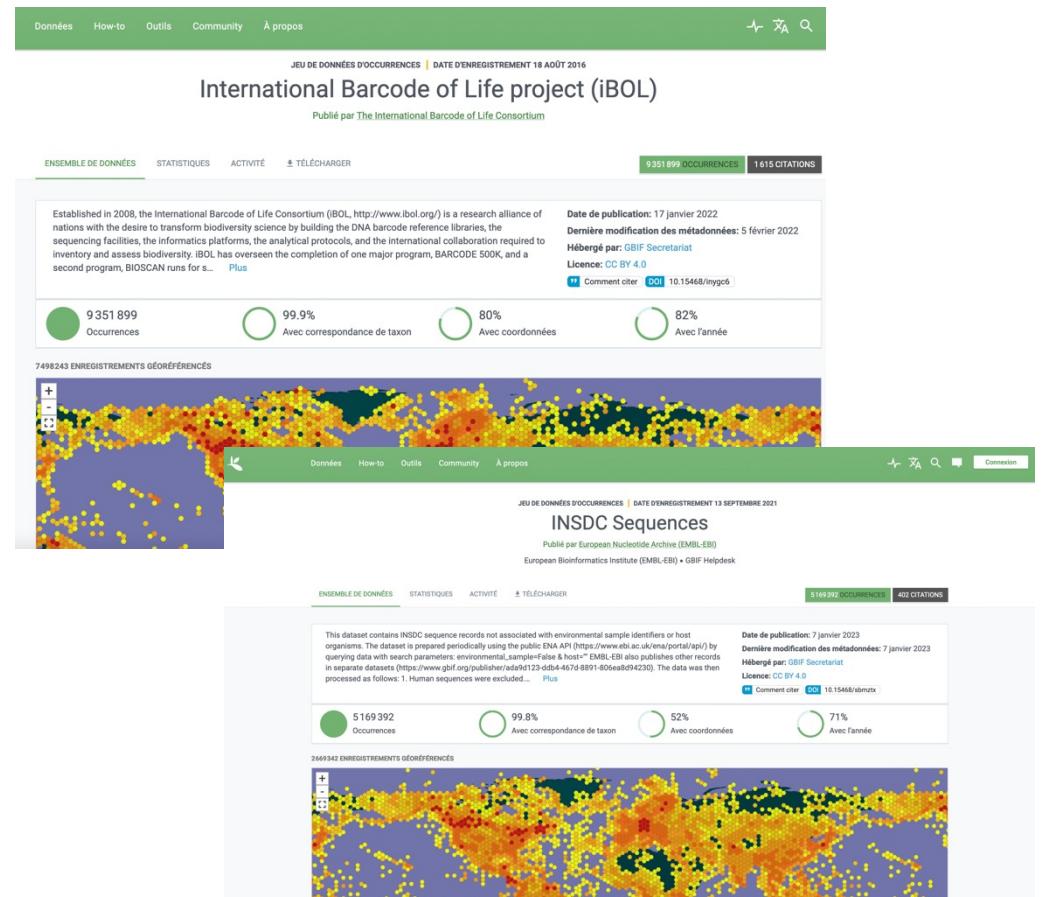
The screenshot shows the GGBN homepage. At the top right, there's a sidebar with statistics: Members (106), Samples (1,882,433 DNA, 1,857,814 Tissues, 2,479 Enriches, 32 Repositories, 32 Vouchers), and Taxa (3,425 Families, 23,383 Genera, 80,917 Species). Below the sidebar is a world map titled "6,641,732 Records" showing global biodiversity distribution. In the center, there's a detailed image of three orange mushrooms growing on moss. Below the image is the text "Publishing DNA-derived data through biodiversity data platforms". At the bottom of the page, it says "Version 3027b16, 2022-08-05 14:26:56 UTC".

This screenshot shows the "DNA derived data" extension page from the Darwin Core Extension. It includes the GBIF logo and the title "Darwin Core Extension DNA derived data". Below the title is a detailed technical specification table:

Title	DNA derived data
Name	dnaDerivedData
Issued	2022-02-23
Namespace	http://rs.gbif.org/terms/1.0/
RowType	http://rs.gbif.org/terms/1.0/DNADerivedData
Description	An extension to Occurrence and Event cores to capture information relating to DNA. This extension is based on the MixS extension for Darwin Core (underway), with additions from GGBN and MiQE standards and recommendations. This definition supports the outcomes documented in Publishing DNA-derived data through biodiversity data platforms (https://doi.org/10.35035/doc-v1a-nr22). This extension is subject to change, and recommended for early adopters who understand that data remapping may be required as things evolve.
Keywords	
Link	https://w3id.org/gensc/

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- Genomic Observatories Metadatabase (GeOME)
- GenDIB (WSL) – mapping genetic diversity in CH

→ Need to adopt same standards
and vocabulary!!!

COMMUNITY PAGE

The Genomic Observatories Metadatabase (GeOME): A new repository for field and sampling event metadata associated with genetic samples

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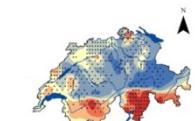
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Machbarkeitsstudie für eine neue nationale Datenbank zur genetischen Vielfalt in Populationen wildlebender Arten

GenDIB

Hintergrund: Die genetische Vielfalt ist ein wesentlicher Bestandteil der biologischen Vielfalt und gilt als Schlüssel für den Fortbestand von Populationen in einer sich verändernden Umwelt sowie für die Anpassung an extreme Ereignisse. Das weltweite Übereinkommen über die biologische Vielfalt (CBD) verpflichtet die Länder, den Verlust der genetischen Vielfalt zu bewerten, zu überwachen und letztendlich zu stoppen. Es gibt jedoch keine systematische Erfassung innerartlicher genetischer Daten, die auf die Bedürfnisse der Naturschutzpraxis zugeschnitten ist und diesen Prozess unterstützen könnte.



Ziel: Das WSL-interne Projekt GenDIB führt eine Bedarfs- und Machbarkeitsanalyse über eine neue nationale Datenbank mit georeferenzierten Daten zur intraspezifischen genetischen Vielfalt in Populationen wildlebender Arten in der Schweiz durch.



Herbier - G

*CatalogueNumber
(e.g., G00213456)

Info Flora / Info Fauna
ID (CH)

SIBG
→ GBIF.ch / org

DNA – bank
→ GGBN
→ GBIF.ch/ org



Tissue

Tissue identifier

- *Tissue_materialSampleID
- Tissue_basisOfRecord
- Tissue_materialSampleType
- Tissue_preparationType
- Tissue_institutionCode

Tissue Preservation

- DNA_preservationType
- DNA_preservationTemperature
- DNA_preservationDateBegin

DNA extracts

DNA sample identifier

- *DNA_catalogNumber
- DNA_basisOfRecord
- DNA_materialSampleType
- DNA_preparationType
- DNA_institutionCode

DNA Extraction

- DNA_preparationDate
- DNA_preparedBy
- DNA_preparationMaterials

DNA Preservation

- DNA_preservationType
- DNA_preservationTemperature
- DNA_preservationDateBegin
- DNA_preservationRoom
- DNA_preservationFreezer
- DNA_preservationBox
- DNA_availableInStock

DNA Quality

- DNA_ratioOfAbsorbance260_280
- DNA_ratioOfAbsorbance260_230
- DNA_concentration
- DNA_qualityCheckDate
- DNA_qualityRemarks
- DNA_volume
- DNA_gelIdentifier

PCR & Library

Library Identifier

- *library_ID

Library metadata

- library_title
- library_layout
- library_strategy
- library_source
- library_selection
- library_preparedBy
- library_preparationDate
- library_concentration
- library_sonicationTreatment
- library_weightOfDnaUsed
- library_protocol
- library_fragmentSize
- library_fragmentSizeImage
- library_success
- library_baitsSetName
- library_baitsSetReference

Library preservation

- library_preservationType
- library_preservationTemperature
- library_preservationFreezer
- library_preservationBox
- library_preservationBoxPosition
- library_availableInStock

Sequencing

Sequence Identifier

- *seq_ID

Sequencing Method

- platform
- instrument_model

Sequencing Details

- seq_preparationDate
- seq_preparedBy
- project_name
- numberOfReads

Link to NCBI/EMBL/ENA/BOLD entry (raw data)

- BOLDProcessID
- geneticAccessionNumber (SRR)
- associatedSequences

DNA – data
→ GBIF.ch/ org
→ ENA – EMBL

Next steps

- Complete the databasing of specimens used for genetic studies at G
- Structure our DNA data and fill in the tables !
- Define the mapping and transfer the data to GBIF.ch and GGBN
- Develop a *Botalista* module to facilitate the data capture and management
- Share the database structure with other users
- ? Integrate DNA-derived data within the « Swiss data aggregator » and the SVNHC ?

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