A platform for collaboration & interaction

EOL version 2 was released in September 2011. The new site introduces the concepts of virtual collections and communities. These features greatly increase the interactivity of the project and facilitate collaborative knowledge discovery, content creation, and data management.

EOL collections are annotated lists of items such as:
- taxa
- EOL articles (text objects)
- EOL images, videos, sounds
- people and communities
- other EOL collections

EOL members can use collections to organize EOL content from their personal point of view.

EOL communities provide a virtual place for like-minded people to congregate and interact. Members can exchange ideas about biodiversity or the EOL project. They can showcase their collections, coordinate projects, post comments, and view an activity stream of events of interest to the community.

Current EOL content
(October 2011)

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Prioritizing new content

The EOL content acquisition strategy is guided by a hotlist of high impact species. We aim to provide rich taxon pages for:
- species of conservation concern
- invasive species
- agents of disease
- taxa of agricultural significance
- keystone species
- biological indicators
- charismatic species
- model organisms

What is a rich taxon page?

Page richness metrics for tracking progress toward EOL content goals take into account the following factors:

- content breadth
- number of topics & media types
- content depth
- number of words, media files
- content source diversity
- number of content providers
- content effectiveness
- audience, ratings, readability

EOL global partners

EOL is a global collaborative project. Internationalization of interfaces and content is an important priority.

Biodiversity institutions & initiatives on five continents are establishing EOL sister sites serving the specific needs of particular regions. Providing information in local languages, these sites may use EOL branding, software, and content. EOL global partners also share information about the local flora & fauna with the rest of the world through the main EOL site.

EOL curators

EOL curators work as a team to increase the value of EOL by authoring, reviewing, and sorting content from diverse sources.

There are three curator levels based on professional credentials and history of EOL contributions:

Assistant curators
- non-professionals
- limited curator privileges
- experienced assistant curators may be promoted to full status

Full curators
- professional scientists
- review & authenticate content

Master curators
- experienced EOL curators
- can promote other curators

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