



CETAF is formed by the largest natural history institutions of Europe. CETAF members are Natural History Museums, Natural Sciences Museums, Botanical Gardens, Universities or any other kind of biodiversity research centres that house natural history collections (plants, animals, fungi, rocks, minerals etc.) and conduct scientific research using them.



CETAF is the largest distributed taxonomy and natural history collections-based infrastructure in Europe. CETAF provides a Europe-wide collaborative network for collections and research in taxonomy and systematic biology to the scientific community. CETAF is the united voice for taxonomy and systematic biology within and across Europe.



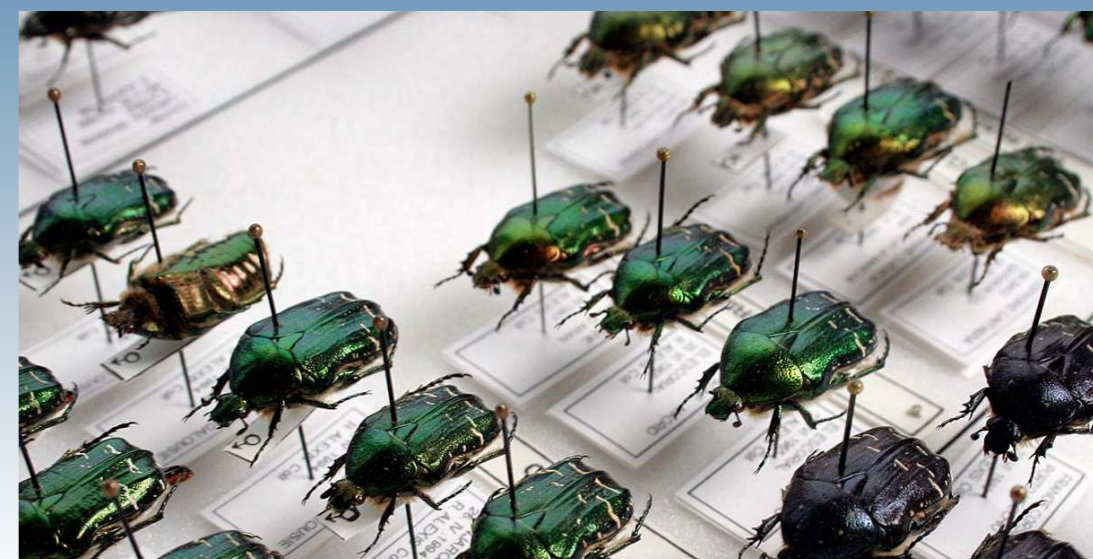
CETAF members are stewards of an invaluable heritage: our collections comprise over 1.5 billion specimens and represent over 80% of the world's described species. It is our mission to secure this legacy for the future while making it available for current scientific research activities, exhibitions, training and environmental education initiatives.



CETAF raises awareness on the importance of taxonomy in exploring and documenting diversity in nature and understanding life on Earth. CETAF is the largest European platform for communication on natural history collections and natural history sciences. CETAF leads the way in the development of innovative knowledge exchange pathways.



CETAF optimises training and taxonomy infrastructures for the next generations of taxonomists. CETAF fosters a culture of data-sharing and open-access, promote digitalisation and digital access to collections. CETAF ensures that the data and essential skills needed to identify, describe, classify and protect the natural world remain at the service of society.



CETAF works towards its goals collectively: promoting access to collections and associated data; ensuring data sharing and interoperability; fostering taxonomy and taxonomic expertise in Europe. Information contained within the collections of CETAF institutions is fundamental to our current efforts to tackle issues that affect society at large (invasive species, climate change, food security and human health).

8 **CETAF** **%** of the world's described biodiversity

CONSORTIUM OF EUROPEAN TAXONOMIC FACILITIES

EXPLORING AND DOCUMENTING DIVERSITY IN NATURE

Through a network of 50+ natural history collections:

1. Biology Centre of Upper Austria State Museums
2. Natural History Museum of Vienna
3. Botanic Garden Meise
4. Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
5. Royal Museum for Central Africa
6. Bulgarian Consortium - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research
7. Bulgarian Consortium - National Museum of Natural History Sofia
8. National Museum of Natural History Prague
9. Natural History Museum of Denmark
10. Estonian Academy of Sciences Consortium - University of Tartu, Natural History Museum
11. Estonian Academy of Sciences Consortium - Tallinn University of Technology
12. Estonian Academy of Sciences Consortium - Estonian University of Life Sciences
13. Finnish Museum of Natural History
14. French National Museum of Natural History
15. Bavarian Natural History Collections
16. Berlin Natural History Museum
17. Berlin-Dahlem Botanical Garden and Botanical Museum
18. Senckenberg Natural History Museum
19. Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig
20. Stuttgart State Museum of Natural History
21. NORe Consortium - German Oceanographic Museum
22. NORe Consortium - Nature Discovery Center Müritzsee
23. NORe Consortium - Museum of Natural History & the Environment Lübeck
24. NORe Consortium - Natural History Museum Bielefeld
25. NORe Consortium - State Natural History Museum Braunschweig
26. NORe Consortium - State Museum of Nature and Man Oldenburg
27. NORe Consortium - Übersee Museum Bremen
28. NORe Consortium - Zoological Collection Rostock
29. NORe Consortium - University of Greifswald, Zoological Institute and Museum
30. NORe Consortium - Zoological Museum Hamburg
31. NORe Consortium - Zoological Museum of Kiel University
32. Natural History Museum of Crete
33. Hungarian Natural History Museum
34. Italian Museums of Natural History Consortium - Museum of Natural History Genova
35. Italian Museums of Nat. Hist. Consortium - Florence University, Natural History Museum
36. Italian Museums of Nat. Hist. Consortium - Natural History Museum of Milan
37. CBS-KNAW Fungal Biodiversity Centre, Utrecht
38. Naturalis Biodiversity Center, Leiden
39. University of Oslo, Natural History Museum
40. Polish Academy of Sciences, Museum and Institute of Zoology
41. NaTAF Consortium - Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Zoology
42. NaTAF Consortium - Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Botany
43. NaTAF Consortium - Comenius University, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Botany dept.
44. NaTAF Consortium - Comenius University, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Zoology dept.
45. NaTAF Consortium - Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Faculty of Science
46. NaTAF Consortium - Slovak National Museum
47. Spanish National Museum of Natural Sciences
48. Royal Botanical Garden of Madrid
49. Swedish Museum of Natural History
50. Gothenburg Consortium - Natural History Museum Gothenburg
51. Gothenburg Consortium - University of Gothenburg, Faculty of Science, Biological and Environmental Sciences dept.
52. Gothenburg Consortium - Gothenburg Botanical Garden
53. Geneva Consortium - Conservatory and Botanical Gardens of the City of Geneva
54. Geneva Consortium - Natural History Museum of the City of Geneva
55. Natural History Museum London
56. Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
57. Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

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