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Technical documentation at a glance

Name and mission of the database framework	Diversity Workbench (DWB)
Software	Diversity Workbench Suite of database applications with client interfaces and supporting data processing tools
DWB first contact persons	T. Weibulat and D. Triebel at the SNSB / Center ♥
Operating system server	MS Windows Server 2012 R2 to MS Windows Server 2019; see Info in Wikipedia en ❷ and Wikipedia de ❷
Database system	MS SQL-Server 2014 to MS SQL-Server 2017 or MS SQL-Server Express; see Info in Wikipedia en @ and Wikipedia de @
Clients	C# desktop applications (local clients), PWA – Progressive Web Application DiversityNaviKey (browser-based), several web APIs
Operating system local clients	MS Windows 8 to MS Windows 11; see Info in Wikipedia en Ø and Wikipedia de Ø
GIS functionalities	DiversityGisEditor, management of geometry and geography data
GUIs for data import	Import Wizards, txt, CSV, xml in various schemes, xml/xslt, shapes in ESRI-Format
GUIs for data export/ reports	Export Wizards, txt, CSV, xml in various schemes, xml/xslt, shapes in ESRI-Format
GUI language	default: english (multilingual through translation tables)
Open access	DWB software download
Open source	DWB SVN code repository ❷, SNSB DWB GitHub repository ❷; see also DWB code statistics
Licenses	GNU General Public License 3.0 – GPLv3@
Information models online	DWB data models and dwb database schemes
State of development	since 1999, ongoing
Code language, developer platform	C#, .Net Framework 4.8 (.Net Framework 3.5 for older client software); see Info in Wikipedia en ❷ and Wikipedia de ❷
User manuals and videos	under DWB user manuals, DWB video tutorials and with the download of the respective applications in the DWB Wiki
Training	DWB workshops @ and Training materials for basic users, intermediate, advanced, expert users and database administrators
ELIXIR bio.tools	DWB software in bio.tools @: Technical profile of DWB tools

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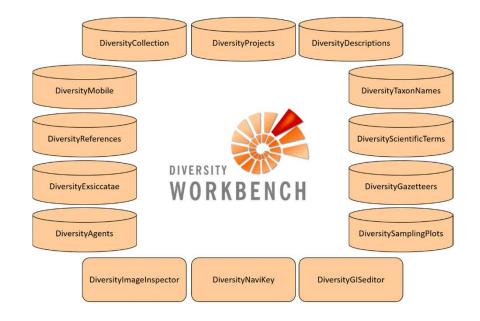




DWB Software development and training

- 3 software developers in Munich
- DWB documentation and training is offered
- by 5 NHCs / GBIF Germany subnodes
 - SNSB, LIB/ZFMK, SMNK, SMNS
- and via NFDI4Biodiversity







DWB Modules

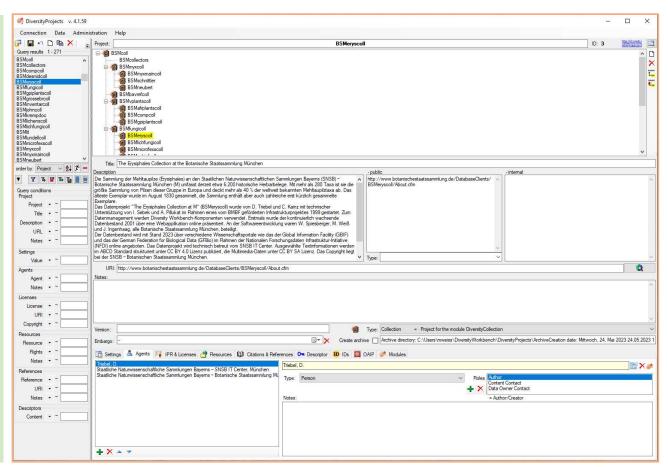






DiversityProjects

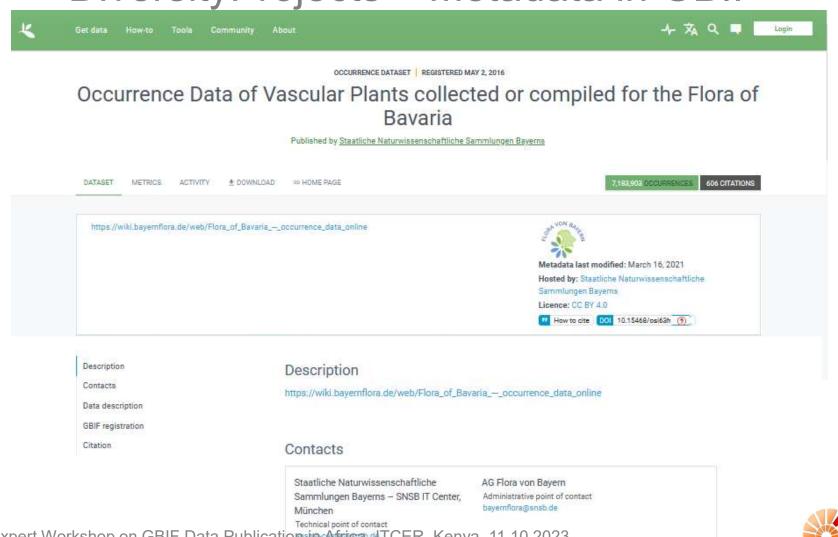
- Management of metadata of research projects and data sets defined and used by modules of the Diversity Workbench
- Designed to document information about the data sets, their relations and hierarchy
- All metadata on data set level are processed here, e.g. data set provenience, descriptions, responsible agents, licenses







DiversityProjects – Metadata in GBIF

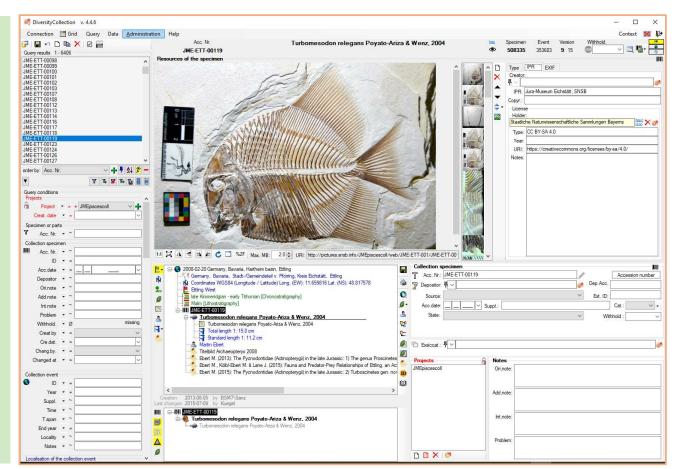






DiversityCollection

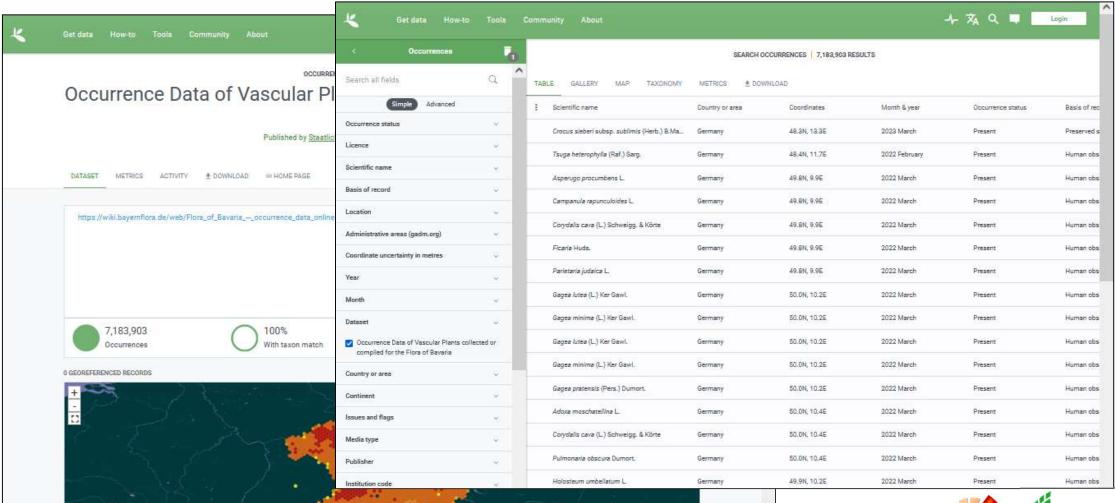
- Management of collection and observation data
- To document data about
 - collection events
 - collection objects/ observations
 - experiments and analyses
 - object transfer/ exchange
 - preparation and storage of specimens
 - multimedia files
- Labels can be printed
- Distribution maps can be created







DiversityCollection Data in GBIF

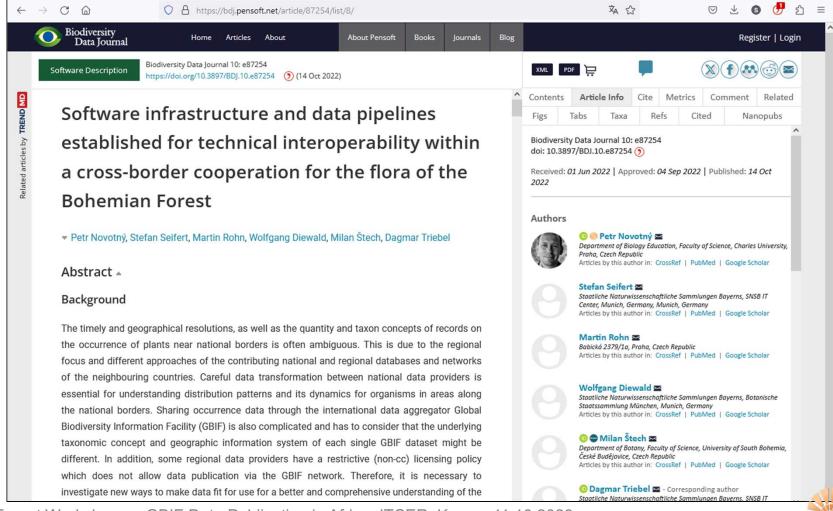








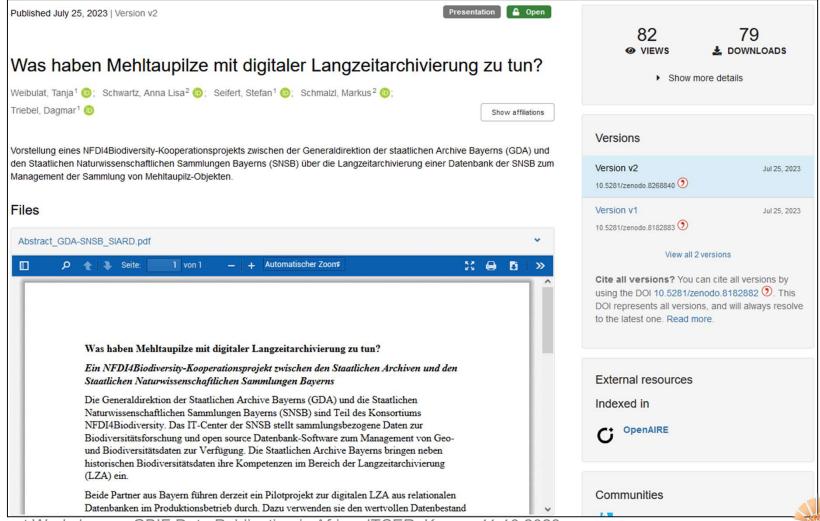
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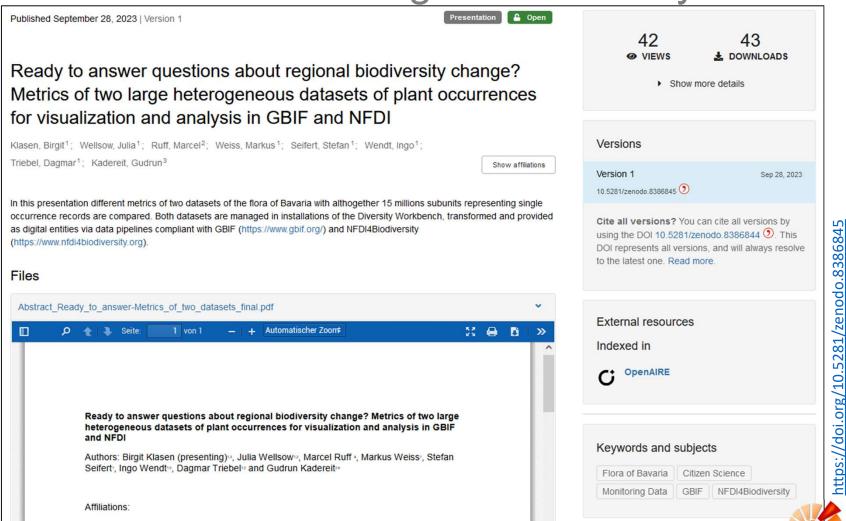


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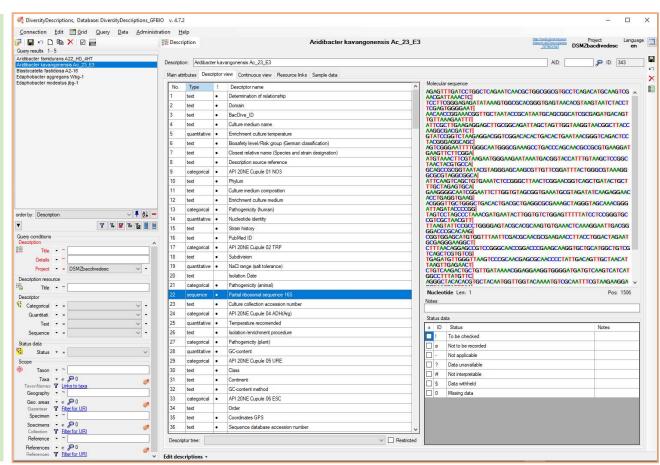
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DiversityDescriptions

- Management of descriptive data
- To describe
 - traits with values of individual organisms and summarized data for taxa
 - characters of any research items (entities/ objects)
- Descriptions are characterized by a triple structure, e.g. 'item-descriptor-value'







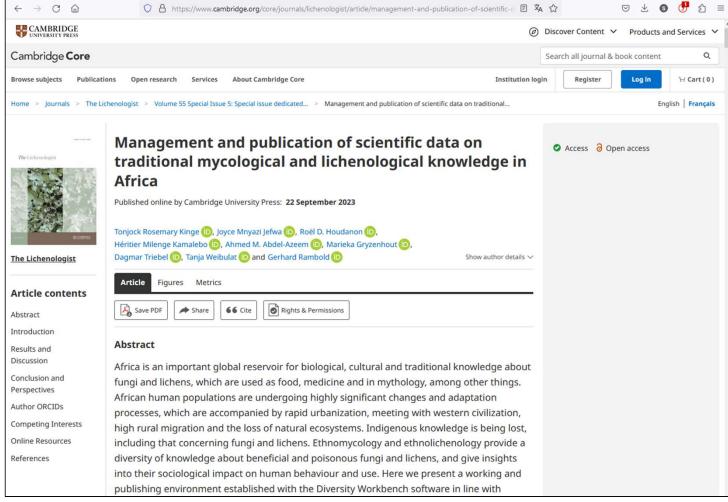
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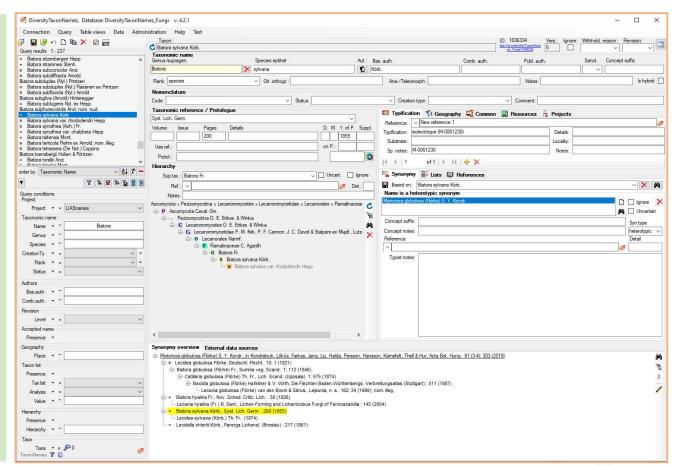
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Diversity Taxon Names

- Management of taxonomic names and related information
- To document taxonomic names with nomenclature, accepted names, synonyms, classification, typification and common names
- Is appropriate to create taxon reference lists, checklists with geographical or nature conservation categories as well as with other parameters

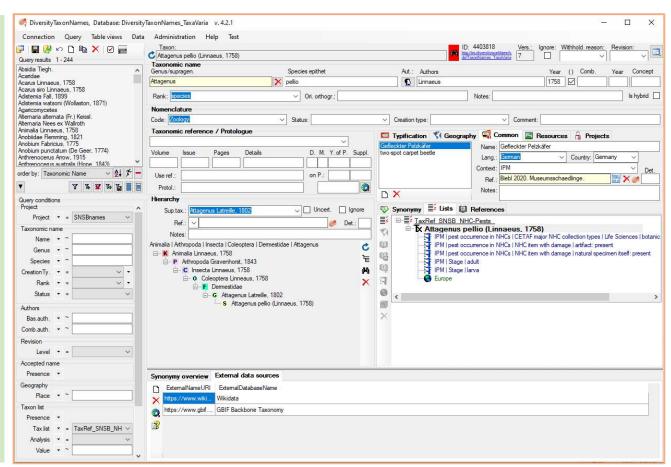






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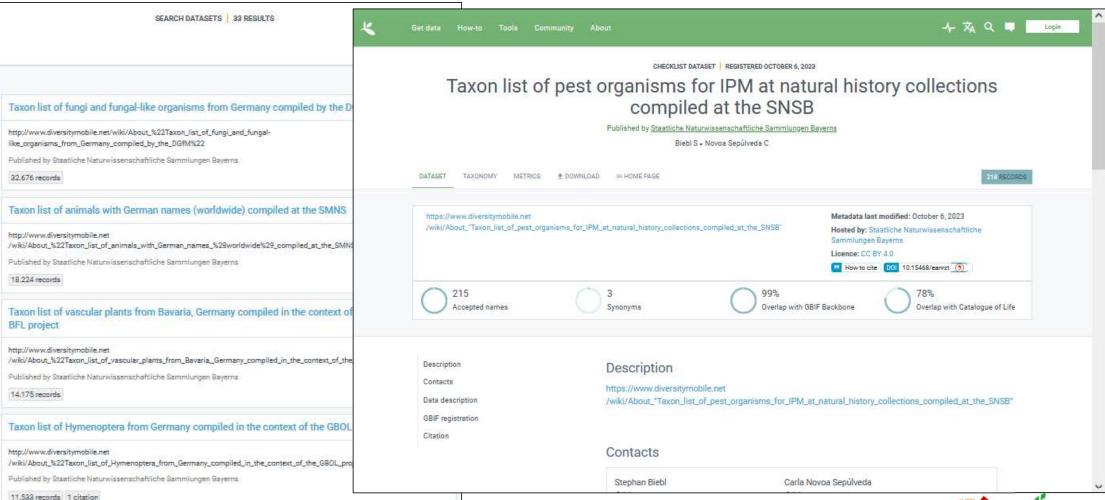
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DiversityTaxonNames Data as Webservice









Regionalised and Domain-specific Taxon Lists

The DWB REST Webservice for Taxon Lists is part of a Diversity Workbench (DWB) services network. It is delivering basic information on taxon names in use, synonyms, classification and German vernacular names of a number of groups of animals, fungi and plants.

The current focus is on domain-specific lists (checklists, taxon reference lists, red lists) from Germany under active curation by experts on taxonomy or floristics and faunistics. Each regionalised and domain-specific taxon list has its own history and objectives, is managed completely separately and has its own hierarchical classification. The DiversityTaxonNames (DTN) data resources accessed by the REST API may include additional taxon-related data useful, e. g., for regional nature conservation agencies and environmental projects.

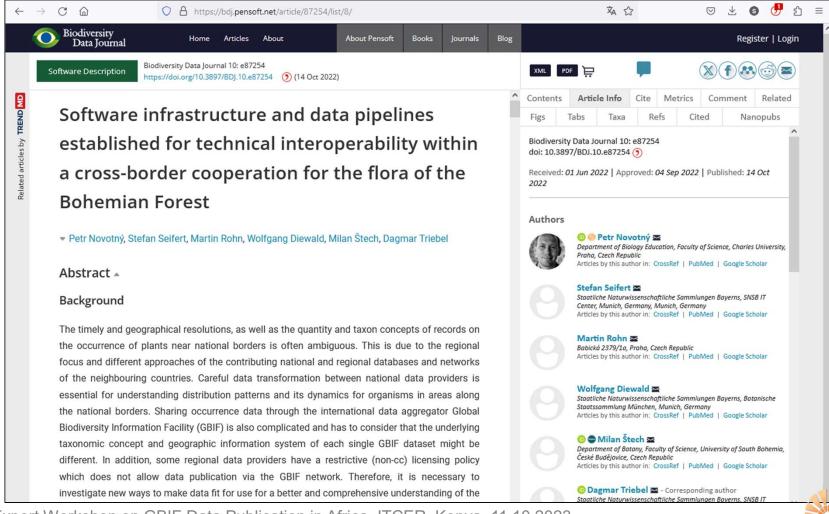
For more information please check How to use the DWB REST Webservice for Taxon Lists and Overview on Published Lists. For content details see DTN Taxon Lists Services.

https://services.snsb.info/DTNtaxonlists/rest/v0.1/static/api-doc.html



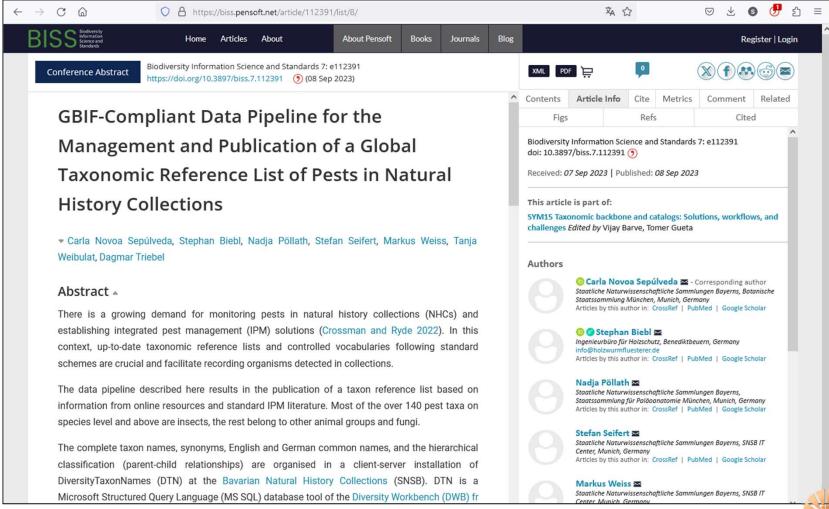


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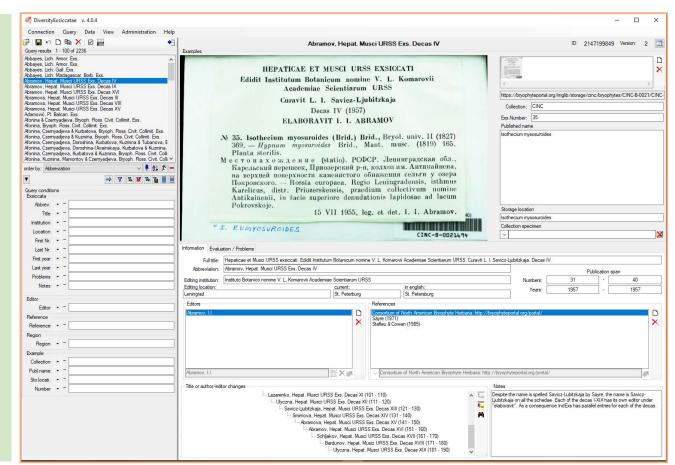


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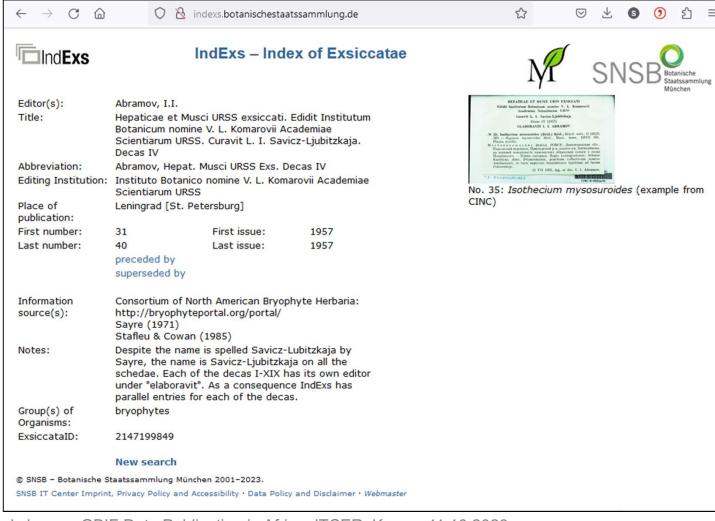
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- To document bibliographic information like editors, titles and publishers
- To describe thematic scope and relations, number ranges and issue dates
- Give images of example specimens and storage location







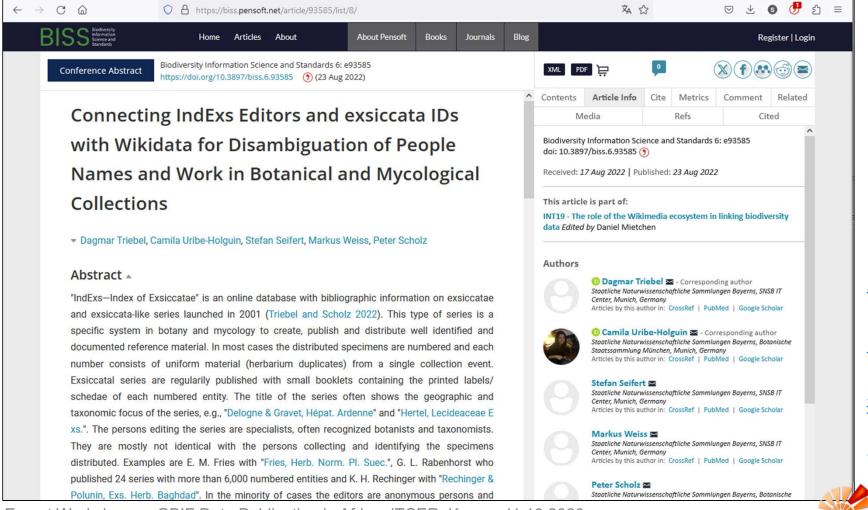
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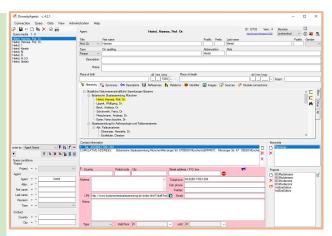


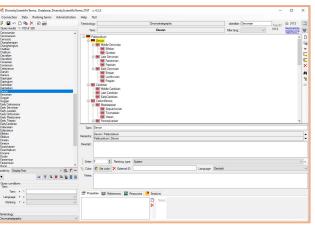
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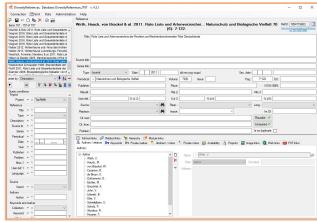


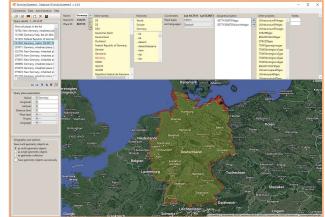
Ontologies

- DiversityAgents is the module for the management of information on persons and organisations.
- DiversityReferences is the module for the management of literature references and literature resources.
- DiversityScientificTerms is the module for the management of scientific ontologies, vocabularies, terminologies and terms.
- DiversityGazetteers is the module for the management of geographic thesauri like the GettyThesaurus.







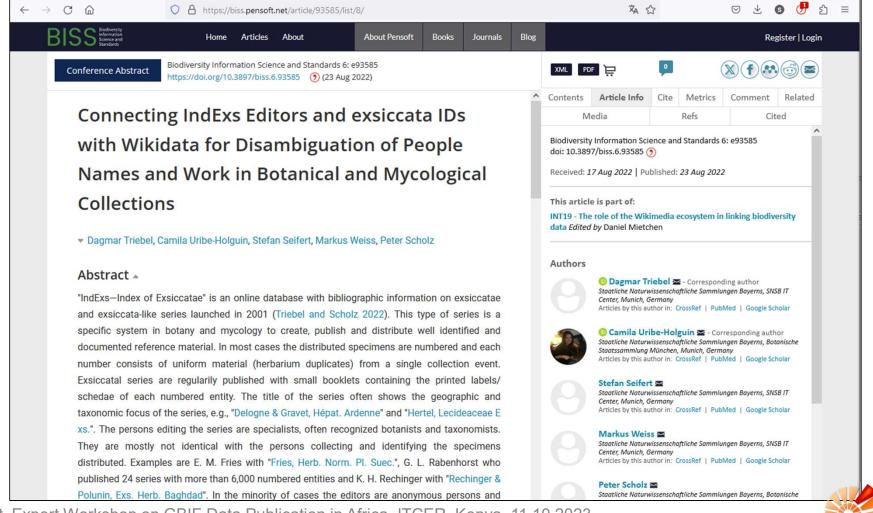






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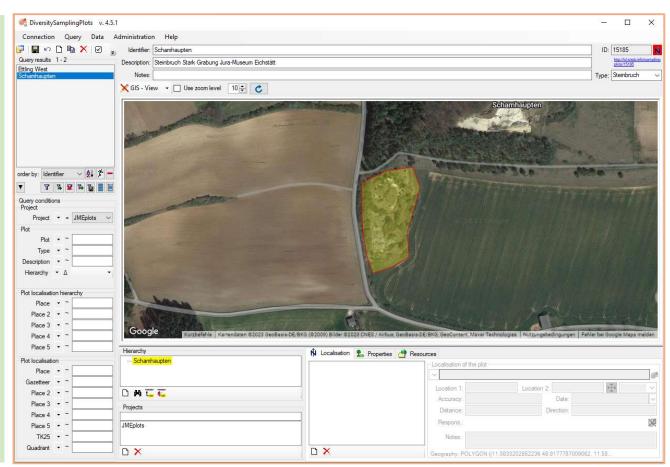
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DiversitySamplingPlots

- Management of sampling plots
- To document the geographical position of geoobjects and the geometry of the plots as well of georeferenced objects on the plots
- Management of the hierarchical relation between plots and subplots

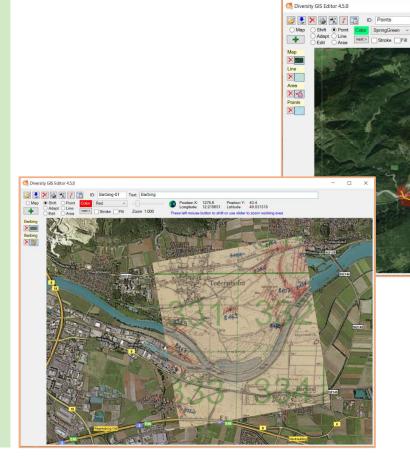






Diversity GIS Editor

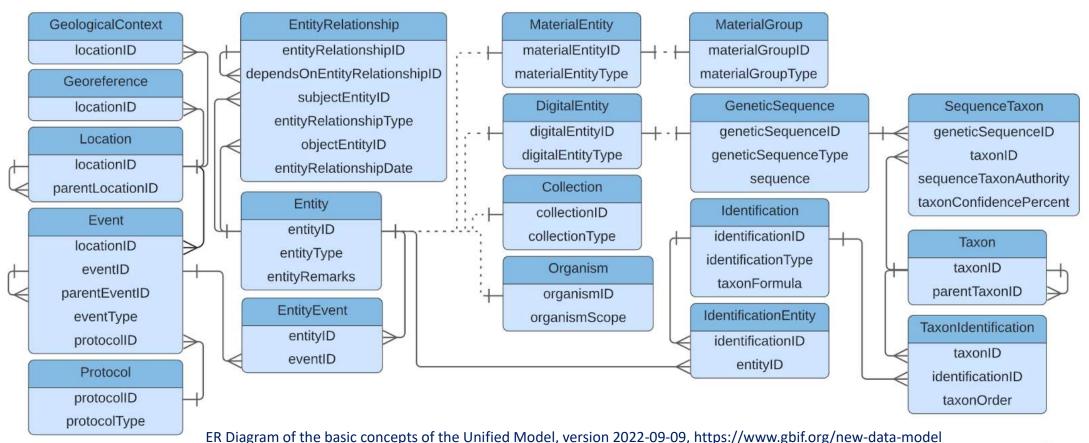
- Tool to create, visualize, edit and store samples within a geographical environment (geoobjects)
- Stand-alone application or integrated component as part of other DWB applications, e.g. DiversityCollection or DiversitySamplingPlots
- Historical maps without coordinates can be georeferenced
- Microsoft SQL Geometry Objects (points, lines and areas) may be displayed and edited with a background map.







DWB ER diagrams and concepts are compliant with GBIF unified data model









DWB in numbers

DWB software tools and applications:	14
DWB code lines (Mio):	2.2
DWB installations on servers of the SNSB:	120
• DWB videos:	170
DWB users (estimated):	350-400
DWB records managed:	25 mio
DWB records published (FAIR digital objects):	22 mio



Thank you for your attention!

