The Macrofungi Collections Consortium











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The Macrofungi Collections Consortium

- Consists of 35 institutions in 24 states:
 - Thirty one large and small universities
 - Two botanical gardens
 - Two natural history museums
 - Includes data from one Federal agency





































































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What are macrofungi?

- Fungi with a macroscopic sporocarps (i.e. conspicuous spore-bearing structures)
- Polyphyletic assemblage
- Examples include mushrooms, boletes, morels, truffles, puffballs, club fungi, stinkhorns, and bracket fungi



Digitize specimen data, field notes and photographs

Work Completed:

1,535,000 records now available through MycoPortal

- 335,000 specimens newly digitized
- 1.2 million existing records aggregated in the MycoPortal
- 22,000 Images of fungi digitized (living or dried)















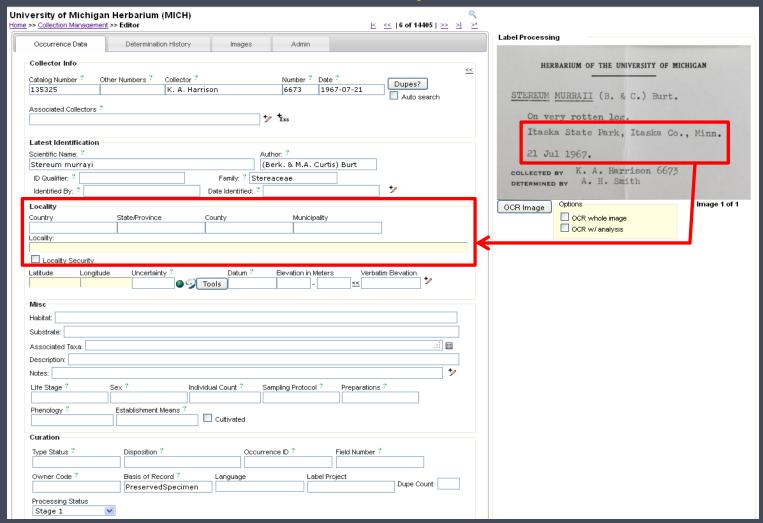




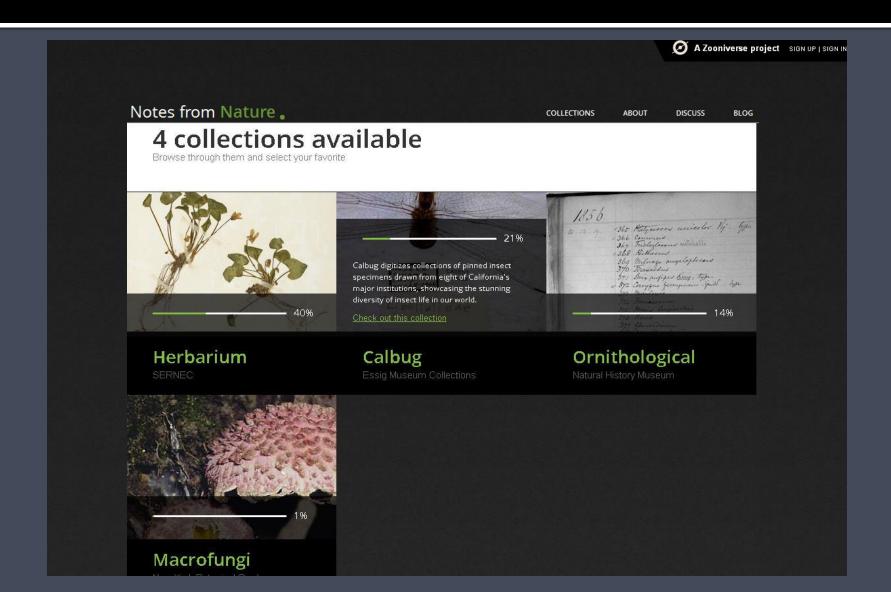


What's New: Enlist volunteers to improve data quality and completeness

Data input



Notes from Nature



What's New: Teacher Training





What's Ahead

- Complete digitization work at 18 institutions
- Understand better and expand the crowdsourcing effort
- Collaborative Georeferencing
- More Outreach
- Sustainability Plan
 - Expand initiative to other regions of the world
 - Forge a stronger link with GenBank
 - Formalize relationship with the Mycological Society of America