

Donald Hobern – Curriculum Vitae



Personal details

Full name	Donald Guy Hobern
Born	25 November 1963, Colchester, England
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Current employment

Executive Secretary, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (January 2012 – present)

Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat, Universitetsparken 15, 2100 København Ø, Denmark

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF, <http://www.gbif.org/>) was established by governments in 2001 to encourage free and open access to biodiversity data, via the Internet. Through a global network of countries and organizations, GBIF promotes and facilitates the mobilization, access, discovery and use of information about the occurrence of organisms over time and across the planet.

Responsibilities

- Oversee the development, execution and reporting of the GBIF Work Programme and expenditure of the GBIF budget
- Supervise the work of the GBIF Secretariat and its staff
- Support the development of national infrastructures and regional networks aligned with the GBIF goals and mission

- Enhance interoperability between national, regional and global activities around the management and use of biodiversity data
- Provide thought leadership in biodiversity informatics at a global scale

Previous employment

Director, Atlas of Living Australia (December 2007 – January 2012)

CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences, GPO Box 1700, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia

The Atlas of Living Australia (ALA, <http://www.ala.org.au/>) is a partnership between Australian government, museums, herbaria and other collections, and universities to develop national e-research infrastructure for federated management of biodiversity information.

Responsibilities

- Develop strategy and coordinate all project activity for development of national biodiversity information infrastructure
- Develop integrated access to names and classifications, specimens and observations, descriptive data and literature, molecular data, images and other multimedia for Australian biota
- Accelerate digitisation of Australian natural history collections
- Develop linkages between ALA and associated government investments in terrestrial ecology, marine science, biosecurity, phenomics and national ICT infrastructure
- Plan and oversee AUD 38,200,000 expenditure of government funds during 2007-2012 and coordinate ALA participant in-kind contributions of AUD 26,500,000
- Provide annual business plans and quarterly progress reports to stakeholders and government
- Lead team of 50 staff and contractors
- Publicise ALA through radio, print media and other channels

GBIF Deputy Director for Informatics (June 2006 – December 2007)

Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat

GBIF Senior Programme Officer for Data Access and Database Interoperability (Aug 2002 – May 2006)

Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat

IBM e-Business Solutions Architect (Sep 1999 – July 2002)

IBM New Zealand Limited, Auckland, New Zealand

IBM Software Developer (Sep. 1986 – Aug. 1999)

IBM UK Laboratories Limited, Hursley Park, England

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