



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.

The expert network of Fauna Europaea has established a substantial, high quality taxonomic data set of all European terrestrial and freshwater animal species. Appropriate taxonomic information is essential for nearly all kind of meta-analysis within biodiversity research.

The Fauna Europaea project, its partners and members, are pleased to assist the IBISCA network in curating their new databases, and to share these with other researchers directly or through the facilities of ENBI and GBIF.

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