

Publishing and accessing biodiversity information in Canada

Towards a Canadian biodiversity knowledge mobilization strategy

A strategic planning workshop
for key industry, government, academic and non-profit stakeholders

Thursday, February 24, 2011
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Objective

To explore and build a collaborative commitment to biodiversity data publishing in Canada, enhancing cooperation among data producers, data managers and data users.

Expected outcomes

- Components of a strategic plan for biodiversity data publishing in Canada, including key issues and directions to address them
- Commitment from key communities to support steps needed to streamline publishing of biodiversity data in Canada
- Clear steps that build progress in the next few years, e.g. Networks of Centres of Excellence - Knowledge Mobilization application

Agenda

9:00 - Welcome and Introductions

9:15 - Opening addresses:

- Who is sponsoring this initiative and why?
- Why do we need primary biodiversity data?
- Lessons from the past: Biodiversity Knowledge Information Network (BKIN)

9:45 - Experiences from active networks: Canadensys, Canadian Biodiversity Information Facility (CBIF) & NatureServe Canada

10:30 - *Break*

11:00 - Discussion: The need for biodiversity information (why?)

12:00 - *Lunch*

13:00 - Discussion: Strategies for moving forward (how?)

14:00 - Discussion: Responsibilities, leadership and coordination (who?)

15:00 - *Break*

15:30 - Discussion: Priorities for moving forward (what?)

16:30 - End of the meeting