

What is the German Federation for Biological Data (GFBio)?

Short Answer

GFBio, the German Federation for Biological Data, aims to facilitate data sharing in the biological and environmental sciences and to support researchers in all aspects of research data management.

Detailed Answer

With joint forces of the 19 consortium members including ten long-term [data centers](#), we offer a variety of [data management services](#) to meet the needs of researchers and funding agencies for reproducible and reusable data (see e.g., [DFG guidelines on handling biodiversity data](#)). The main components of the GFBio portal comprise a [helpdesk](#) for user support, the [data submission](#), the [GFBio Search](#), the [Terminology Service](#), and the [VAT-System](#) (virtual research environment for visualization, analysis, and transformation of biodiversity data). GFBio is currently funded by the German Research Foundation (DFG). In May 2016 the non-profit organization GFBio e.V. was founded in order to pave the way for a sustainable provision of services after the funding phase.