The Macroalgal Herbarium Consortium

Accessing 150 Years of Specimen Data to Understand Changes in the Marine/Aquatic Environment

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Progress in Digitization Efforts



■Year1 ■Year2 ■Year3 ■Year4 ■Year5

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				Percent Complete				
Digitizing Institution	Start	Collections	Specimens	Records Created	On Portal	Imaged	Transcribed	Geo-referenced
University of New Hampshire	Year 1	10	140,493	1	1	1	1	
New York Botanical Garden	Year 1	5	172,613					
University of North Carolina	Year 1	7	62,830	1	1		1	
University of Michigan	Year 1	5	95,589	1		1	1	
University of Washington	Year 1	3	25,775	1			1	
Duke University	Year 1	1	17,828	1			1	
University of Alaska SE	Year 1	1	9,889	1			1	
Bishop Museum	Year 1	1	65,000					
Field Museum	Year 1	1	48,058	1				
Oregon State University	Year 1	1	12,120	1	1	1		
University of Guam	Year 1	1	7,913	1			1	
University of California - Berkeley	Year 2	9	230,869					
University of Hawaii	Year 2	1	4,730	1	Ч ,	0		1
Harvard University	Year 2	1	125,000	0	0	0	0	0
Academy of Natural Sciences	Year 3	1	37,816					
University of Vermont	Year 3	1	3,062					

Fotals	49	1,059,585	811,866	784,638	718,904	618,440	552,817
			1	1	1	1	1

Who is Using the Data?

Google Analytics for Macroalgae.org



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All Users 0.00% Users	Add Segment	Jan 1, 2015 - Sep 23, 2018 🛩
Map Overlay Explorer		
Summary Site Usage Ecommerce		
Sessions •	30272	

How is the Data Being Used?

- Determine when and where a species can be collected
- Taxonomic studies
- Biogeographic studies
 - Effects of environmental changes or disturbances on species distribution and community structure
 - Track progression of invasive species and loss/displacement of native species

Spatial Module

- Modeled after the Atlas of Living Australia Spatial Module
- Integrated with Symbiota
- Far more capabilities than the Symbiota Map Search
- GIS Layers
 - Choice of Base Map Layers
 - World Climatological Layers
 - Average and Monthly Temperature, Precipitation, Solar Radiation, Wind
 - Political Boundary Layers
 - Ability to Import Additional Layers
 - Drawing Tools to Create Shape Layers
- Enhanced Search Tools
 - Search for records within shapes
 - Date sliders to visualize changes in observations over time

Spatial Module



Spatial Analysis Module Continuing Development at UNH



One Lesson Learned?

Small Herbaria Are Easier to Digitize than Large Ones

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