

# Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

## 世界在线植物志 (World Flora Online) 项目介绍

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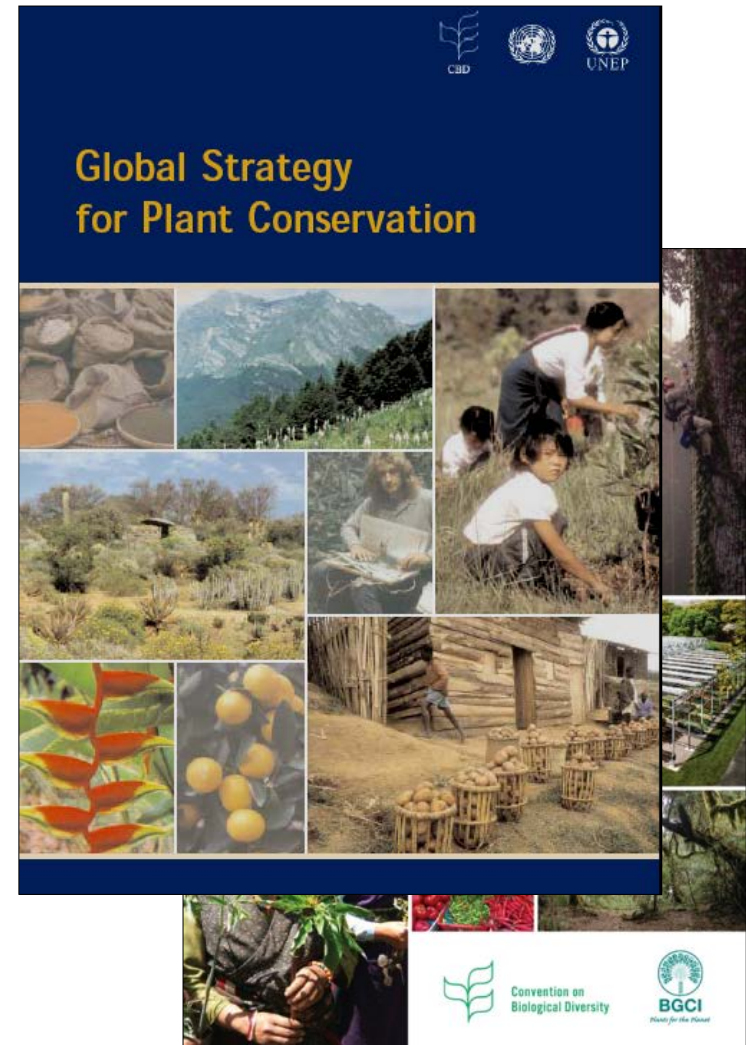


Convention on  
Biological Diversity

*A programme of the Convention on Biological Diversity*

## Aims:

1. Plant diversity is well understood, documented and recognized
2. Plant diversity is urgently and effectively conserved
3. Plant diversity is used in a sustainable and equitable manner
4. Education and awareness about plant diversity, its role in sustainable livelihoods and importance to all life on Earth is promoted
5. The capacities and public engagement necessary to implement the Strategy have been developed.



# Global Strategy for Plant Conservation

**Adopted in 2002**

**16 biodiversity Targets 2010**

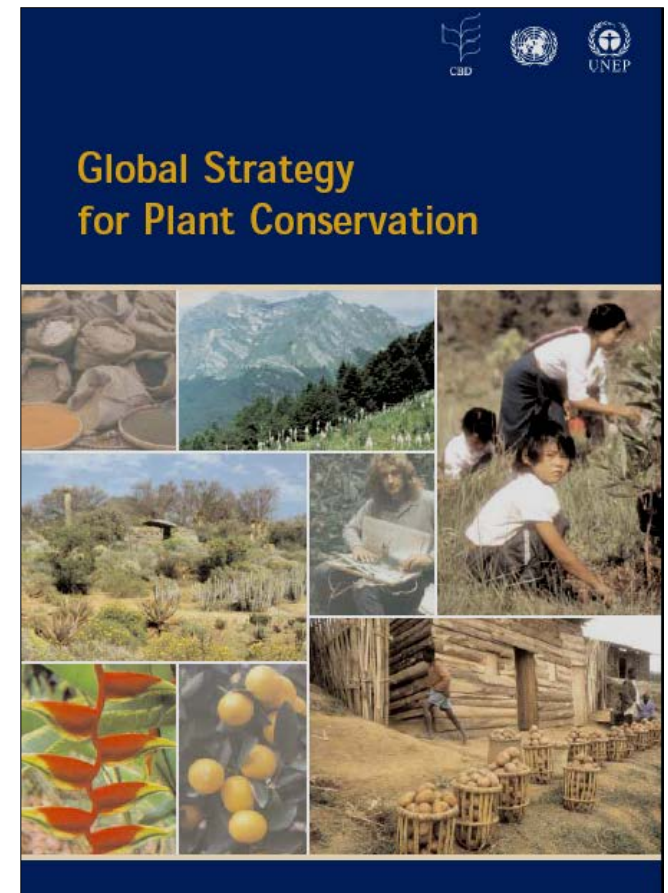
***aimed to reduce biodiversity loss by 2010***

## **Objective 1**

***Plant diversity is well understood, documented and recognized***

## **Target 1**

***A working list of known plant species, as a step towards a complete world flora***  
**... The Plant List**



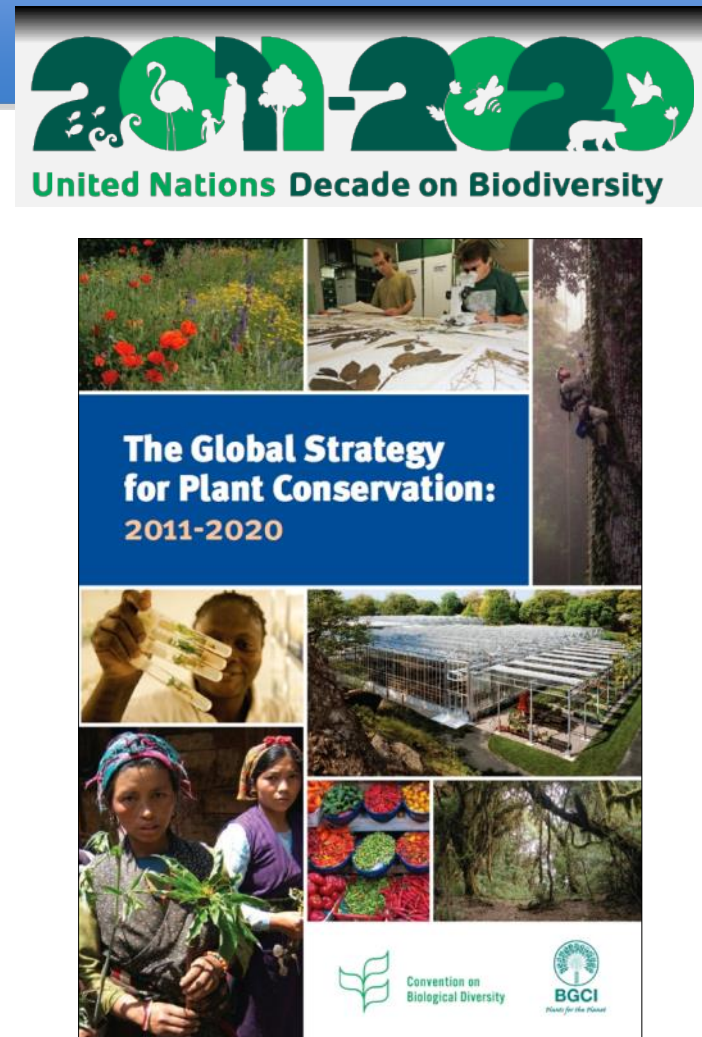
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Updated 29 Oct. 2010, Nagoya, Japan  
16 revised biodiversity Targets 2020  
*aiming to halt biodiversity loss by  
2020*

## Target 1

*An online flora of all known plants  
...the World Flora Online*

*A widely accessible Flora of all known  
plants is a fundamental requirement for  
conservation and provides a baseline for  
the achievement and monitoring of other  
targets of the GSPC*



# The GSPC 2010 – 2020

T	Old target text	New target text
1	A widely accessible working list of known plant species, as a step towards a complete world flora	<b>An online flora of all known plants</b>
2	A preliminary assessment of the conservation status of all known plant species, at national, regional and international levels	An assessment of the conservation status of all known plant species, as far as possible, to guide conservation action
3	Development of models with protocols for plant conservation and sustainable use, based on research and practical experience	Information, research and associated outputs, and methods necessary to implement the Strategy developed and shared
4	At least 10 per cent of each of the world's ecological regions effectively conserved	At least <b>15</b> per cent of each ecological region or vegetation type secured through effective management and/or restoration
5	Protection of 50 per cent of the most important areas for plant diversity assured	At least <b>75</b> per cent of the most important areas for plant diversity of each ecological region protected with effective management in place for conserving plants and their genetic diversity
6	At least 30 per cent of production lands managed consistent with the conservation of plant diversity	At least <b>75</b> per cent of production lands in each sector managed sustainably, consistent with the conservation of plant diversity
7	60 per cent of the world's threatened species conserved <i>in situ</i>	At least <b>75</b> per cent of known threatened species conserved <i>in situ</i>
	60 per cent of threatened plant species	At least 75 per cent of threatened plant species



# World Flora Online

## Plant Conservation: the need for baseline data

*Need for fundamental data for assessing conservation priorities*

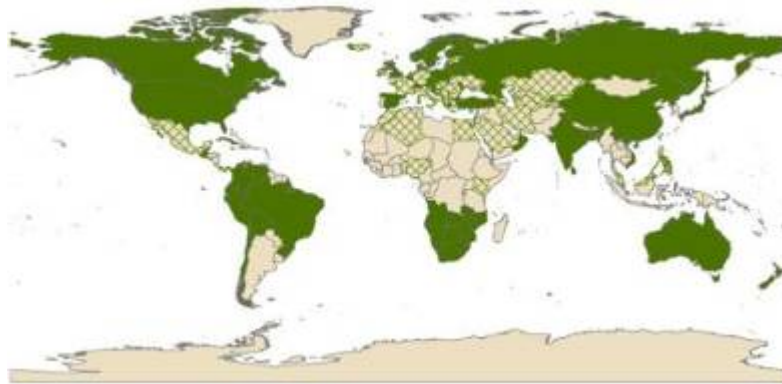
- A consensus list of plant taxa for communication on national/global levels
- Identification tools for these taxa - keys/images/descriptions
- Occurrence and geographic distribution - rarity/decline




## Target 2:

An assessment of the conservation status of all known plant species, as far as possible, to guide conservation action

Global assessments using IUCN criteria complete only for 3 - 4% of flowering plants



 = countries with Red List <10 years old

 = countries with Red List >10 years old

# Target 1:

## An online flora of all known plants



<http://www.theplantlist.org/>

### Summary Statistics

***The Plant List* includes 1,040,426 scientific plant names of species rank. Of these 298,900 are accepted species names.**

Status	Total	
<a href="#">Accepted</a>	298,900	28.7%
<a href="#">Synonym</a>	477,601	45.9%
<a href="#">Unresolved</a>	263,925	25.4%



**Next step – 2020: Online World Flora**



# Target 1:

## An online flora of all known plants

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew nominated as lead facilitating agency for Target 1 –

Over 120 institutions and individuals from over 25 countries are working towards meeting the Target

# Major constraint: 2020 deadline

- Have to work with existing knowledge to achieve target by 2020
  - “No time for biology or taxonomy”
- Comparisons with existing floristic projects
  - Has taken 10 years to compile checklist of Antioquia, 35 years for Flora of North America

# Major asset: Existing data

- 250+ years of published floras, treatments, monographs
  - Some published electronically, most printed
  - Biodiversity Heritage Library has efficient pipeline for digitization
- APG to define family-level framework
- The Plant List to define list of species
  - TPL needs continuous updates

# The World Flora Online

## *Endorsed by ...*

Global Partnership for Plant  
Conservation, St. Louis, July 2011

**The Global Partnership  
for Plant Conservation**

18<sup>th</sup> International Botanical Congress,  
Melbourne, July 2011



CBD SBSTTA 16, Montreal, May 2012

CBD COP 11, Hyderabad, October 2012



# Announcement (St. Louis , April, 22, 2012)



 MISSOURI  
BOTANICAL  
GARDEN

**Kew**  
ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

THE NEW YORK  
BOTANICAL GARDEN



Royal  
Botanic Garden  
Edinburgh



# World Flora Online - where are we now?

- Global consortium of >30 leading plant systematics institutes
- MOU has been approved and in process of being signed
- WFO approved at CBD COP 11 Hyderabad, Oct. 2012
- Technical Working Group established: use cases and data definition
- Taxonomic Working Group established: knowledge gap analysis
- Consortium meeting in Edinburgh, November 2013



# WFO 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting, 26-27 June, 2014 · *Komarov Botanical Institute, St. Petersburg*

Meeting of the Council of the World Flora Online  
26-27 June, 2014 ·  
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## *Species Informatics of Plants in China*

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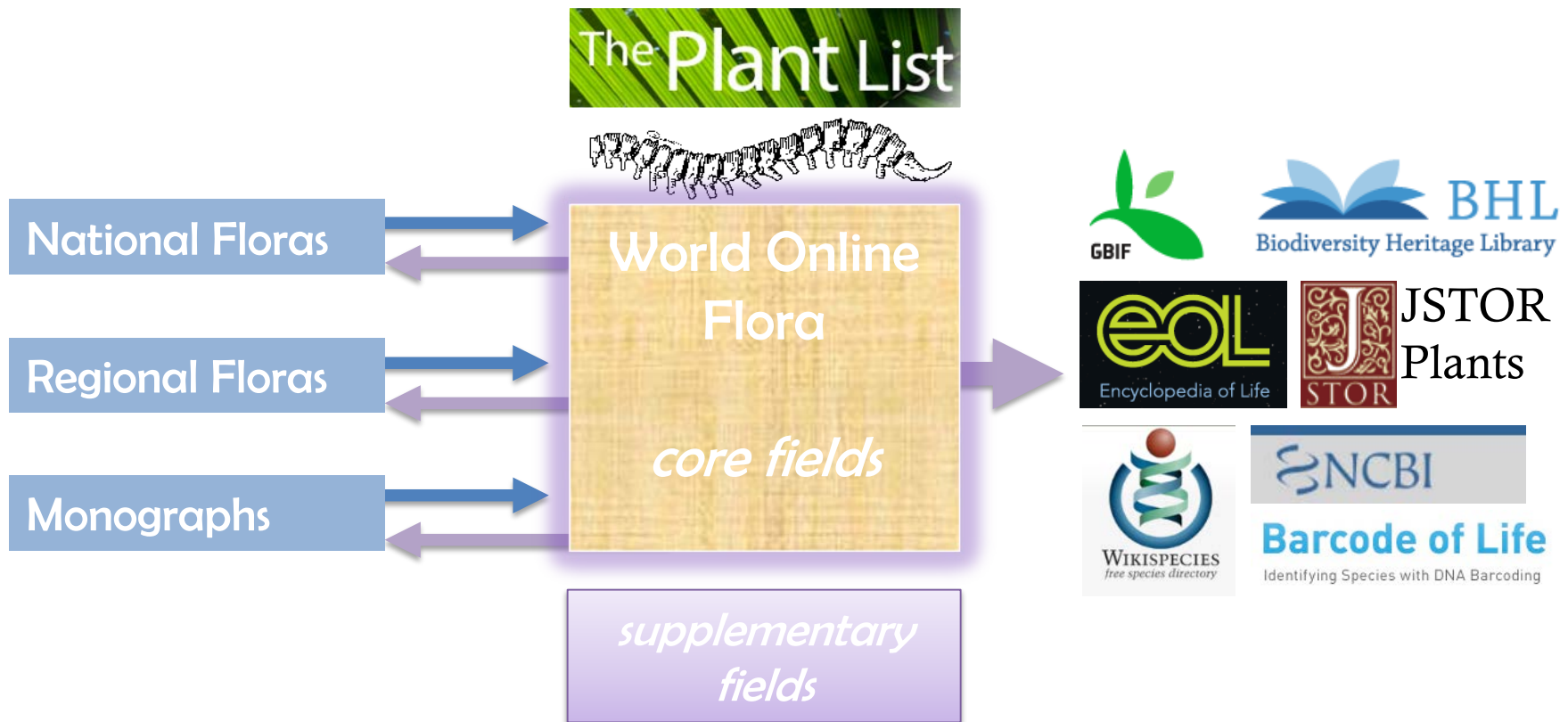
# Components of WFO

- **Name & synonymy \***
- **Description \***
- **Identification tools**
- **References\***
  - To other floras & supporting data
- **Distribution \***
  - Literature-based, specimen-based
- **Conservation status**
- **Images**
  - Illustrations, photos, specimen images
- **Notes**

\* = required, others optional

# World Flora Online – How to?

A website bringing together available basic floristic information with links to more detailed information from data providers and other biodiversity data sources – global in scope, will include mosses, liverworts and higher plants



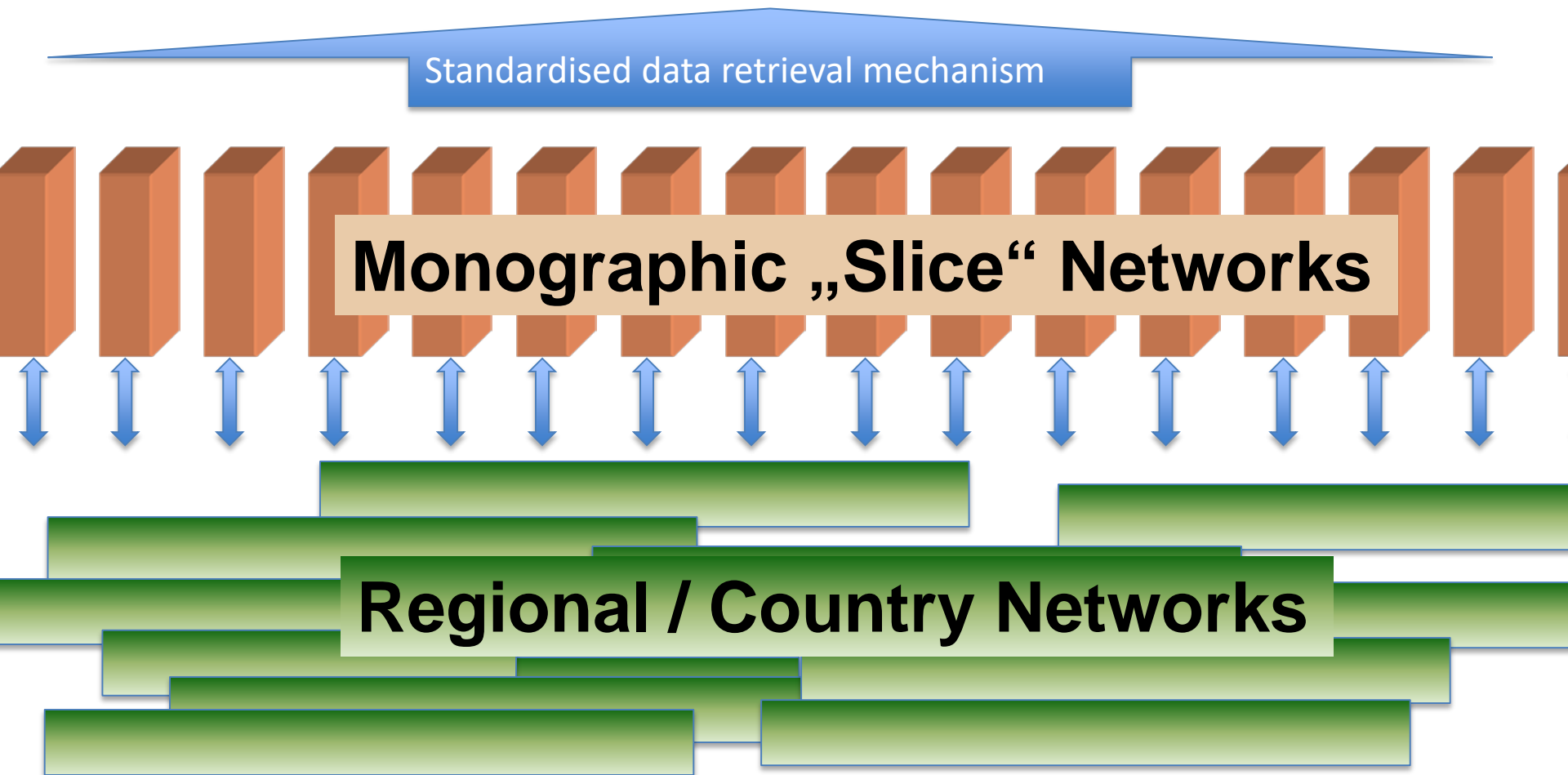
# WFO: A Network of Networks

World Flora Online Portal

Standardised data retrieval mechanism

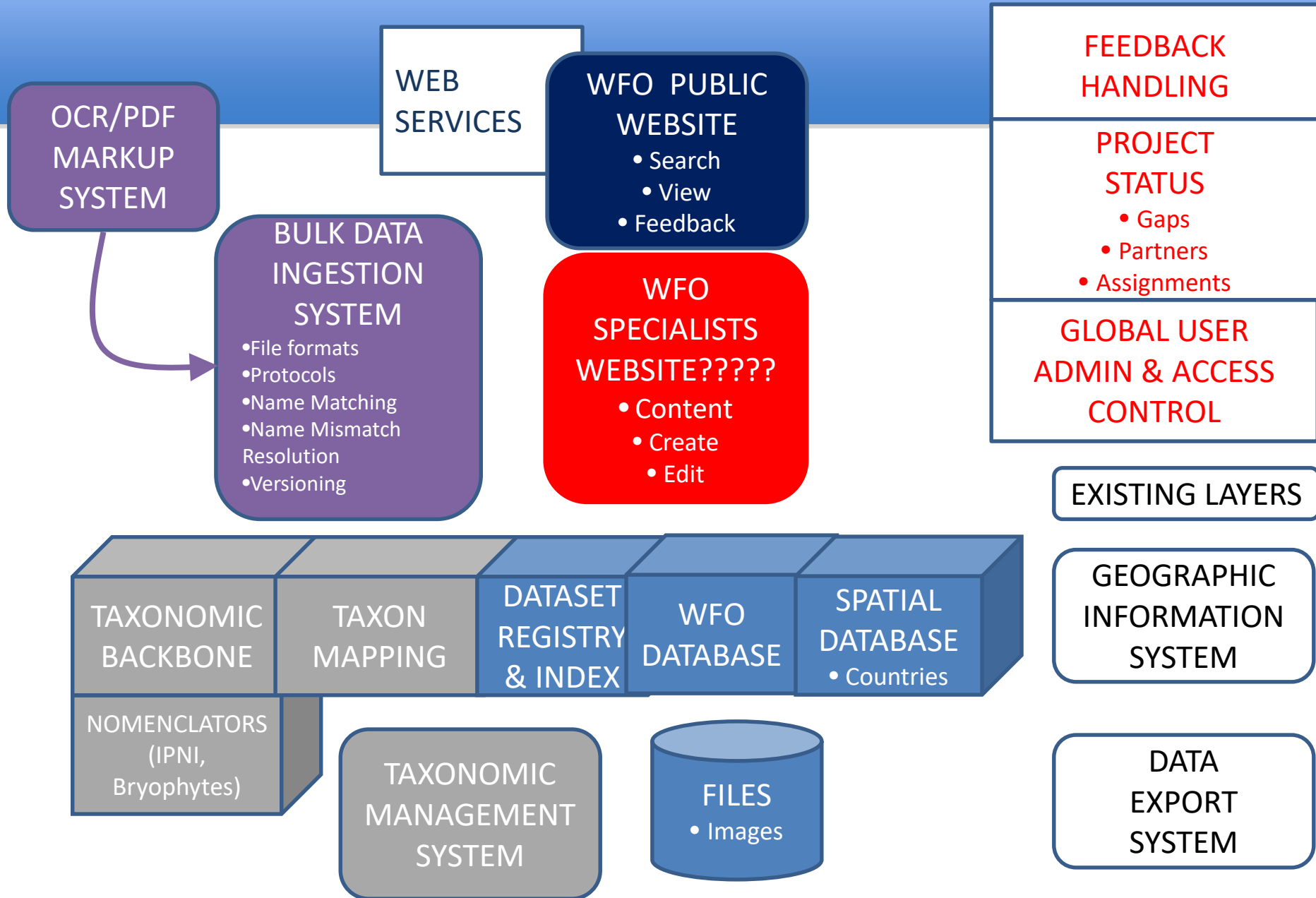
**Monographic „Slice“ Networks**

**Regional / Country Networks**

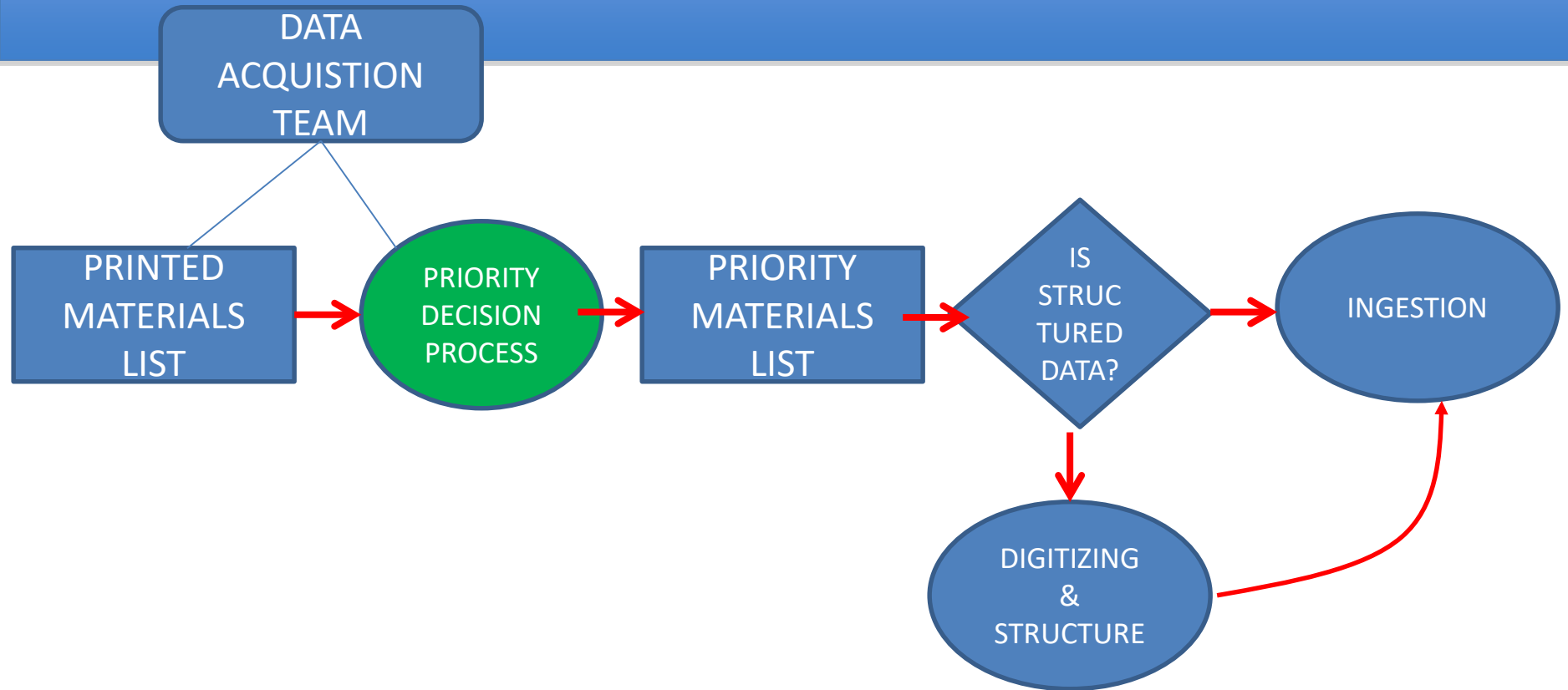




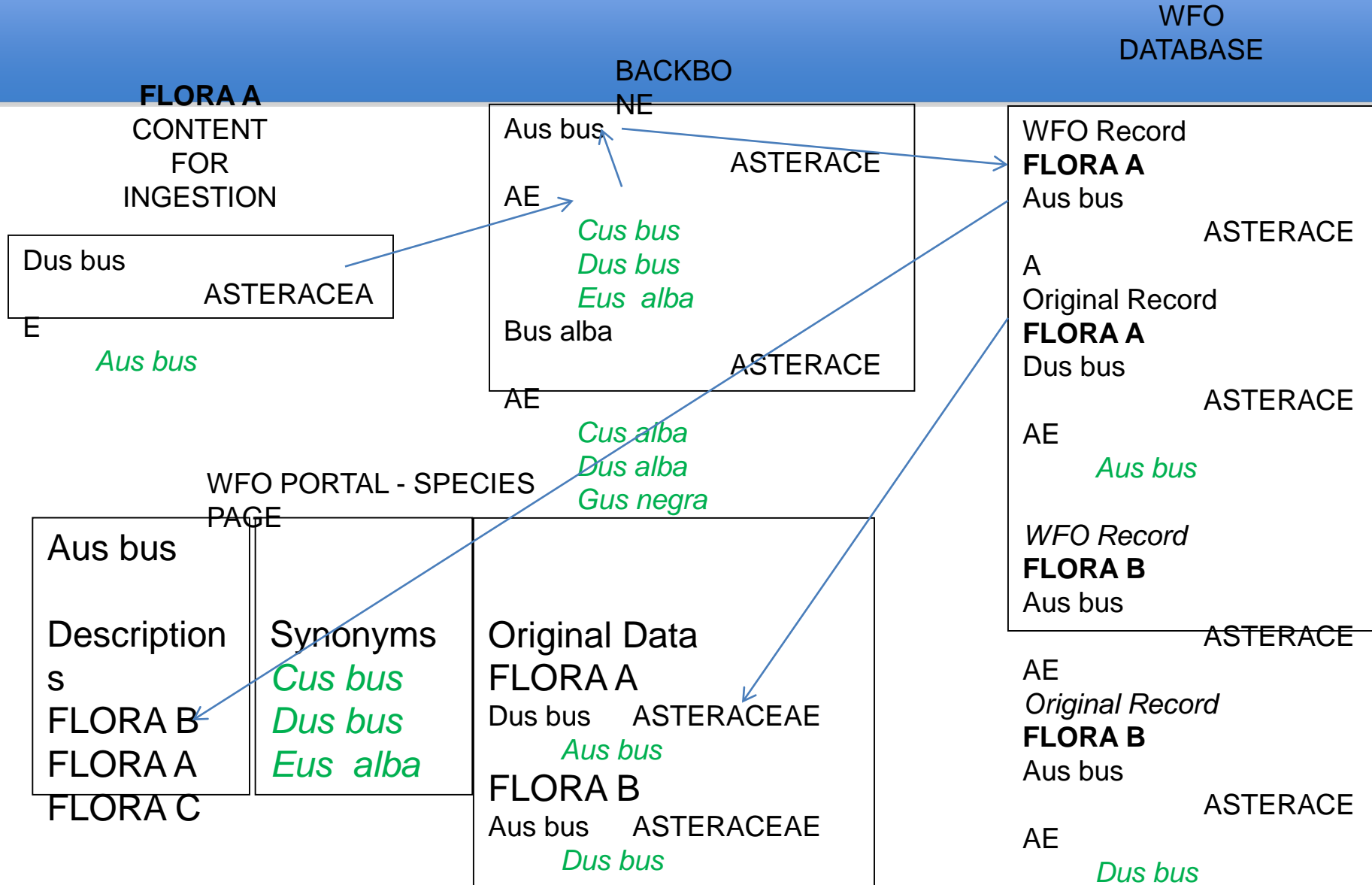
# WFO Main System Parts



# Flow



# “Backbone” Approach



# Who will contribute?

- Plant scientists
- Citizen scientists
- General public
- More?

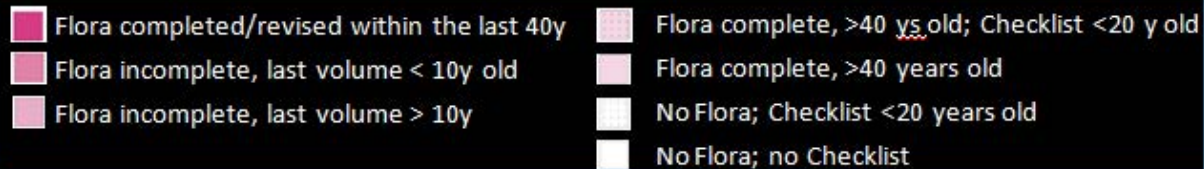
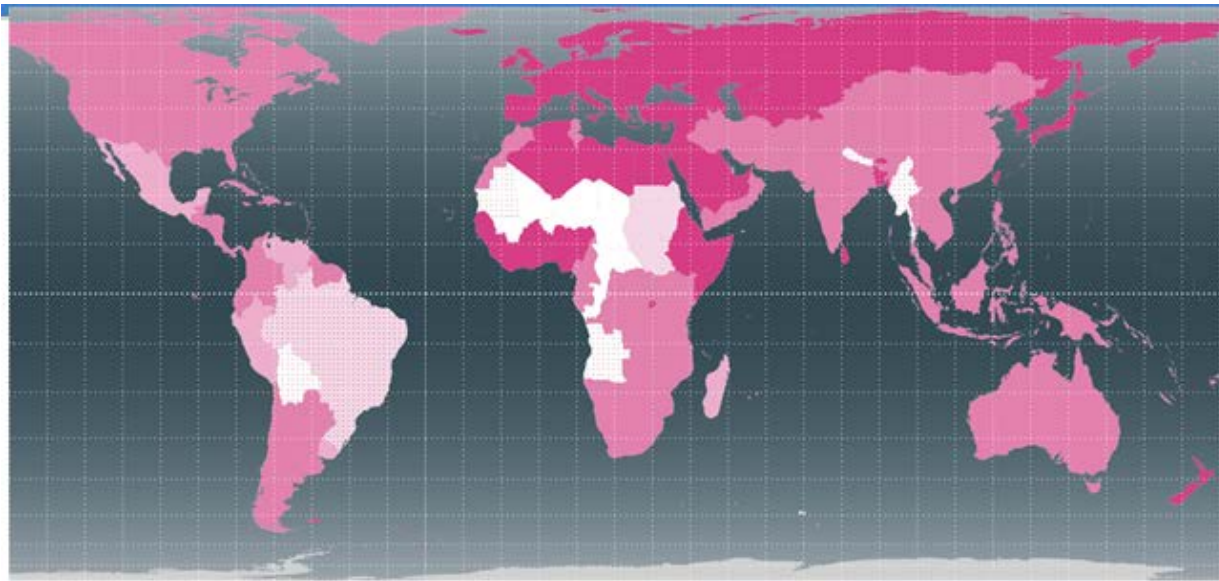
# Administration needed

- Global leadership team
- Team of regional managers
- Editorial committee?
  - Not too big
- Formatting committee?
  - Not too rigid
  - Need a schema, guidance on what is expected in treatment



# World Flora Online

## challenge & opportunities for phytotaxonomists



# World Flora Online - opportunities

## *Opportunities for plant systematists to:*

- Get organised
- Contribute digital data & enhance our impact
- Mobilize non-digital data (print & specimens)
- Generate de-novo data (gap filling)
- Undertake capacity building for plant taxonomy

## *Opportunities for users to:*

- Get a global overview of the diversity of plant species
- Draw upon other works when establishing regional treatments
- Seeing the global context for conservation planning

A tool for practitioners at all levels





# Our Base and Strategy

- Resources: electronic and printed;
- Positive attend via institution and individual

**Literatures**




**Botanists**



**Specimens**





A scenic view of a mountain landscape. In the foreground, a large, gnarled tree with dense green foliage stands on a grassy slope. A person is sitting on a rock in the lower right corner, looking out over the valley. The background features rolling green hills and distant mountain ranges under a blue sky with some clouds. The text "Thank you for your attention!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font on the left side of the image.

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attention!**