

#### Overview of the Biodiversity Heritage Library Recent Activities

Digital Data in Biodiversity Research Conference 5-6 June 2017 | Ann Arbor | University of Michigan



"The cultivation of natural history cannot be efficiently carried out without reference to an extensive library."









Over 10 years of inspiring discovery

through free & open access

to biodiversity literature & archives

from the 15th-21st centuries

## Mission

The Biodiversity Heritage Library improves research methodology by collaboratively making biodiversity literature openly available to the world as part of a global biodiversity community.





Agricultural ecology Animal behavior Animal culture Animal husbandry Aquaculture Bioacoustics Biochemistry Bioclimatology Biogeomorphology Bioluminescence Biomechanics Collection & preservation Coral islands, reefs, & atolls Continental drift Ecology Economic botany Conservation biology Ecosystems Embryology Ecophysiology Amphibia Anatomy Algae Forestry Evolutionary genetics **Angiosperms** Arthropoda Arachnida Genetics Atlases & gazetteers Biodiversity conservation Biological diversity Botany Bryology Classification & nomenclature Cyanobacteria Endangered species Entomology Evolution Extinction Ferns & allies Fungi Gymnosperms Geographical distribution History of natural sciences Ichthyology Invertebrates Linnaean works Mammalia Marine biology Medical botany Mollusca Morphology Natural history biographies Natural history dictionaries & encyclopedias Ornithology Paleobotany Paleozoology Phylogenetic relationships Pre-Linnaean works Primatology Plant anatomy Porifera Protozoa Reproduction Reptilia Scientific illustration Specimen catalogs Systematics Taxonomy Microbial ecology Scientific expeditions Zoology Natural history bibliographies Natural history directories Natural history terminology Oceanography Phenology Physical anthropology Plant conservation Plant culture Plant ecology Plant lore Plant physiology Radioecology Plate tectonics Soil ecology Restoration ecology Stratigraphy Taxidermy Virology Vivariums, terrariums, & aquariums Wild animal trade Wildlife conservation Zoos

BHL can't have everything, but we try to include as much as possible!





# 52+ MILLION

**PAGES** 

120,000+ 203,000+ VOLUMES

# 176+MILLION

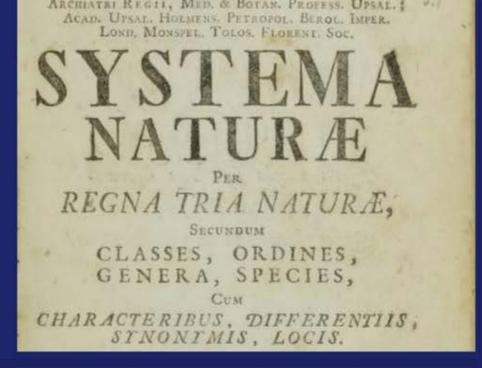
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615+

IN-COPYRIGHT TITLES LICENSED FOR BHL

AGREEMENTS WITH 260+ **LICENSORS** 

\*Stats as of June 2017



The earliest work in BHL is

Theophrasti De Historia plantarum liber primus

(1483)

biodiversitylibrary.org/page/40913187

Systema naturae per regna tria naturae. Ed. 10, 1758. Carl von Linné.

biodiversitylibrary.org/bibliography/542

Considered the starting point of zoological nomenclature.

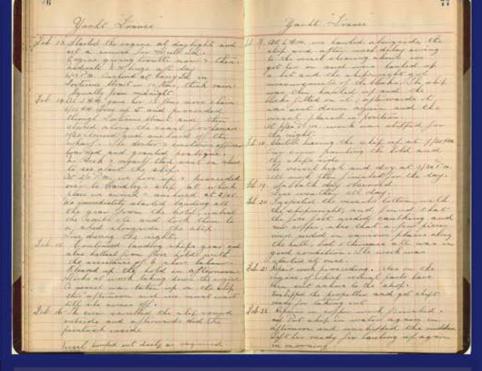
Listed about 10,000 species of organisms, of which about 6,000 are plants and 4,236 are animals.

Logbook of the
yacht "France"
Whitney South Sea
Expedition of the American
Museum of Natural History
Volume: v.2 (1926-1928)

biodiversitylibrary.org/page/44821245

BHL includes over 100,000 pages of Field Notes and related archival material.

Ongoing transcription projects will make these fully searchable.



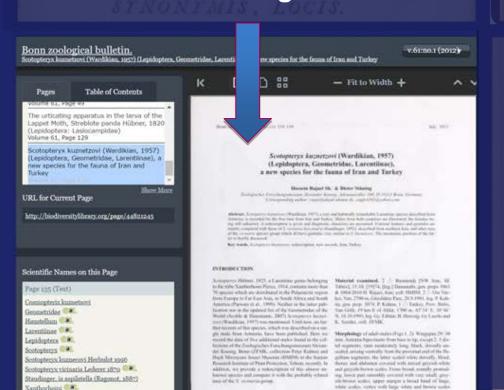
442 RECAPITULATION

these consist of such qualities and attributes only as are intimately related to the natural wants and propersities of the species.

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Scotopteryx kuznetzovi
(Wardikian, 1957)
(Lepidoptera, Geometridae,
Larentiinae),
a new species for the fauna of
Iran and Turkey
Hossein Rajaei Sh.\* & Dieter
Stuning



## Bonn Zoological Bulletin 61 (1): 135-39 (July 2012)

biodiversitylibrary.org/page/4482124

With the assistance of BioStor, BHL now indexes over 202,000 articles, chapters or other "segments" of BHL content.

These are all searchable through the bibliographic interface to BHL.

### Charles Darwin's Library

biodiversitylibrary.org/browse/collection/darwinlibrary

A digital edition and virtual reconstruction of the surviving books owned by Charles Darwin.

It also provides full transcriptions of his annotations and marks. These works provide important insight into the development of Darwin's ideas on evolution and natural selection. "If this were true, adios theory"
Charles Darwin wrote these words in response to reading *Principles of Geology*, v. 2 (1837) by Charles Lyell, who was arguing that changes in species have limitations. Darwin, on the other hand, argued that changes in species are infinite and continuous, an integral concept crucial to his theory of evolution.

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## Not just "heritage" collections

> 23% of BHL's collection of 188,970 items is post-1922

> 72.3% of BHL's collection is free of copyright restriction in the United States

As of August 2016



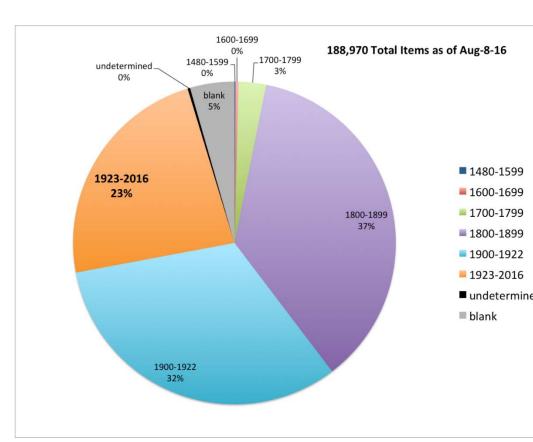


# Permissions for In Copyright Material

Thanks to the work of the Expanding Access to Biodiversity Literature team (Mariah Lewis and Patrick Randall) and Bianca Crowley, BHL had a successful year with 164 newly licensed titles and 83 licensors since our last meeting.

Licensed titles in CY 2016: 164

Licensors in CY 2016: 83



## A Commitment to Open Access...

BHL is a charter signatory of the **Bouchout Declaration** for Open Biodiversity Knowledge Management.

Fundamental principles of the Declaration:

Free & Open Use

Policies to Foster Free & Open Access

Registers for Content & Services

Linked Data

Sustainable Knowledge Management

Infrastructure, Standards & Protocols to Improve Access

Persistent Identifiers

Tracking Identifiers to Ensure Attribution



## BHL offers a range of free services



API & DATA EXPORTS



TAXONOMIC NAME SEARCHING



REFERENCE MANAGEMENT TOOLS



CUSTOM PDF DOWNLOADS

517,000+ TO DATE



ARTICLE INDEXING

202,000+ TO DATE



DOI ASSIGNMENT

> 104,000+ TO DATE

\*Stats as of November 2016







BHL Annual Meeting
Singapore | March 2017 Biodiversity Heritage Library



## **MEMBERS**

- American Museum of Natural History Library
- BHL Australia
- BHL México
- Cornell University Library
- Field Museum of Natural History Library
- Harvard University Botany Libraries
- Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Ernst Mayr Library
- Library of Congress
- The LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden
- Missouri Botanical Garden, Peter H. Raven Library
- > Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle
- · National Library Board, Singapore
- Natural History Museum Library, London
- Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Library, Art & Archives
- Smithsonian Libraries
- United States Geological Survey Libraries Program
- University Library, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- University of Toronto Libraries





## **AFFILIATES**

- Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Library and Archives
- BHL Africa
- Bibliothèque cantonale et universitaire -Lausanne
- California Academy of Sciences Library
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Chicago Botanic Garden, Lenhardt Library
- Internet Archive
- Los Angeles County Arboretum & Botanic Garden
- Marine Biological Laboratory/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Library (MBLWHOI Library)
- Mendel Museum
- Narodni Museum (National Museum, Prague)
- Natural History Museum Los Angeles County
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center
- Smithsonian Institution Archives
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Library
- Converted to Affiliate at the 2017 Meeting
- > BHL China
- > BHL Egypt
- > BHL SciELO

<sup>\*</sup>As of June 2017

## **BHL GOVERNANCE**

## **Executive Committee**

**BHL Members' Council** 

# CHAIR Constance Rinaldo Harvard, Ernst Mayr Library, MCZ

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Natural History
Museum, London

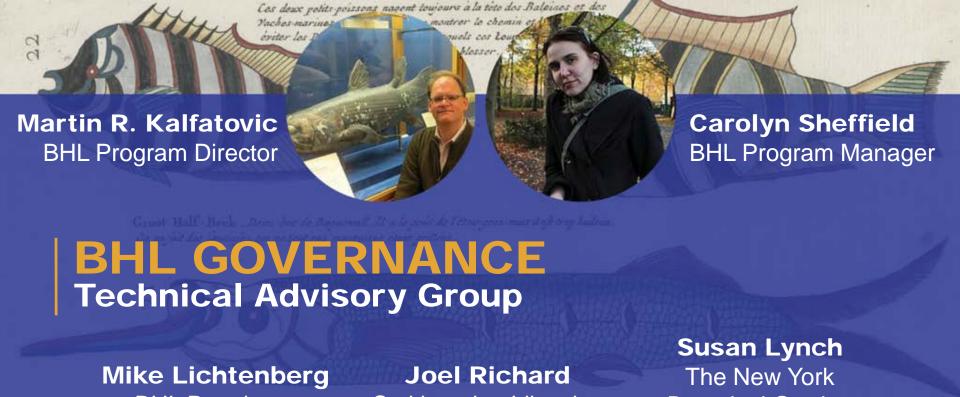
# SECRETARY Doug Holland Missouri Botanical Garden

PAST-CHAIR
Dr. Nancy E. Gwinn
Smithsonian Libraries









**BHL** Developer

**Smithsonian Libraries** 

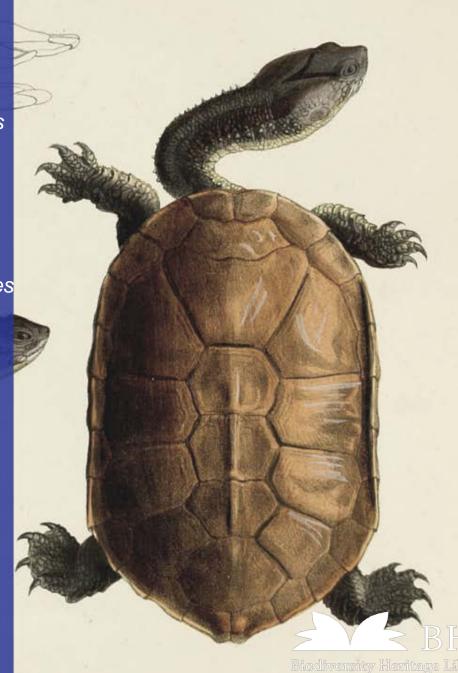
**Botanical Garden** 





## **FUNDING SOURCES**

- Federal Funding
  - Federal allocation to Smithsonian Libraries
- Member and Affiliate Dues
- Institutional Endowments
- Grants
  - Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
  - Arcadia Fund
  - Council on Library & Information Resources
  - Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation
  - Institute of Museum & Library Services
  - JRS Foundation
  - European Commission
  - Atlas of Living Australia
  - MacArthur Foundation
  - Mellon Foundation
  - National Endowment for the Humanities
  - National Science Foundation (NSF)
  - Richard Lounsbery Foundation
- Donations
- Product Development
- Institutional Subventions
- In-Kind Contributions



Lithographic Geor. Groz.



## CASH & IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

VALUE | MEMBER & AFFILIATE **CONTRIBUTIONS 2016** 

\$1,424,792.54 DIRECT STAFF

\$392,751.28 **OTHER**  27.26

**TOTAL MEMBER & AFFILIATE FTES** WORKING ON BHL IN 2016



2015 VS 2016

**TOTAL IN-KIND** CONTRIBUTIONS

\$1,358,908.20 \$1,817,543.82 2015

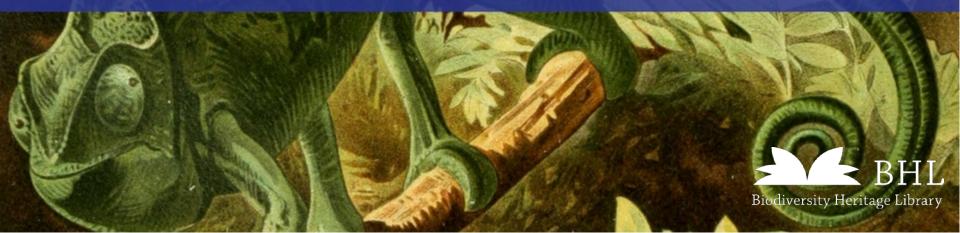
2016



# GLOBAL

"Congratulations on a superior on-line library service that is of great help to anybody that has no direct access to old literature (like many scientists in developing countries). I used to be located in the Natural History Museum in Leiden, Netherlands with an excellent library, but after my retirement I moved to Brazil and lost direct contact with the Leiden library. In many cases BHL now provides what I am looking for."

Dr. Marinus Hoogmoed
Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians, 1963-2003
Naturalis Biodiversity Center



## **BHL** is a Global Consortium



18 MEMBERS

18 AFFILIATES

AS OF JUNE 2017

**60+** WORLDWIDE PARTNERS



























### **Top 10 Cities by Sessions, CY 2016**



- 1. London
- 2. New York
- 3. Mexico City
- 4. Paris
- 5. Sydney
- 6. Berlin
- 7. Washington
- 8. Melbourne
- 9. New Delhi
- 10. Sao Paulo





# 6.3+MILLION

TOTAL USERS TO DATE

107,000+ AVERAGE MONTHLY USERS

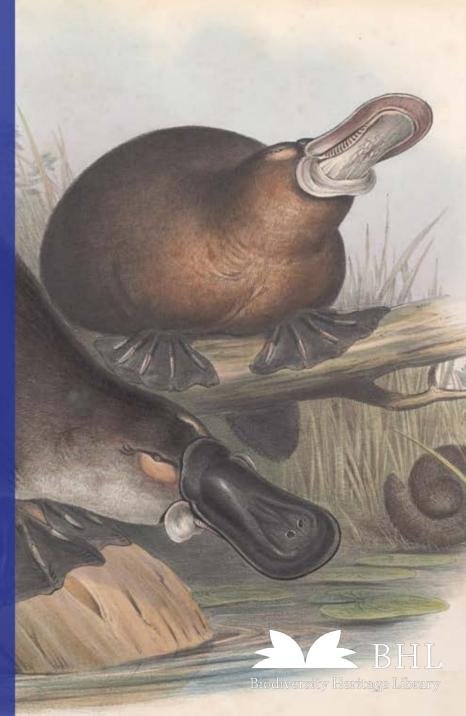
12+ MILLION

TOTAL WEBSITE VISITS TO DATE

197,000+ AVERAGE MONTHLY VISITS



**VISITS FROM** 243 **COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES** 







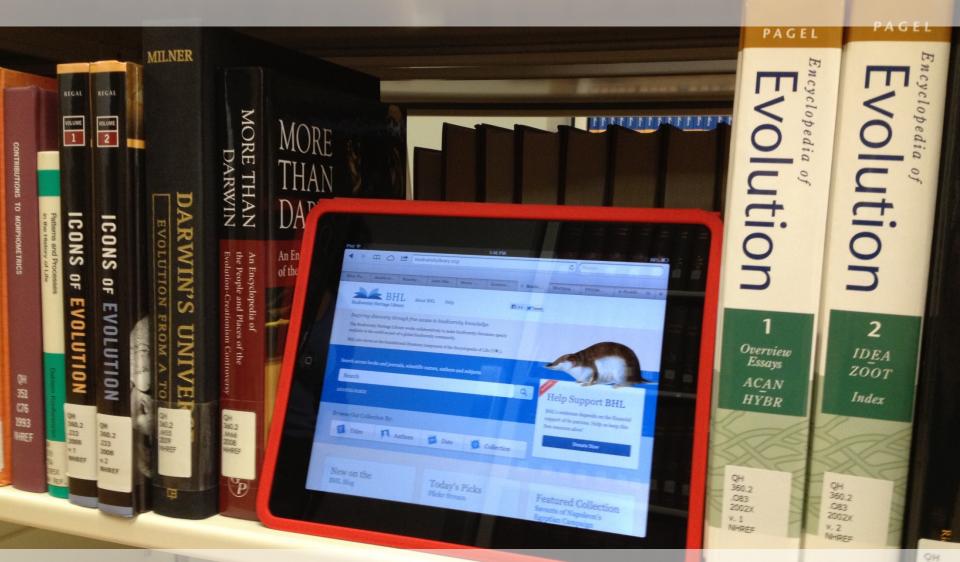
CY 2016 2.123m sessions 1.162m users 96,862 users/month

**124,295 users February 2016** 

2007-2016



### Mobile sessions increase by 34.43% over the past year



8.51% sessions
Mobile Sessions CY 2015

10.45% sessions Mobile Sessions CY 2016

# GLOBAL & COLLABORATIVE

"BHL is radically changing the status quo and democratizing access to knowledge about biodiversity. Now anyone in the world has instant access to the original species description in a couple of clicks."

Dr. John Sullivan
Evolutionary Biologist
Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia
Cornell University





# Two more recent collaboration opportunities content to a variety of partners...









#### Martha, The Last Passenger Pigeon



Catalog number USNM 223979 Department of Vertebrate Zoology, Division of Birds Smithsonian Institution Photograph by Donald E. Hurlbert



## Engagement

BHL is used in exhibitions in our partner institutions, such as "Once There Were Billions" at the National Museum of Natural History.







# 249 + MILLION

TOTAL VIEWS ON IMAGES

33,200+ TOTAL IN TAGGED

TOTAL IMAGES

OF TOTAL FLICKR **COLLECTION TAGGED** 

30% | 18,000+

TAGGED IMAGES IN FOL

# WIRED

**BHL FLICKR NAMED 1 OF WIRED'S** 27 MUST-FOLLOW FEEDS IN THE WORLD OF SCIENCE



# 75,000+ | TOTAL FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

FOLLOW @BIODIVLIBRARY



13,500+ TOTAL FOLLOWERS



36,600+
TOTAL FOLLOWERS



12,300+
TOTAL FOLLOWERS



850+ TOTAL FOLLOWERS



5,300+ TOTAL FOLLOWERS



2,200+ AVERAGE MONTHLY READERS (CY17)



6,600+ TOTAL FOLLOWERS

\*Stats as of June 2017

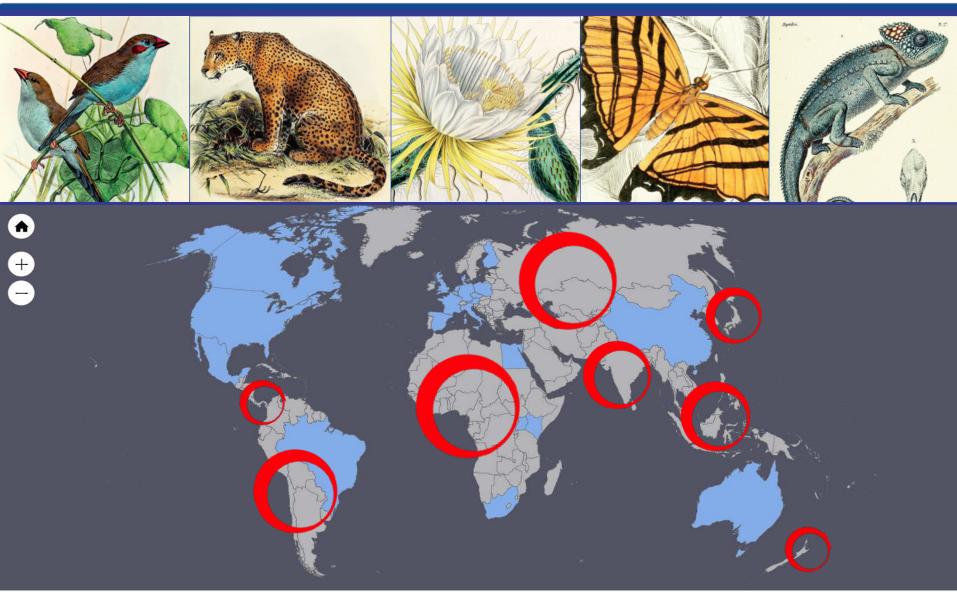


# **Expanding Directions**

"BHL provides an excellent service for studies of marine and other biodiversity. I've said it before, you folks do a great job. Keep up the good work; you've got lots of admirers out there."

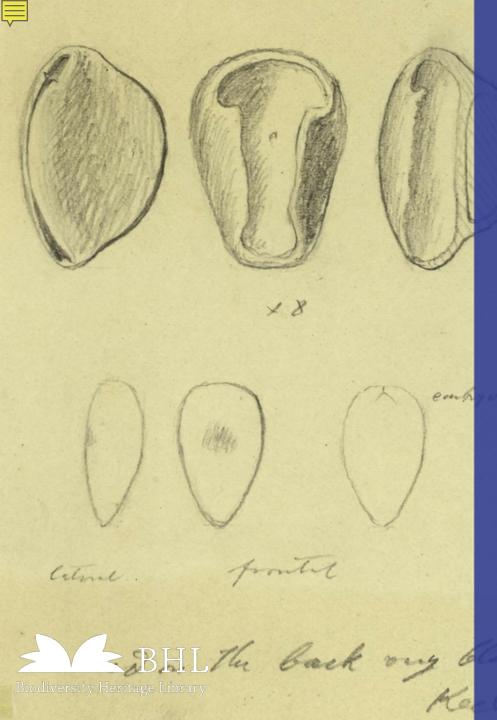
Dr. Thomas Carefoot
Marine Biologist
University of British Columbia, Canada





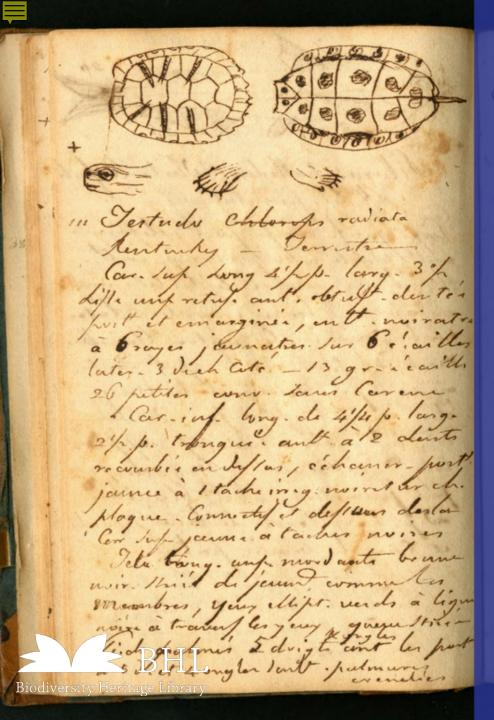
Areas of expansion include Central America, South America, West and Central Africa, Russia, India, Japan & Korea, Southeast Asia, and New Zealand.





# **Biodiversity Heritage Library Field Notes Project**

- Funded by a Digitizing Hidden Special Collections and Archives grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)
- Two-year award for 491,713 USD.
- Collaborative effort to digitize field notes, assign metadata, and publish online through BHL & Internet Archive
- Lead Institutions: Smithsonian Libraries and Smithsonian Institution Archives.
- Participating Institutions:
- American Museum of Natural History;
- The Field Museum of Natural History Library; Harvard University Botany Libraries; Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Ernst Mayr Library; LuEsther T. Mertz Library, The New York Botanical Garden; Missouri Botanical Garden, Peter H. Raven Library; Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California, Berkeley; Yale Peabody Museum Archives; and Internet Archive.



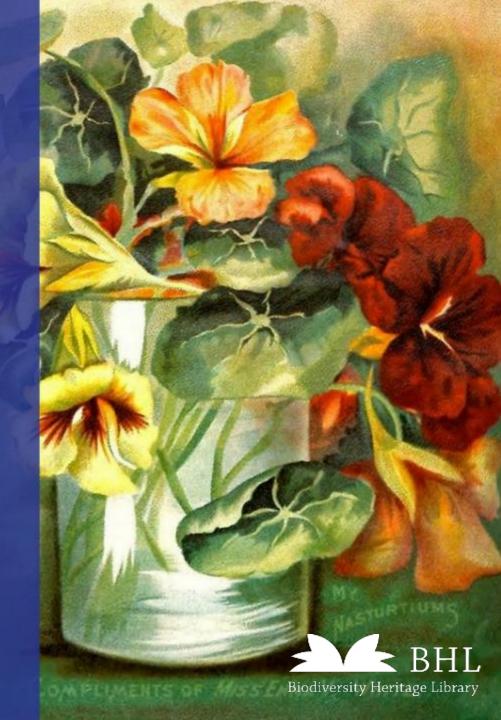
#### **Smithsonian Field Book Project**

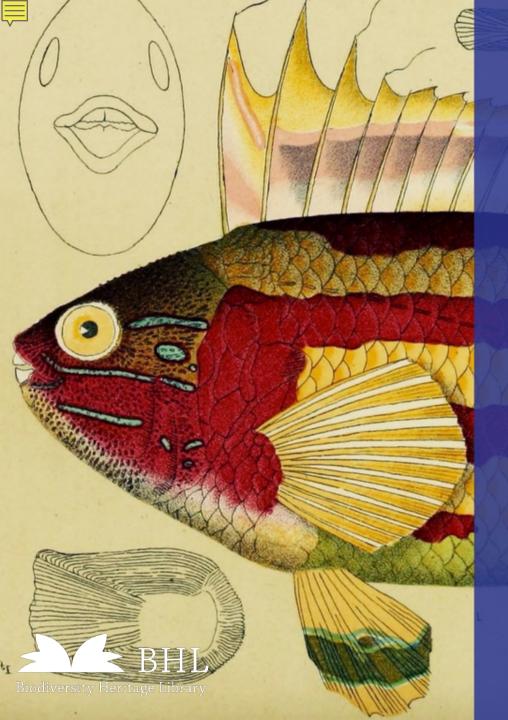
- Currently funded by the Arcadia
   Foundation, UK. Initiated with funding
   from the Council on Library and
   Information Resources and previously
   supported by Smithsonian Women's
   Committee, and the National Park
   Service's Save America's Treasures.
- Arcadia's two-year award funded at 511,200 USD.
- Is coordinating work to catalog, conserve and digitize scientists' field notes from the collections of the Smithsonian.
- Content will be made available through the Smithsonian's Collection Search Center at collections.si.edu and the Biodiversity Heritage Library at biodiversitylibrary.org, as well as international aggregator sites such as the Internet Archive and the Digital Public Library of America.



# **Expanding Access to Biodiversity Literature**

- Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2015 as part of the National Leadership Grants for Libraries program.
- Two-year award for 846,457 USD.
- EABL is helping libraries, museums, and natural history societies make their content more widely available by providing the tools and support necessary to facilitate contribution to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) through BHL.
- Lead Institution: The New York Botanical Garden.
- Participating Institutions: Harvard
   Ernst Mayr Library of the Museum of
   Comparative Zoology (MCZ), Missouri
   Botanical Garden (MBG), and
   Smithsonian Libraries (SIL).
- Progress to date: 4,947 volumes (523 titles, containing over 541,000 pages);
   150 in-copyright titles from 68 contributors.





# Foundations to Actions: Extending Innovations in Digital Libraries in Partnership with NDSR Learners

- Digital stewardship residencies funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Two-years/\$370,756.
- Plan and develop a next generation digital library using the Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) as a test-bed.
- 5 residents working with geographically-distributed BHL partners
- Outcomes: best practices document on:
  - Transcriptions
  - Image search
  - Collection analysis
  - Use case/user priorities study
  - Improved connections to museums, archives & data providers
- Lead Institution: Harvard/MCZ/Ernst Mayr Library & Museum Archives.
- Participating Institutions: Chicago
   Botanic Garden, Missouri Botanical
   Garden, Los Angeles County Museum
   of Natural History, and Smithsonian
   Libraries.



- Working with Dima Mozzherin to incorporate a newly updated GNRD server into BHL. (The GNRD server provides scientific name finding services to BHL.) It is a little too early to say for sure, but it looks like the updated service provides higher quality results. This work is nearly complete.
- Initial prototypes of both SOLR and ElasticSearch full-text search installations were created.





- Modified the IA harvesting process to ease the inclusion of new contributors, rights holders, and scanning institutions. This should cut down on the number of "UNKNOWN" values that appear in those fields.
- Added additional fields to the data harvested from BioStor, including Publisher Name, Publisher Place, OCLC ID, JSTOR ID, and Issue.





- Modified the BioStor harvest process to allow changes to Item and Page IDs made in BioStor to be picked up by BHL.
- Updated the BioStor harvesting process to read an additional contributor field from the BioStor APIs. This allows BHL to recognize two contributors for an article: 1) the contributor that facilitated the ingest of metadata into BHL (i.e. BioStor), and 2) the institution that actually compiled the metadata.





### **Full Text Server Specs**

- Model: Dell PowerEdge Server
- OS/Software: ElasticSearch on RedHat Linux
- 10 core Intel Xeon CPU
- 128 Gigabytes of RAM
- About 8 TB disk space (1.6 TB on high speed SSD) for the Search Index and the OCR Text



## SPECIES NAMED IN HONOR OF BHL

Vargapupa biheli



#### Article



http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.3937.1.1 http://zoobank.org/urn:lsid:zoobank.org:pub:30026A41-4F7F-487F-8BE2-E7065FC3BD5F

Revision of the genus *Pseudopomatias* and its relatives (Gastropoda: Cyclophoroidea: Pupinidae)

BARNA PÁLL-GERGELY<sup>1,5</sup>, ZOLTÁN FEHÉR<sup>2,5</sup>, ANDRÁS HUNYADI<sup>4</sup> & TAKAHIRO ASAMI<sup>1</sup>

Vargapupa biheli Páll-Gergely, n. sp. Fig. 8D.

Etymology. The new species is named after the Biodiversity Heritage Library (www.biodiversitylibrary.org) to thank the multitude of rare literature made available to us. The name "biheli" is an acronym derived from the name BIodiversity HEritage LIbrary.

DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.3937.1.1

"We may think it is natural to have old literature online, but if we didn't, we would have serious trouble finding the relevant publications. Therefore I thought BHL definitely deserves a new species named after it for the help it provided."

Dr. Barna Páll-Gergely









# Thank You!

Questions?



Martin R. Kalfatovic **BHL Program Director** 

5 June 2017 University of Michigan

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