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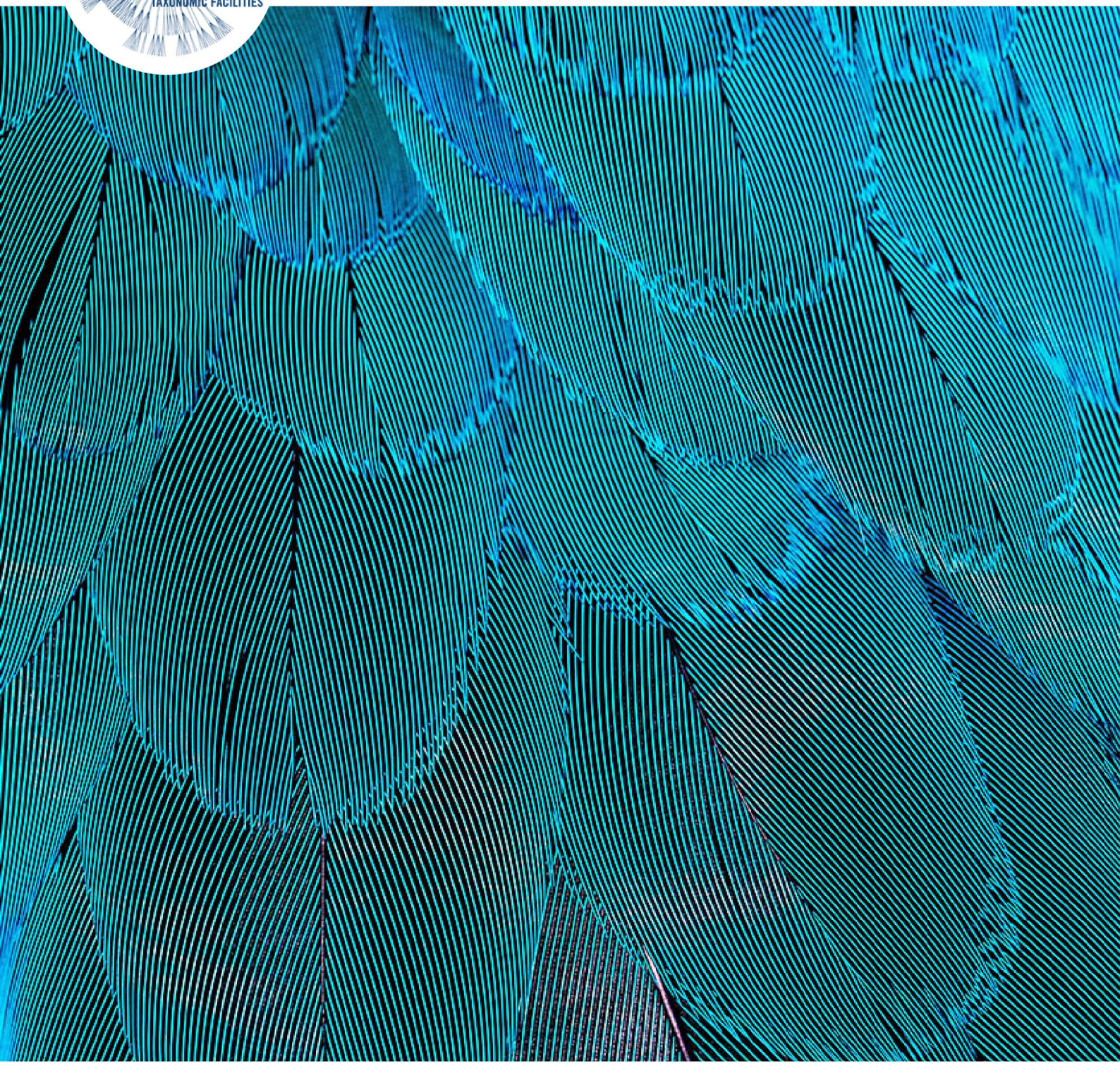

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Signatories

AUSTRIA
Biology Centre of Upper Austria State Museums
Natural History Museum Vienna

BELGIUM
Meise Botanic Garden
Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Royal Museum for Central Africa

BULGARIA
Bulgarian Consortium: Bulgarian Academy of Sciences,
Institute of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research
Bulgarian Consortium: National Museum of Natural History

CZECH REPUBLIC
Czech Consortium: Faculty of Science, Charles University in Prague
Czech Consortium: Institute of Botany, The Czech Academy of Sciences
Czech Consortium: National Museum, Prague

DENMARK
Natural History Museum of Denmark

ESTONIA
Estonian Consortium: Estonian Museum of Natural History
Estonian Consortium: Estonian University of Life Sciences
Estonian Consortium: Tallinn University of Technology
Estonian Consortium: University of Tartu Natural
History Museum and Botanical Garden

FINLAND
Finnish Museum of Natural History – LUOMUS

FRANCE
National Museum of Natural History

GERMANY
Bavarian Natural History Collections
Natural History Museum Berlin
Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin, Freie Universität Berlin
Senckenberg Society for Nature Research
Stuttgart State Museum of Natural History
NORe Consortium: Haus der Natur - Cismar
NORe Consortium: LIB Leibniz Institute for Analysis of Biodiversity Change
NORe Consortium: German Oceanographic Museum Stralsund
NORe Consortium: Müritzeum
NORe Consortium: Museum of Nature and Environment Lübeck
NORe Consortium: Natural History Museum Namu Bielefeld
NORe Consortium: State Museum of Natural History Braunschweig
NORe Consortium: State Museum Nature and Man Oldenburg
NORe Consortium: Übersee – Museum of Bremen
NORe Consortium: Zoological Collection of the University of Rostock
NORe Consortium: Zoological Institute and Museum Greifswald
NORe Consortium: Zoological Museum Kiel

GREECE
Natural History Museum - University of Crete, Greece

HUNGARY
Hungarian Natural History Museum

ICELAND
Natural Science Museum of Iceland

ISRAEL
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, National Natural History Collections
The Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Israel

ITALY
Italian Consortium: Natural History Museum, University of Florence
Italian Consortium: Natural History Museum of Genova
Museum and Botanical Garden of the University of Pisa

LUXEMBOURG
Natural History Museum of Luxembourg

NETHERLANDS
Naturalis Biodiversity Center

NORWAY
Natural History Museum - University of Oslo

POLAND
Museum and Institute of Zoology - Polish Academy of Sciences

SLOVAKIA
Slovakian Consortium: Comenius University- Faculty of Natural
Sciences - Botany & Zoology
Slovakian Consortium: Pavol Jozef Šafárik, University in Košice - Faculty of Science
Slovakian Consortium: Plant Science and Biodiversity Centre,
Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Botany
Slovakian Consortium: Slovak Academy of Sciences - Institute of Zoology
Slovakian Consortium: Slovak National Museum-Museum of
National History

SPAIN
CSIC. National Museum of Natural Sciences
CSIC. Royal Botanic Garden of Madrid

SWEDEN
Swedish Museum of Natural History
Gothenburg Consortium: Department of Biology and Environmental
Sciences, Gothenburg University
Gothenburg Consortium: Gothenburg Botanic Garden
Gothenburg Consortium: Gothenburg Natural History Museum

SWITZERLAND
Geneva Consortium: Conservatory and Botanical Gardens of Geneva
Geneva Consortium: Natural History Museum of Geneva
Natural History Museum of Bern

UNITED KINGDOM
Bristol Museum & Art Gallery
London Natural History Museum
Manchester Museum- The University of Manchester
Natural History | National Museum Wales
British Geological Survey | National Geological Repository
National Museums Liverpool
National Museums NI
National Museums Scotland
NHM Oxford University
Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew
The Hunterian – University of Glasgow

We, the General Assembly of the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF), after our meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden on the 10th May of 2023:

Recognise that documented, understood and sustained biodiversity is fundamental to human well-being, a healthy planet, and the long-term economic prosperity for all peoples as well as it being key to ensuring the fulfilment of the 2050 vision of living in harmony with nature.

Acknowledge that the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) builds on the achievements, gaps, and lessons learned to set out an ambitious strategic plan, incorporating the Kunming-Montreal 2030 Global Targets and the Kunming-Montreal Global Goals for 2050. We equally acknowledge that the GBF capitalises on transformative actions needed at national, regional and local governmental levels in collaboration with society to contribute to the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and to its Protocols.

Appreciate further that the current loss of species and ecosystems, and the concomitant damage to ecosystem services vital to ensuring the sustainability of nature for the future generations and delivering benefits essential for the human being, pose a clear and ongoing threat and a complex but urgent challenge for science and society.

Identify the major difficulties that Parties encounter in inventorying, protecting and preserving their biological diversity as well as in implementing biodiversity monitoring initiatives due to the existing knowledge gaps for many parts of the world and for numerous groups of organisms where the majority of species are not yet known to science or, where known, cannot be easily identified.

In this context, we,

Recall the decisions of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD that established the Kunming-Montreal GBF and set out the objectives, targets for 2030 and goals for 2050;

Appeal for the fundamental importance of the integration of taxonomic knowledge and taxonomic expertise into the GBF that will lead to the sustained management, conservation and restoration of biodiversity, the promotion of which is a crucial, and a rate-determining step in the proper implementation of the objectives of the CBD;

and thus, we,

Highlight the global importance of the institutions that are members of CETAF, the scientific collections they hold, the taxonomic expertise of their staff and students, their programmes of geological diversity and biological taxonomic discovery and training, and their principle of sharing taxonomic information openly to serve excellent science and support science-based decisions;

Emphasise the partnerships developed by members of CETAF with organisations and countries around the world, their extensive taxonomic capacity-building activities, and members' engagement with global initiatives, including the Global Biodiversity Information Facility, the Catalogue of Life, the International Barcode of Life, the Consortium of Scientific Partners of the CBD, and others;

Stress the 'taxonomic imperative' to boost sustained taxonomy capacity building initiatives that will ensure growth of taxonomic expertise, and to develop and make available taxonomic expertise, taxonomic knowledge, and biodiversity information to anyone contributing to the implementation of the CBD in a timely, effective and reliable manner.

The members of CETAF pledge themselves to the support of the implementation of the CBD GBF by underpinning the importance of fostering of taxonomic knowledge, contributions and expertise as instrumental components for the achievement of the 2030 targets and 2050 goals.

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