



To whom it may concern.

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The IBISCA network is an interesting approach to unravel the relationships between species level and ecosystem level of forest biodiversity by taking advantage of huge data sets in the analysis of these relations. The plan to establish a network in the framework of the ESF is at the right time. The services of the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) to share new data and to use all data are fully available now. Teams in the European Network for Biodiversity Information (ENBI) have tested such approaches for various scientific and societal applications. An example for a tropical forest is published on <http://www.nationaalherbarium.nl/MacMalBorneo/index.htm>).

Partners in ENBI are pleased to assist the IBISCA network in curating their new databases, and to share these with other researchers through the facilities of GBIF.

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