

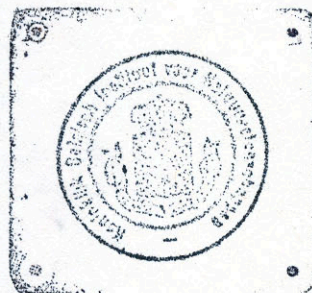


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To whom it may concern

This letter is to certify the support for the participation of RBINS to the CTRL Programme. The Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) has a long history of tropical biodiversity research. It currently hosts the Belgian National Focal Point to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The ESF Exploratory workshop related to the IBISCA project, as organized at RBINS las July. More than 140 scientists work at the Institute and their expertise cover the fields of taxonomy, ecology, paleontology and geology.

The RBINS staff participating in the CTRL project will be fully supported in their research work by providing full access to the Institute's facilities. This includes a library, a Scanning Electron Microscope, a photography unit, a molecular laboratory and a computer network.



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