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SEP-CEPDEC: Facilitating access and use of biodiversity data to underpin sustainable development in African and Asian francophone countries

The SEP-CEPDEC Action Plan to the Establishment of a Network of National Biodiversity Facilities:

1. Introductory meeting with all Heads of Delegation and Node Managers
2. Survey of National Data Providers and Needs Analysis
3. National Stakeholders Meetings
4. Implementation of Informatics Infrastructure
5. Regional Training Seminars
6. Mentoring Activities with other GBIF Participant Nodes
7. Mobilisation of Biodiversity Data: Seed Grants for Digitisation Activities
8. Project Wrap-up and Outreach Meeting
9. Sustainability Options and Project Evaluation

What is SEP?
'Sud Expert Plantes' (SEP) is an initiative launched by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs to support the efforts of developing countries in Western and Middle Africa, the Indian Ocean and South East Asia to know, preserve and sustainably use their plants and associated genetic resources.

What is CEPDEC?
The Capacity Enhancement Programme for Developing Countries (CEPDEC) is an initiative designed by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) to help developing countries to integrate the use of biodiversity data in education, science, policy, and decision-making at all levels.

About SEP-CEPDEC
SEP-CEPDEC, established in 2006 by the Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) and the GBIF Secretariat, is a three-year collaboration aimed at facilitating the access and use of biodiversity data among the 22 francophone countries in Africa and Asia involved in SEP, particularly within the framework of the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Objectives
1. Establishment of GBIF national nodes
   - Through the SEP-CEPDEC collaboration, national biodiversity information facilities are being established and networked to enable the flow of expertise, best practices, tools and technologies for biodiversity data-sharing within and between countries.

2. Sub-regional support in outreach and capacity building
   - The SEP-CEPDEC collaboration is enhancing the capacity of the SEP member countries and participant organisations in the use and sharing of biodiversity data by providing training opportunities and materials.

Which Countries are Involved?

SEP Countries:
Ivory Coast, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Togo, Burundi, Chad, Central African Republic, Congo, D.R. Congo, Gabon, Rwanda, Comoros, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

SEP Countries that are already GBIF members:
Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Madagascar

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About GBIF
GBIF makes digital biodiversity data openly and freely available on the Internet for everyone, and endorses both open source software and open data access.
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GBIF provides scientific biodiversity data for decision-making, research endeavours and public use.
data.gbif.org

GBIF is a network of data publishers who retain ownership and control of the data they share. Linked datasets provide a more robust representation of biodiversity than any single dataset.

GBIF provides access to primary biodiversity data held in institutions in developed and developing countries. Data shared through GBIF are repatriated data.

GBIF is a dynamic, growing partnership of countries, organisations, institutions and individuals working together to mobilise scientific biodiversity data.

GBIF invites you to join the GBIF network and share your biodiversity data, as well as participate in developing new tools and services.

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