Exercise 3: Scoping a GBIF Participant node

Exercise sheet D

# Contact information

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**Node host institution**

Referring to the fictitious *Darwinia* use case, imagine you have held a stakeholder meeting to outline the priorities for your new node, which are:

1. Training and supporting institutions that hold and produce biodiversity data in data management and data publishing via GBIF to increase the data availability for *Darwinia*.
2. Establishing a community of practice among potential users of GBIF-mediated data to increase the use of data in research and policy.
3. Establishing a GBIF hosted portal to provide information on the node activities and access to the data available about biodiversity in the country.
4. Developing a strategy for data mobilization in the country, based on analysis of current data availability and user needs.

Consider which institution you think would be the best suited to host this new node. Explain your choice in the box below.

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| **The node will be hosted by ….**  **Three likely advantages of this host institution are:**       **Three possible disadvantages of this host institution are:** |

# Governance structures for your node

A good way to encourage collaboration around a new node is to invite key stakeholders to participate in a board for the node, and to establish advisory committees, such as a science committee. This can help to ensure that the node’s priorities are aligned with the needs of the network, and that other institutions can contribute to providing some of the tasks that the node coordinates.

Still considering the new node in *Darwinia*, in the box below, outline which institutions would be members of the nodes board, how the board could operate, and the benefits this might bring to the node.

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| Node Board Members:  How will the board provide guidance and oversight to the work of the node?  Which benefits will the governance model bring to the node? |

# Node staffing model

Imagine a staffing model for your node and describe it below.

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| **Node staff role** | **Profile of the person who could fill this role** | **Examples of tasks this person would undertake** |
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Now consider that you can only have two node staff members. Which roles would you prioritize and why?

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| **Node staff role** | **Profile of the person who could fill this role** | **Examples of tasks this person would undertake** |
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| **I would prioritize the two roles above, because…** |

# Discussion points and questions

Consider how this relates to your own national or organizational context. Note down any similarities or differences in the box below.

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Keep track of any topics you wish to discuss with your peers and trainers in the box below.

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