

Introduction to Darwin Core Archives

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Hylacomia delphus triquetrus (Hedw.) Ochyma & Stebel observed in Latvia by davis_birzgalis (CC BY)



2,162,818,707

Occurrence records



68,978

Datasets



1,825

Publishing institutions



7,149

Peer-reviewed papers
using data



Occurrences

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Occurrence status

Licence

Scientific name

☒ *Plectrophenax nivalis* (Linnaeus, 1758)

Basis of record

Location

Administrative areas (gadm.org)

Coordinate uncertainty in metres

Year

Month

Dataset

Country or area

Continent

Issues and flags

Media type

Publisher

Institution code

Collection code

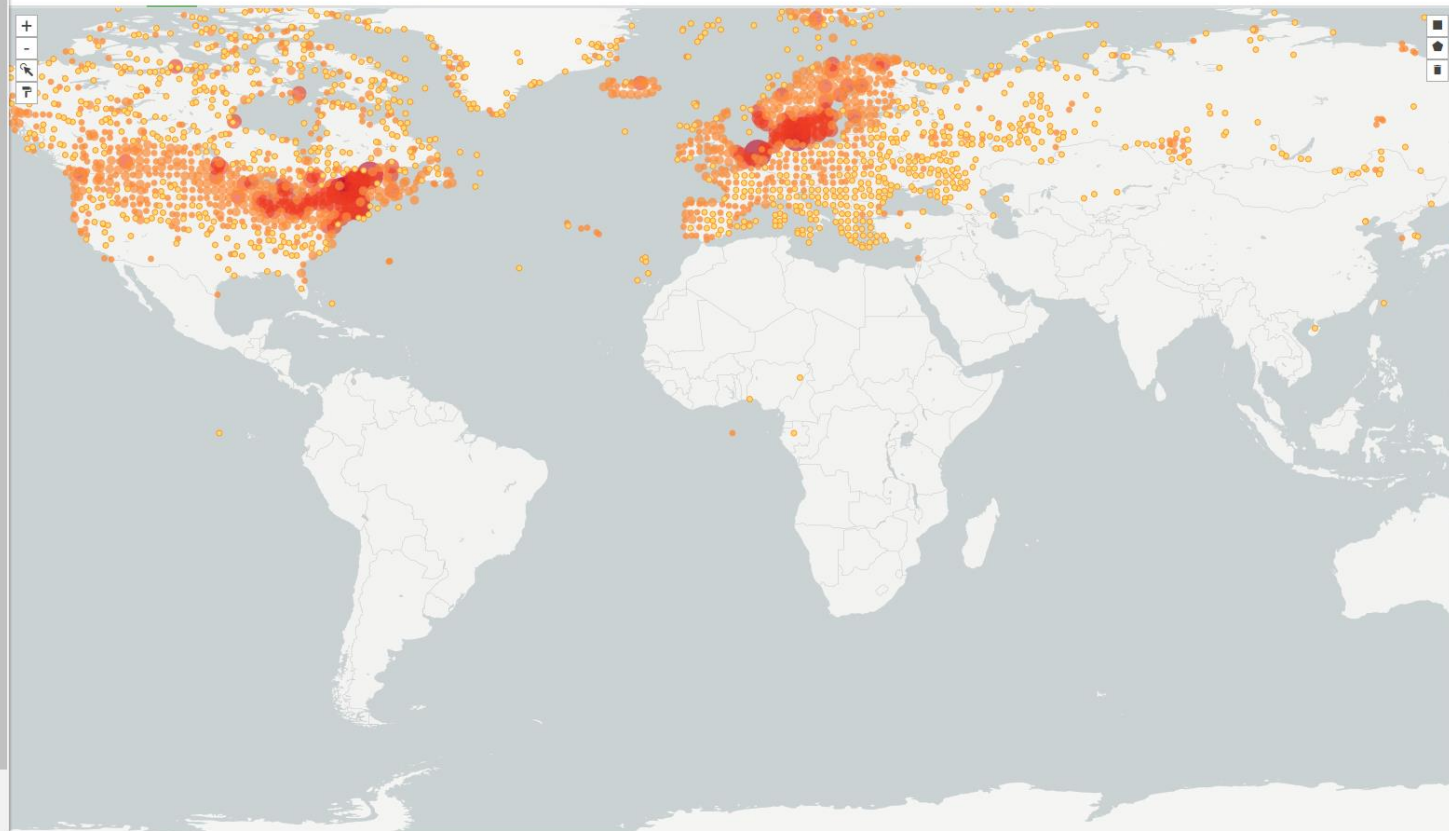
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Type status

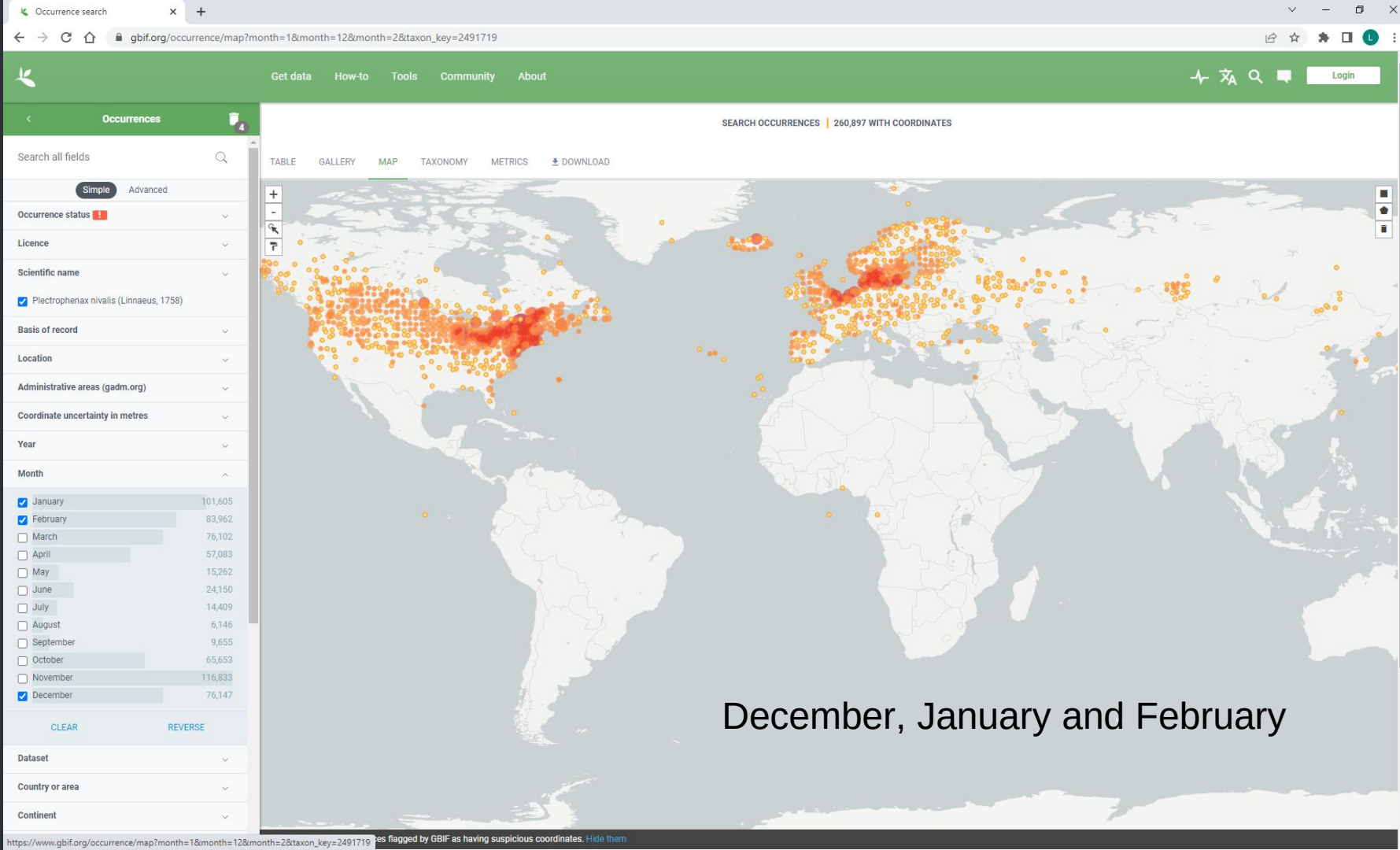
IUCN Global Red List Category

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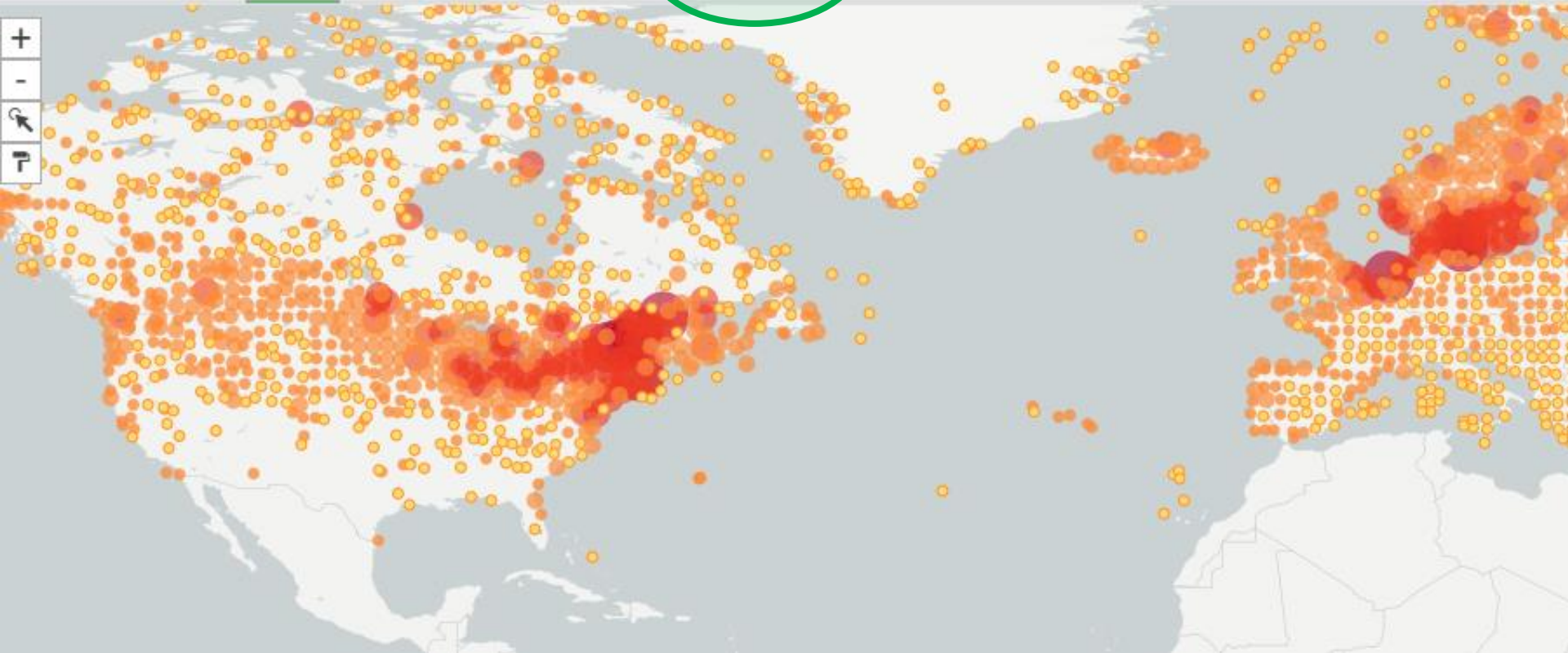


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Occurrence status 	▼	Issues and flags	▼	Elevation	▼
Licence	▼	Media type	▼	Depth	▼
Scientific name	▼	Publisher	▼	Locality	▼
☒ <i>Plectrophenax nivalis</i> (Linnaeus, 1758)		Hosting organization	▼	Water body	▼
Verbatim scientific name	▼	Institution code	▼	State province	▼
Basis of record	▼	Institution	▼	Repatriated	▼
Location	▼	Collection code	▼	Is in cluster	▼
Administrative areas (gadm.org)	▼	Collection	▼	DWCA extension	▼
Coordinate uncertainty in metres	▼	Catalogue number	▼	Protocol	▼
Year	▼	Type status	▼	Event ID	▼
Month	▼	IUCN Global Red List Category	▼	Sampling protocol	▼
Dataset	▼	Recorded by	▼	Data network	▼
Country or area	▼	Recorded by ID	▼	Programme	▼
Continent	▼	Identified by	▼	Project	▼

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↓ SPECIES LIST	X	✓	X	X	Tab-delimited CSV (for use in Excel, etc.) ⓘ	

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Parent DOI

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Month

January • February • December

Scientific name

Plectrophenax nivalis (Linnaeus, 1758)

API

OCCURRENCE DATASET | REGISTERED AUGUST 6, 2012

Norwegian Species Observation Service

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27,344,440 OCCURRENCES

727 CITATIONS

Citizen science species observations from the Species Observation Service in Norway (Artsobservasjoner).



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Occurrences



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With coordinates



99.9%
With year

27,344,384 GEOREFERENCED RECORDS

Read more about literature, how it's discovered and linked to GBIF-mediated data.

Climatic heterogeneity and low precipitation dictate the global distribution of range-edge hotspots of major tree species Literature

Lerner, D. Fernandez-Martinez, M. Livne-Luzon, S. Belmaker, J. Penuelas, J. Klein, T. (2022) Research Square
Abstract Understanding the causes of the arrest of species distributions has been a fundamental question in ecology and evolution. For trees, these questions are of particular interest due to their long lifespan and sessile nature. A surge in data-availability evokes for a macro-ecological analysis ...

Range-edge • climate change • global • latitude diversity gradient • species distribution

Preprint | Open access

Data referenced in study [DOI](#) 10.15468/dl.ajen6k

Species Identification Based on DNA of Selected Mushrooms from Myanmar (2) Geastrum courtecuissei and Phallus merulinuswith Disjunct Distribution? Literature

Hosaka, K. Nam, K. Linn, W. Aung, M. (2022) Bulletin of the National Museum of Nature and Science. Series B, Botany
To clarify biogeographic patterns of two mushroom species (Phallus merulinus and Geastrum courtecuissei) previously reported from Myanmar, sequence data of the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region of nuclear ribosomal DNA were retrieved from GenBank. The BLAST search and phylogenetic analyses of...

BLAST • Geastrales • Phallales • Phallomycetidae • South America • Southeast Asia

Journal article | Peer-reviewed

Data referenced in study [DOI](#) 10.15468/dl.eqhc8y [DOI](#) 10.15468/dl.h7yfrm

中国历史时期猕猴桃属 (Actinidia) 遗存的发现与利用 Literature

杨, 皓. (2022) ()
(no abstract available)

Generic

Data referenced in study [DOI](#) 10.15468/dl.9x7seq

[Google Scholar](#)

Update on the development of the Agouti platform for collaborative science with camera traps and a tool for wildlife abundance estimation Literature

Casaer, J. Desmet, P. ENETWILD Consortium, . Jansen, P. Liefing, Y. Rowcliffe, J. (2022) EFSA Supporting Publications
Camera traps (CT) provide an easy and non-invasive way to study wildlife. It is also possible to estimate densities if accurate protocols are followed in a standardised way and additional parameters are estimated. However, the processing and storage of the thousands of images that a typical CT study...

Journal article | Open access | Peer-reviewed

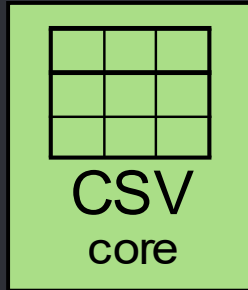
Data referenced in study [DOI](#) 10.15468/dl.up2acp

How is this possible?!

- Standardised file structure
 - Darwin Core Archive
- Rich and common metadata
- Controlled vocabularies
 - Darwin Core Terms
 - Ecological Metadata Language

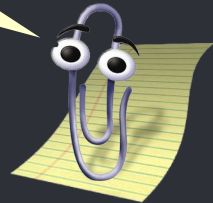
Darwin Core Archive

Darwin core terms

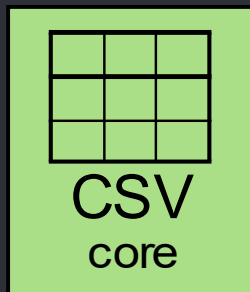


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925aa4a9-d8bb-4429-a4ee-94cdd6760b1a	Machine_observation	Plectrophenax Nivalis (Linnaeus, 1758)	2022-04-29T15:19:23Z	

<https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/>



Darwin Core Archive

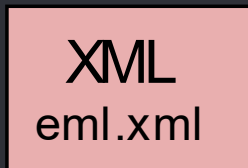
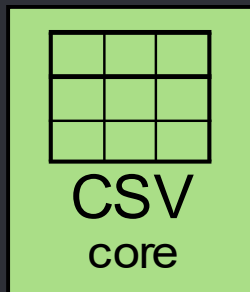


Describes
structure

meta.xml

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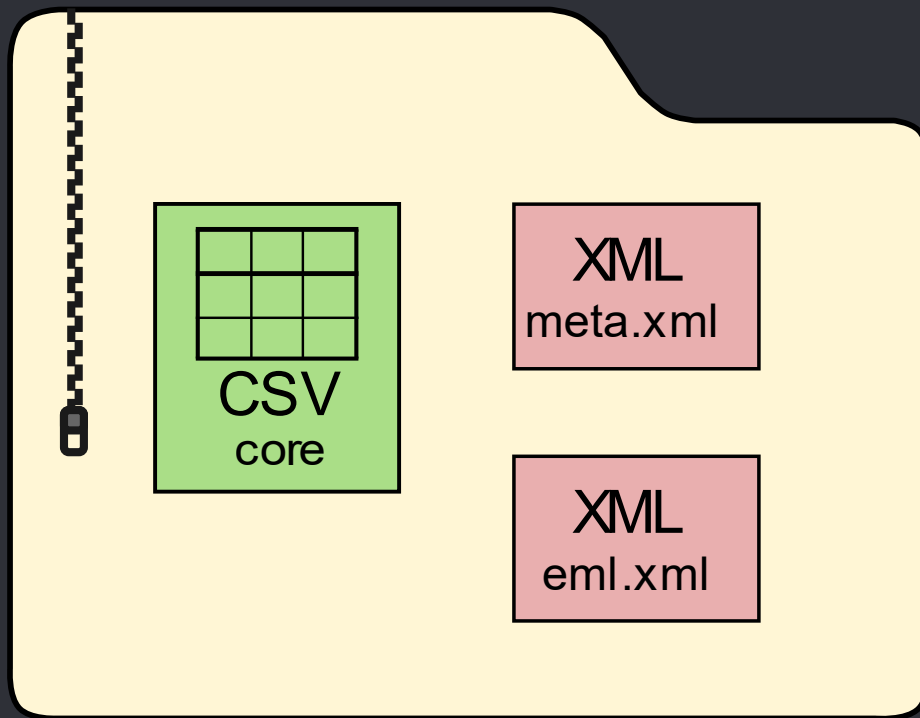
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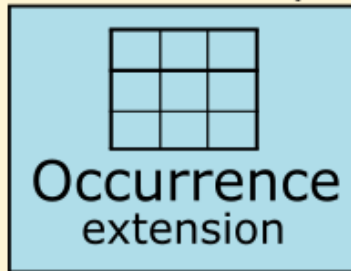
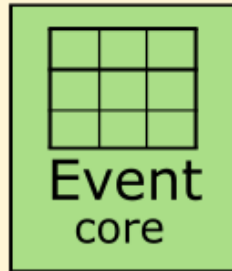


Describes
structure

Describes dataset
(e.g. abstract, people
involved, methods,
citations...)

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XML
meta.xml

XML
eml.xml

Event Core

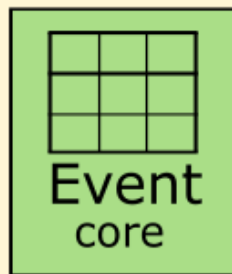
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Occurrence extension

occurrenceID	eventID	scientificName	...
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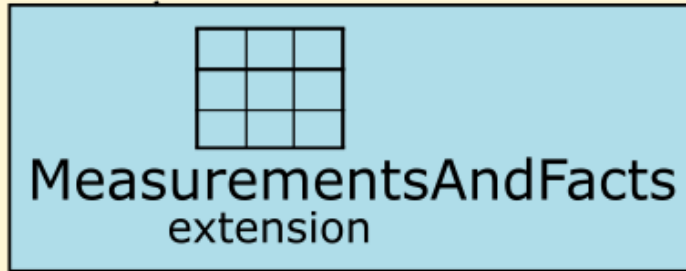
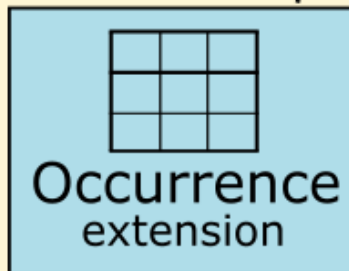
Why?

- Many-to-one
- More efficient
- Possible to register environment measurements (temperature, salinity...)



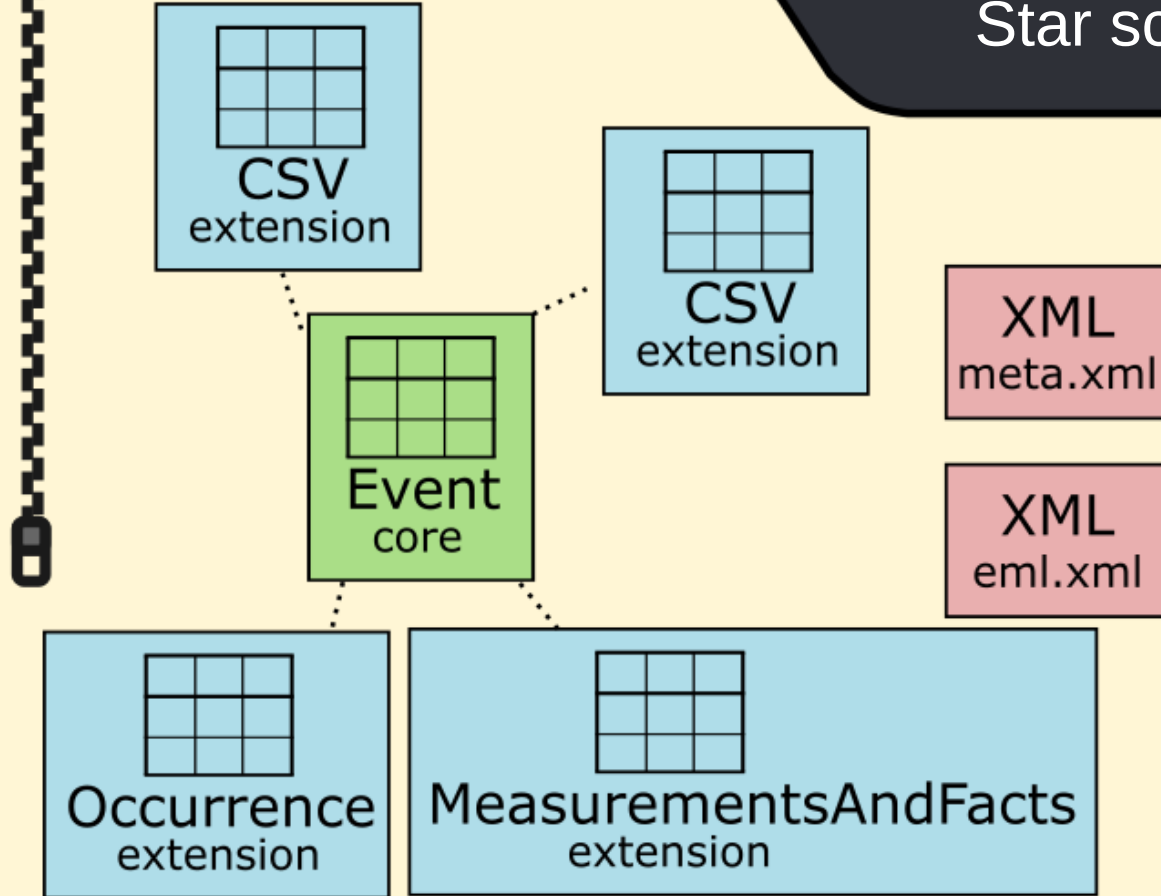
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meta.xml

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eml.xml

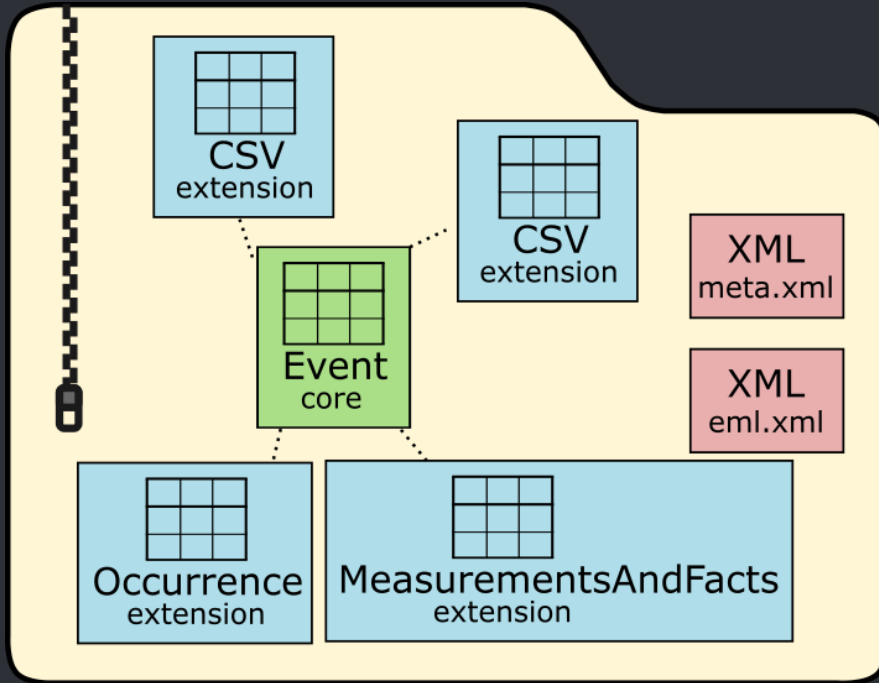


Star schema

All
linked
by
eventID



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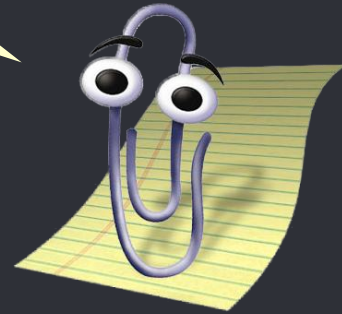


Easy method:

1. Excel templates for CSV files
2. Create XML files and archive using GBIF's Integrated Publishing Toolkit

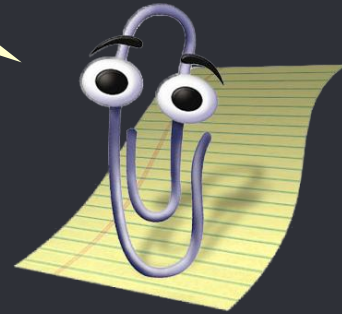
GBIF Darwin Core templates

<https://www.gbif.org/news/82852/new-darwin-core-spreadsheet-templates-simplify-data-preparation-and-publishing>



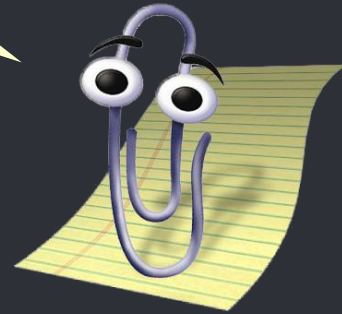
Nansen Legacy templates

<https://sios-svalbard.org/cgi-bin/darwinsheet/?setup=aen>



Integrated Publishing Toolkit

<https://www.gbif.org/ipt>



Integrated Publishing Toolkit

← → ↻ ipt-test.gbif.no/manage/resource.do

This is the overview page for the `ipt-test` resource.

Source Data

Choose file No file chosen

Connect to database Clear

Your source data files and SQL sources for generating a Darwin Core Archive.

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occurrences [file] 838 bytes, 14 rows, 11 columns. Apr 19, 2021

Darwin Core Mappings

Darwin Core Occurrence

Add

Your mapping between the source data and Darwin Core terms.

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Core

Darwin Core Occurrence 11 terms mapped to occurrences. Apr 19, 2021

Metadata

Edit ⚠

Your resource metadata.

Published Versions

Publish ⚠

Auto-publishing

Select interval

A preview of your pending published version compared with the current version if existing.

	Pending version
Version	1.0 Preview
Visibility	Private
Data Licence	-

Your Excel files

Mapping columns
to Darwin Core
terms
(semi-automatic)

Fill in form to
describe dataset

Useful links

- Darwin Core terms:
 - <https://dwc.tdwg.org/terms/>
- OBIS Darwin Core manual
 - <https://manual.obis.org/>
- GBIF Darwin Core templates
 - <https://www.gbif.org/news/82852/new-darwin-core-spreadsheet-templates-simplify-data-preparation-and-publishing>
- Nansen Legacy template generator
 - <https://sios-svalbard.org/cgi-bin/darwinsheet/?setup=aen>
- GBIF Integrated Publishing Toolkit
 - <https://www.gbif.org/ipt>