

Activity report



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Saudi Arabia

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 Saudi Arabia. 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 Saudi Arabia



Animalia
291,791
occurrences



Plantae 430,874 occurrences



Fungi
13,619
occurrences



Unknown 10,554 occurrences



Protozoa
10,412
occurrences



94,883



Virus
1,424
occurrences



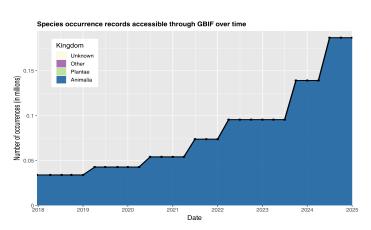
Chromista
82,963
occurrences



Archaea
1,246
occurrences

► Data mobilization





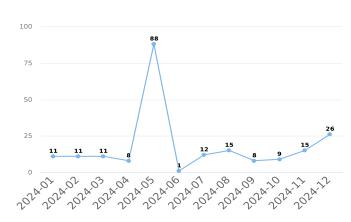
Number of records published by institutions in Saudi Arabia, categorized by kingdom



Access and usage

Data downloads on GBIF.org from users in Saudi Arabia





Monthly downloads requested by users in Saudi Arabia

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

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 Saudi Arabia.

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

Waldock, Maire, Albouy et al. (2024) Micronutrient levels of global tropical reef fish communities differ from fisheries capture. People and Nature.

https://doi.org/10.1002/pan3.10736

Aloufi. (2024) MaxEnt modeling of Klebsiella pneumoniae: predicting future distribution and evaluating the risk for public health. *Geomatics, Natural Hazards and Risk.* https://doi.org/10.1080/19475705.2024.2417688

Khalaf, Alqahtani, Ali *et al.* (2024) Modeling climate-related global risk maps of rice bacterial blight caused by Xanthomonas oryzae (Ishiyama 1922) using geographical information system (GIS). *Environmental Monitoring and Assessment.*

https://doi.org/10.1007/s10661-024-13215-8

Chokri Zehri. (2024) Warfare Practices and Experiments and their Effects on the Environment. *International Journal of Peace and Conflict Studies.*

Waheed, Haq, Arshad *et al.* (2024) Xanthium strumarium L., an invasive species in the subtropics: prediction of potential distribution areas and climate adaptability in Pakistan. *BMC Ecology and Evolution*.

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https://doi.org/10.1186/s12862-024-02310-6

Data availability

Total data available for selected taxonomic groups in Saudi Arabia



Mammals 1,487 occurrences



Birds
211,227
occurrences



Bony fish 11,678 occurrences



Amphibians
829
occurrences



Insects 19,931 occurrences



Reptiles 5,837 occurrences



Molluscs 12,143 occurrences



Arachnids 1,869 occurrences



Flowering plants
414,607
occurrences



Ferns
1,915
occurrences



Gymnosperms 3,564 occurrences



Mosses
65
occurrences



Sac fungi 8,529 occurrences



Basidiomycota 2,003 occurrences

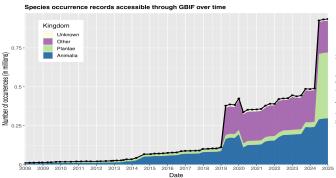
Mammals = Class Mammalia
Birds = Class Aves
Bony fish = Superclass
Osteichthyes p.p.
Amphibians = Class Amphibia

Insects = Class Insecta Reptiles = Class Testudines, Sphenodontia, Squamata & Crocodylia

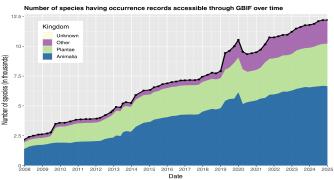
Molluscs = Phylum *Mollusca*

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 Saudi Arabia



Occurrence records available about species occurring in Saudi Arabia



Species for which at least one occurrence record is available in Saudi Arabia

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



Newest publishers from Saudi Arabia

No data available

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





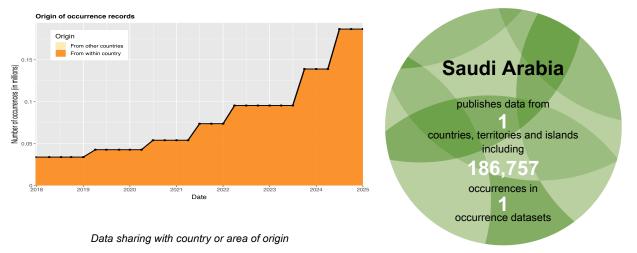
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Number of occurrence records downloaded via GBIF.org published by institutions in Saudi Arabia



Data mobilization

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



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

Top data contributors about biodiversity in Saudi Arabia

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	Germany	396,657
2	United Kingdom	243,611
3	Saudi Arabia	186,757
4	United States of America	44,821
5	Estonia	24,815
6	International organization or unknown country	22,243
7	Netherlands	5,042
8	France	3,239
9	Belgium	3,227
10	Colombia	1,437

Table 1. Ranking of countries or areas contributing data about Saudi Arabia

Top datasets contributing data about Saudi Arabia

KSA Flora Survey 2013. 391,578 occurrences in Saudi Arabia. (Last updated 30 Aug 2024)

EOD – eBird Observation Dataset. 186,757 occurrences in Saudi Arabia. (Last updated 27 Sep 2024)

Nutrient addition mesocosm experiment Targeted Locus (Loci). 70,546 occurrences in Saudi Arabia. (Last updated 30 Sep 2022)

Red Sea microbial plankton Raw sequence reads. 47,118 occurrences in Saudi Arabia. (Last updated 30 Sep 2022)

Extracellular DNA marine sediment Targeted Locus (Loci). 33,560 occurrences in Saudi Arabia. (Last updated 19 Feb 2020)