

Activity report



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Philippines

This report provides a series of summary charts, statistics and other details about the mobilization and use of open-access species data through the GBIF network, relating to users and participating institutions in Philippines. These metrics show status at the time of report generation, unless otherwise noted. Taken together, the elements of this report can help guide and measure progress toward the information needs for biodiversity research, as well as for national commitments on biodiversity and sustainable development.

► Access and usage



Data availability in Philippines



Animalia 2,284,435 occurrences



Plantae 551,340 occurrences



Fungi
45,168
occurrences



Unknown 10,050 occurrences



Protozoa 1,507 occurrences



Bacteria
27,830
occurrences



Virus
2,468



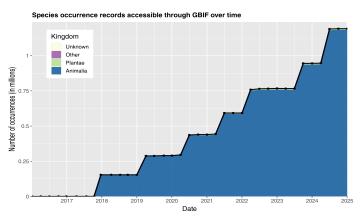
Chromista
26,975
occurrences



Archaea
516
occurrences

► Data mobilization





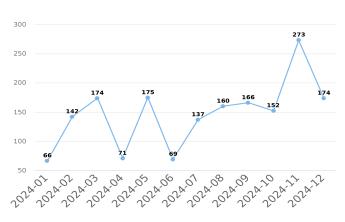
Number of records published by institutions in Philippines, categorized by kingdom



Access and usage

Data downloads on GBIF.org from users in Philippines





Monthly downloads requested by users in Philippines

Recent peer-reviewed articles using GBIF-mediated data by co-authors based in Philippines

The GBIF Secretariat maintains and reports on an ongoing literature tracking programme, giving priority to substantive uses of GBIF-mediated data in peer-reviewed literature while identifying the countries or areas of the authors' institutional affiliations. The citations below represent the five most recent journal articles with at least one co-author from Philippines.

Those interested in assisting the Secretariat in identifying additional peer-reviewed uses of GBIF-mediated data may forward relevant citations to comms@gbif.org.

Cruz. (2024) Palawan Peacock Pheasant (Polyplectron Napoleonis) Species Distribution Modeling: A Review of the Impact of Typhoon Rai/Odette on the Diversity and Distribution of an Endemic Bird Species. *Bedan Research Journal*.

https://doi.org/10.58870/berj.v9i1.64

Womersley, Sousa, Humphries *et al.* (2024) Climate-driven global redistribution of an ocean giant predicts increased threat from shipping. *Nature Climate Change*. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41558-024-02129-5

Yu, Cadiz, Flores *et al.* (2024) Habitat suitability and niche interaction between the invasive snail Achatina fulica and its biocontrol flatworm Platydemus manokwari in Southeast Asia. *BIODIVERS - BIOTROP Science Magazine*.

https://doi.org/10.56060/bdv.2024.3.2.2183

Radbouchoom, Angeles, Phutthai *et al.* (2024) Towards zero extinction—A case study focusing on the plant genus Begonia in Thailand. *Integrative Conservation*. https://doi.org/10.1002/inc3.67

Cazalis, Di Marco, Zizka et al. (2024) Accelerating and standardising IUCN Red List assessments with sRedList. *Biological Conservation*. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biocon.2024.110761

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Data availability

Total data available for selected taxonomic groups in Philippines



Mammals 63,704 occurrences



Birds 1,306,344 occurrences



Bony fish 156,275 occurrences



Amphibians 53,986 occurrences



Insects 178,656 occurrences



Reptiles 63,340 occurrences



Molluscs 358,657 occurrences



Arachnids 13,143 occurrences



Flowering plants 436,553 occurrences



Ferns 67,936 occurrences



Gymnosperms **2,906** occurrences



Mosses 14,429 occurrences



Sac fungi 26,248 occurrences



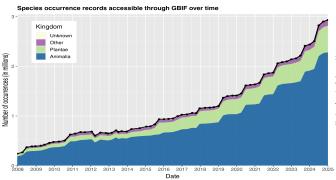
Basidiomycota 18,493 occurrences

Mammals = Class Mammalia Birds = Class Aves Bony fish = Superclass Osteichthyes p.p. Amphibians = Class Amphibia Insects = Class Insecta Reptiles = Class Testudines, Sphenodontia, Squamata & Crocodylia

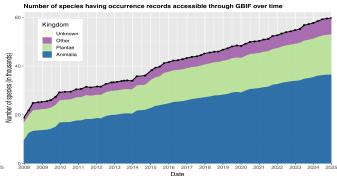
Molluscs = Phylum *Mollusca*

Arachnids = Class Arachnida Flowering plants = Phylum Magnoliophyta Gymnosperms = Superclass Gymnospermae Ferns = Phylum *Pteridophyta*Mosses = Phylum *Bryophyta*Sac fungi = Phylum *Ascomycota*Basidiomycota = Phylum *Basidiomycota*

Change over time in records about biodiversity in Philippines



Occurrence records available about species occurring in Philippines



Species for which at least one occurrence record is available in Philippines

WHY MIGHT THE AMOUNT OF MOBILIZED DATA DECREASE?

Datasets are sometimes removed by publishers, but more often decreases in the number of records are due to the removal of duplicate records and datasets.

SPECIES COUNTS represent the number of binomial scientific names for which GBIF has received data records, organized as far as possible using synonyms recorded in key databases like the Catalogue of Life



Most recent datasets from publishers in Philippines

Philippine Eagle Occurrence Records. *Published by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)* https://doi.org/10.15468/padbpb

BatMapPH: Philippine Bat Species Occurrence Database. *Published by Eco/Con Lab Biodiversity Synthesis+ Centre*

https://doi.org/10.15468/x8vxpr

Philippine Native Tree Species Occurrences. *Published by ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB)* https://doi.org/10.15468/mad7h3

UPLB Museum of Natural History Bat Ectoparasite Collection. *Published by University of the Philippines Los Baños Museum of Natural History* https://doi.org/10.15468/r623m6

Philippine Bat Viruses and Pathogens. Published by University of the Philippines Los Baños Museum of Natural History

https://doi.org/10.15468/5a7mg3

UPLB Museum of Natural History DS Rabor Chiroptera Collection. *Published by University of the Philippines Los Baños Museum of Natural History* https://doi.org/10.15468/m899kg

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Newest publishers from Philippines

Eco/Con Lab Biodiversity Synthesis+ Centre

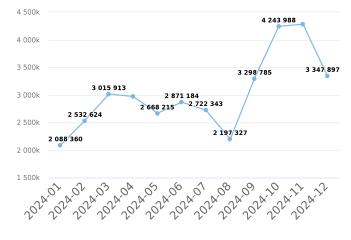
Father Saturnino Urios University-Biodiversity Informatics and Research Center (FSUU-BIRC)

University of the Philippines Los Baños Museum of Natural History

University of Santo Tomas - Zooplankton Ecology, Systematics, and Limnology Laboratory

Biodiversity Research Laboratory, Institute of Biology

Occurrence records downloaded from GBIF.org, published by institutions in Philippines



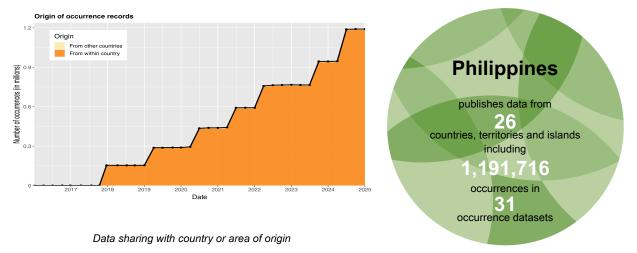
Number of occurrence records downloaded via GBIF.org published by institutions in Philippines

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Data mobilization

Data sharing with country or area of origin by national institutions in Philippines



The chart above shows the number of records shared over time by publishers within Philippines, with separate colours for records about species occurring within undefined and those occurring elsewhere.

Top data contributors about biodiversity in Philippines

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	Philippines	1,184,125
2	United States of America	1,042,348
3	Netherlands	139,233
4	United Kingdom	128,404
5	International organization or unknown country	76,039
6	Japan	63,569
7	France	44,065
8	Germany	42,275
9	Australia	31,180
10	Sweden	26,659

Table 1. Ranking of countries or areas contributing data about Philippines

Top datasets contributing data about Philippines

EOD – eBird Observation Dataset. 1,163,919 occurrences in Philippines. (Last updated 27 Sep 2024)

NMNH Extant Specimen Records (USNM, US). 269,237 occurrences in Philippines. (Last updated 2 Jan 2025)

iNaturalist Research-grade Observations. 100,520 occurrences in Philippines. (Last updated 30 Dec 2024)

Naturalis Biodiversity Center (NL) - Botany. 96,989 occurrences in Philippines. (Last updated 1 Nov 2024)

International Barcode of Life project (iBOL). 65,108 occurrences in Philippines. (Last updated 7 Aug 2024)



Philippines participates in the following projects coordinated by GBIF

Bats and associated ectoparasites and pathogens from the UPLB Museum of Natural History BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2022–2023

https://www.gbif.org/project/BIFA6_026

Digitization of specimens at the University of the Philippines Los Baños Museum of Natural History

BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2020–2022

This project aims to digitize specimen data from four different museum research and teaching collections and share data skills through training

https://www.gbif.org/project/2as3Q2nNvRQhMc30JzAQ6e

Strengthening GBIF Philippines

BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2016–2017

This project aims at strengthening PhilBIF by enhancing the capacities of partners in the publishing of biodiversity information according to GBIF standards.

https://www.gbif.org/project/82652

Alien reptiles and amphibians of the Philippines

BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2018–2019

This project aims to develop a national invasive alien amphibian and reptile species inventory and occurrence database and an observation and monitoring system.

https://www.gbif.org/project/2xGhurLsnOmI0Qgo8iYu2A

Mobilizing biodiversity data from ASEAN protected areas

BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2016–2016

The goal of this project was to facilitate the mobilization of biodiversity information from ASEAN Heritage Parks - regionally significant protected areas for biodiversity.

https://www.gbif.org/project/82651

Using microbial metabarcoding to monitor biodiversity and bioindicators in the Mekong River

BIFA: Biodiversity Information Fund for Asia, 2021–2023

https://www.gbif.org/project/BIFA6_030

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