Advancing the Catalogue of the World's Natural History Collections

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> Español: Adelantando el Catálogo de Colecciones de Historia Natural del Mundo
> Français: Faire avancer le Catalogue des Collections d'Histoire Naturelle du Monde
> 简体中文: 建立《全球自然历史馆藏名录》
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> **Latest summary update**: Collections Catalogue - Daily Summaries
> **All summaries combined**: Integrated summary from 17 to 30 April 2020

Start Here
This is the home page for the virtual consultation "Advancing the Catalogue of the World's Natural History Collections". GBIF is leading this as part of the European Commission-funded SYNTHESYS+ project.

Please bookmark this page to follow the consultation. Otherwise, it should be the first post listed if you click on this link from any page: Collections Catalogue

Throughout the period of the consultation (17-29 April), we will provide regular updates on the status of the discussions - these are accessible here.

About the consultation

- The consultation process - understand how the consultation will be run
- View the first and second preparatory webinars
- The coordination team
- Open discussion of the process - add your thoughts here

Information resources

- Ideas Paper - also available in Spanish, French and Simplified Chinese
- Contributed presentations and other materials - review these before the consultation to understand some of the significant components that already exist
  - Global Registry of Scientific Collections - Introduction
  - Index Herbariorum - Perspectives of a Long-standing Collection Catalogue
  - TDWG Collection Descriptions Data Standard Task Group
  - CETAF and DiSSCo Collections Registry
  - GBIF Services and Support for the Collections Catalogue
  - Atlas of Living Australia Collectory
  - 10 Recommendations from DiSSCo
  - The Specifications of Earth Science Collections (CETAF)
- Daily summary updates - published here throughout the consultation
- Integrated summary - all daily summaries combined

Discussion topics
Contribute to the following discussions. Hover over each topic to preview the questions for discussion.

Category	Topic	Notes
Use	1.1. Directory to support the collections community	Open
Use	1.2. Locating specimens and genetic materials	Open
Use	1.3. First step towards databasing collections	Open
Use	1.4. Assessing the scale and value of collections	Open
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Use	1.9. Support for national and regional needs and applications	Open
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Information	2.3. Hierarchical collection structures and subcollections	Open
Information	2.4. Description of a collection	Open
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Technology	3.2. Community catalogue	Open
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Technology	3.5. Interfaces, APIs and client modules	Open
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Language	Adelantando el Catálogo de Colecciones de Historia Natural del Mundo	Open
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Process	Comments on this virtual consultation process	Open

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