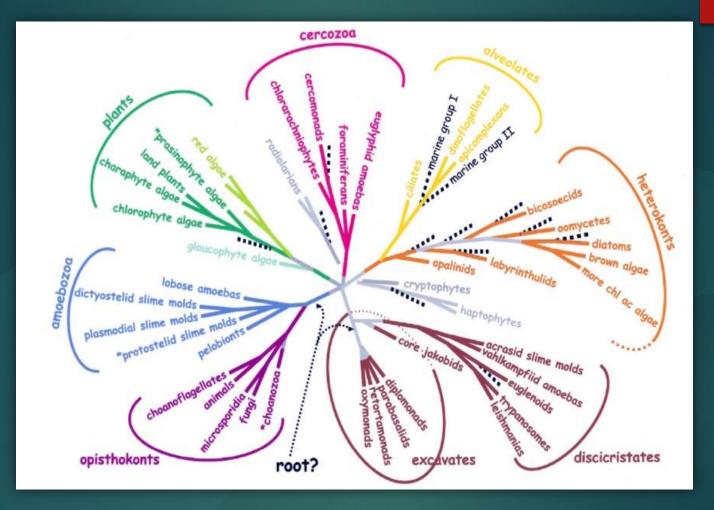
## The Macroalgal Herbarium Consortium

ACCESSING 150 YEARS OF SPECIMEN DATA TO UNDERSTAND CHANGES IN THE MARINE/AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT



### What are Macroalgae?



Eukaryota Tree of Life (Bauldauf 2003)

### What are Macroalgae?

Rhodophyta (Red Algae) - 6,300 species in 10 orders Chlorophyta (Green Algae) - 4,300 species in 15 orders Charophyta - 3,500 species in 8 orders

Phaeophyta (Brown Algae) - 2,000 species in 18 orders



## Why Are They Important?

- Foundation of aquatic ecosystems provide food, shelter and substrate for other organisms
- Maintain nutrient balance in aquatic ecosystem and produce oxygen
- \$7.4 billion industry as human food, phycocolloids, pharmaceuticals
- Sensitive indicator of environmental changes in aquatic ecosystems



## How Many Specimens Are There in US Herbaria?



1.2 Million in collections ranging from 100 specimens to 200,000.

Project goal is to digitize (image, database, georeference) all of them.

## Where Are The Specimens?

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> US Dept of State Geographer a SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO

Google earth

# What Information Do They Contain?

#### Label Information

 Taxonomic determinations and annotations, collector(s), collection date, locality, habitat, depth, associated species, etc.

#### Specimen

- Gross, morphological characteristics, reproductive status, general condition.
- DNA
- Cellular characterisics



#### How Are They Being Digitized?

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#### How Are They Being Digitized?

#### Imaging

- Lightbox/copystand
- 21 to 36 megapixel camera
- Camera Control Software
- Adobe Lightroom (white balance, tone curve adjustment, jpg & dng export)

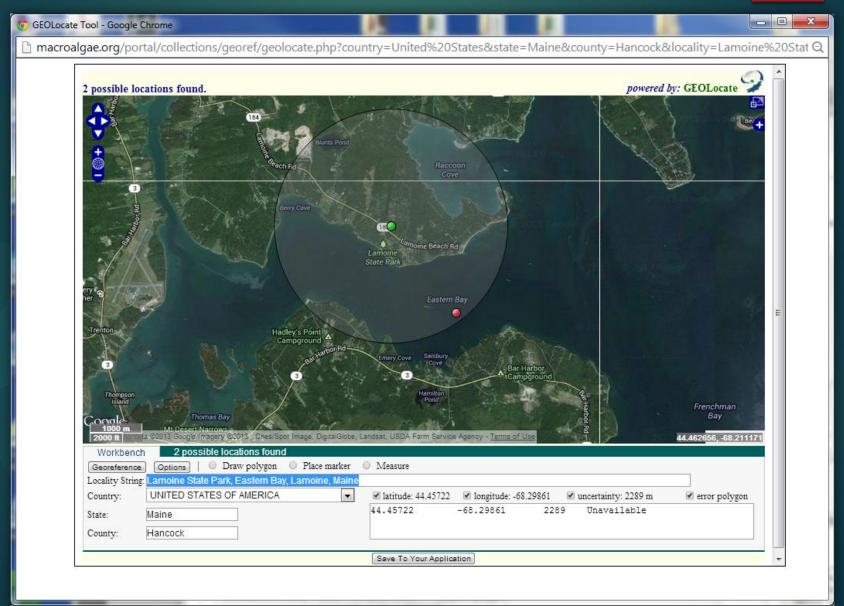




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#### How are digitizers being trained?



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Demonstrates how to assemble the Imaging Stations for the Macroalgal Digitization Project. This is a rough-cut - titles and narration will be added later.



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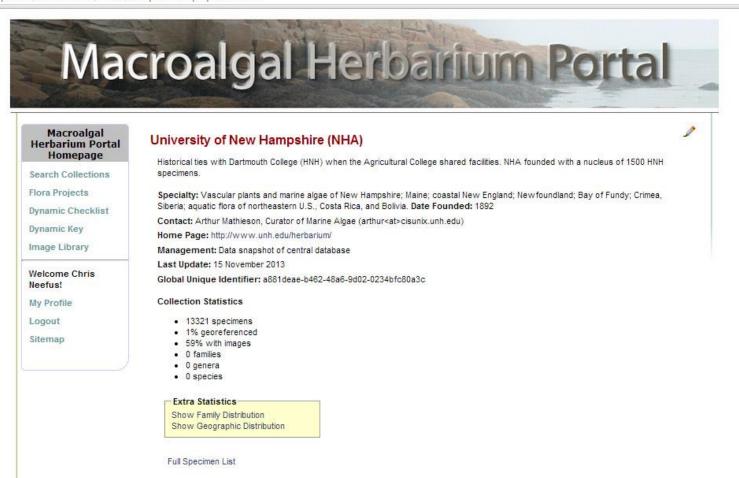
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#### How Is The Data Being Disseminated?

Macroalgae.org specimen data portal (Symbiota)

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## What Are The Broader Impacts of the Project?

- Undergraduate and Graduate Student Participation
  - Digitization: Imaging, Transcription, Georeferencing
  - Research Opportunities
- Internships at NY Botanical Garden and Field Museum
  - Under-represented groups in STEM
- Exhibits and Programs
  - Field Museum (650,000 visitors)
  - Bishop Museum (450,000 visitors)

#### The Macroalgae Consortium

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