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Dear Yves,

Thank you for copying me on your email to Manuel. The IBISCA project seems to make a very concrete contribution to the work of the CBD on forest biological diversity and the Global Taxonomy Initiative (GTI). For example, taxonomic studies that increase knowledge about the species composition of forests are a direct contribution to the activity on forest biodiversity that is part of the programme of work of the GTI (decision VI/8, annex, planned activity #8). Second, if the information resulting from the project is compiled in database formats that could be interoperable with major global taxonomic information systems, the project could also contribute to the coordinated global taxonomy information system envisioned in the programme of work (planned activity #7).

Please find attached a letter of support from the CBD secretariat. We can also offer to refer to the IBISCA project in the internet-based GTI portal which is currently under development. From the CBD perspective, it would be useful if the documentation for the project could refer to the GTI, in particular the planned activities related to forest biodiversity and the global taxonomy information system, in order to raise awareness and interest among the scientists involved in the project and those who may use its results.

Best regards,

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