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Subject: Support letter for IBISCA towards a Census of Tropical Rainforest Life (CTRL) All headers To whom it

may concern:

I was informed about the international project IBISCA and its developments.

The IBISCA activities relates to the work of BioCASE (Biological Collection Access Service for Europe), especially with regard to its extra-European activities in mobilising and disseminating taxonomic information. As the chair of the BioCASE Executive Committee I am therefore pleased to express our support for the IBISCA Project.

I would also like to state that IBISCA will gain even wider impact if it moves to make the primary biodiversity information resulting from the project openly accessible through the mechanisms provided by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility. BioCASE and related projects as well as GBIF member Nodes stand ready to support IBISCA in this respect.

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