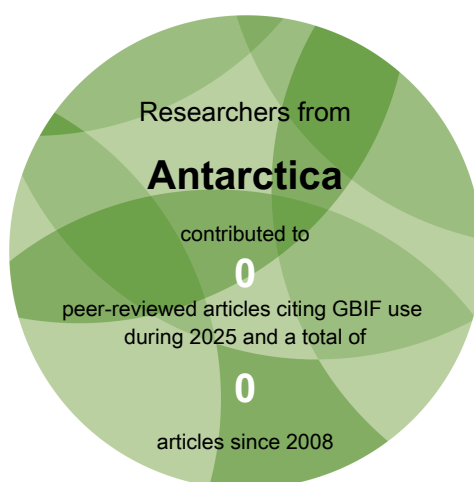


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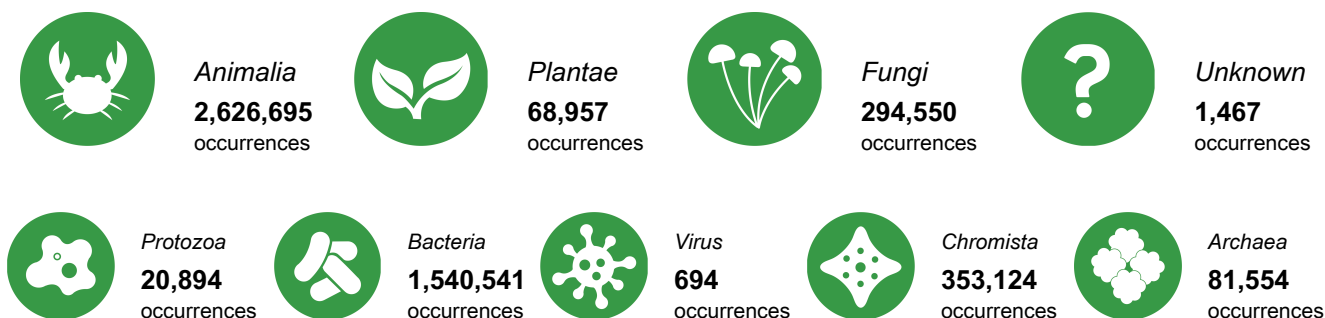
Antarctica

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 Antarctica. 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.

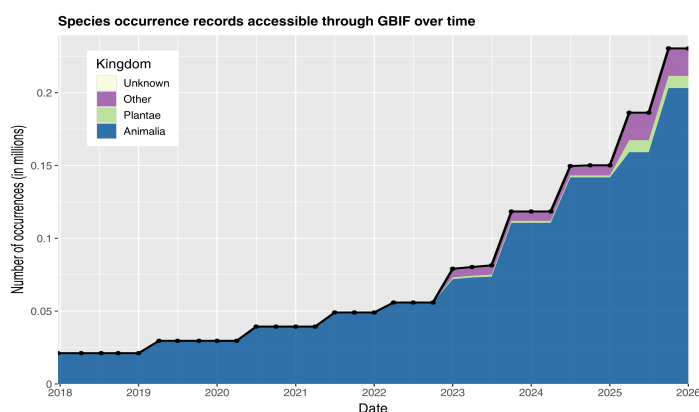
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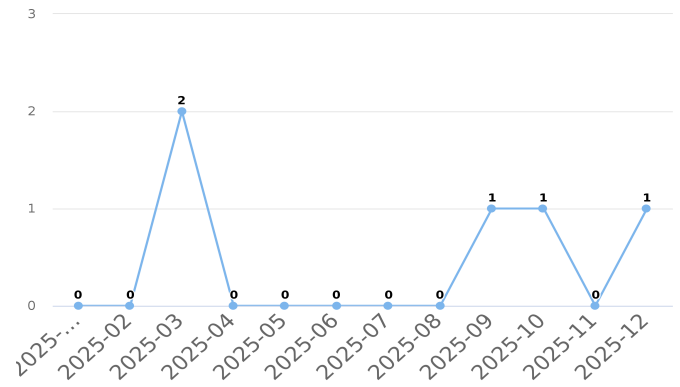
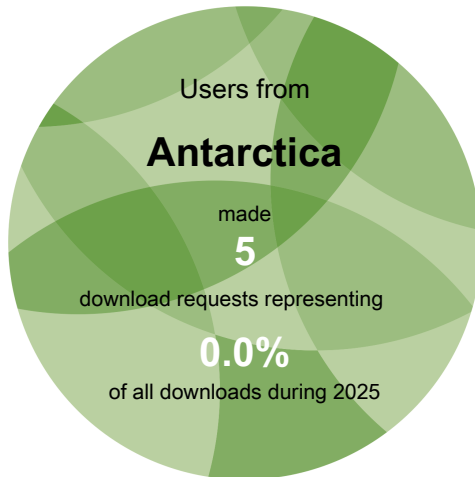


Number of records published by institutions in Antarctica, categorized by kingdom



Access and usage

Data downloads on GBIF.org from users in Antarctica



Monthly downloads requested by users in Antarctica



Data availability

Total data available for selected taxonomic groups in Antarctica



Mammals
1,135,275
occurrences



Birds
715,243
occurrences



Bony fish
109,175
occurrences



Amphibians
29
occurrences



Insects
2,255
occurrences



Reptiles
93
occurrences



Molluscs
72,623
occurrences



Arachnids
3,583
occurrences



Flowering plants
3,698
occurrences



Ferns
470
occurrences



Gymnosperms
595
occurrences



Mosses
30,164
occurrences



Sac fungi
186,817
occurrences



Basidiomycota
39,380
occurrences

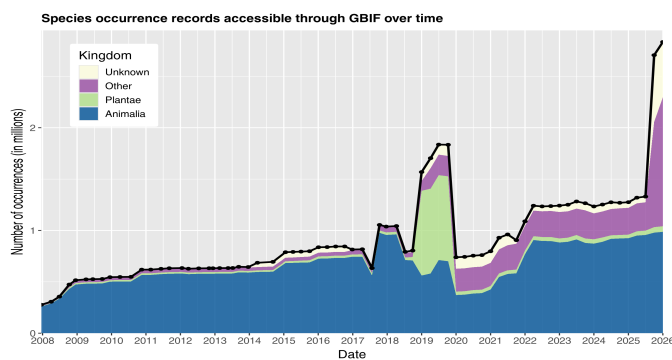
Mammals = Class *Mammalia*
Birds = Class *Aves*
Bony fish = Superclass
Osteichthyes p.p.
Amphibians = Class *Amphibia*

Insects = Class *Insecta*
Reptiles = Class *Testudines*,
Sphenodontia, *Squamata* &
Crocodylia
Molluscs = Phylum *Mollusca*

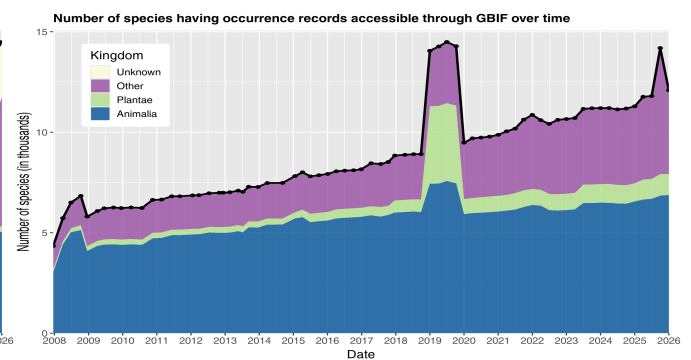
Arachnids = Class *Arachnida*
Flowering plants = Phylum
Magnoliophyta
Gymnosperms = Superclass
Gymnospermae

Ferns = Phylum *Pteridophyta*
Mosses = Phylum *Bryophyta*
Sac fungi = Phylum *Ascomycota*
Basidiomycota = Phylum
Basidiomycota

Change over time in records about biodiversity in Antarctica



Occurrence records available about species occurring in Antarctica



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

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 Antarctica

Archaea from the ANDEEP3 expedition. *Published by Antarctic Biodiversity Information Facility (ANTABIF)*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dsr2.2007.07.002>

The Biodiversity of Ice-free Antarctica Database. *Published by Antarctic Biodiversity Information Facility (ANTABIF)*

<https://doi.org/10.4225/15/59100ba9157f7>

Improving Species-Based Area Protection in Antarctica - data. *Published by Antarctic Biodiversity Information Facility (ANTABIF)*

<https://doi.org/10.15468/mnyg9p>

Microbial communities in colored snow from Fildes Peninsula (King George Island, Maritime Antarctica, 2017). *Published by SCAR - Microbial Antarctic Resource System*

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Antarctic cryosphere fungal diversity (2015). *Published by SCAR - Microbial Antarctic Resource System*

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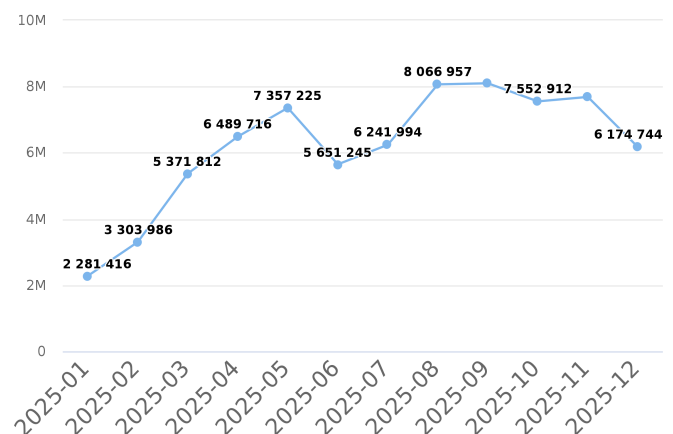
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Newest publishers from Antarctica

SCAR - Microbial Antarctic Resource System

Antarctic Biodiversity Information Facility (ANTABIF)

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



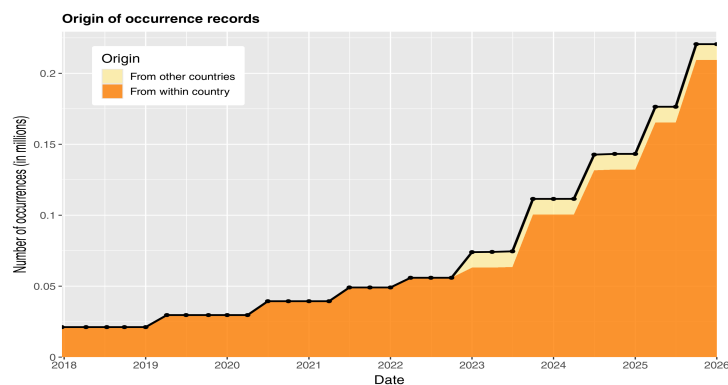
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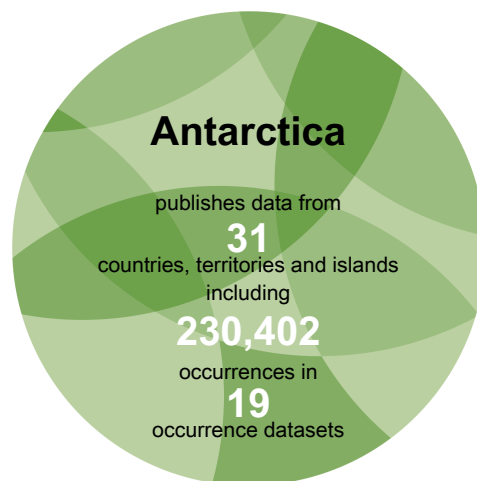


Data mobilization

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



Data sharing with country or area of origin



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

Top data contributors about biodiversity in Antarctica

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	Australia	2,341,126
2	United Kingdom	1,784,224
3	United States of America	221,351
4	Germany	220,724
5	Antarctica	217,519
6	New Zealand	63,614
7	Belgium	59,141
8	South Africa	33,393
9	International organization or unknown country	24,832
10	Estonia	17,746

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

Top datasets contributing data about Antarctica

Australian Microbiome 16S (Bacteria) Dataset of Terrestrial Samples. *1,216,210 occurrences in Antarctica.* (Last updated 10 Dec 2025)

The Retrospective Analysis of Antarctic Tracking (Standardised) Data from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research. *1,146,429 occurrences in Antarctica.* (Last updated 17 Dec 2025)

EOD – eBird Observation Dataset. *168,180 occurrences in Antarctica.* (Last updated 29 Oct 2025)

ARGOS Satellite Tracking of animals. *128,267 occurrences in Antarctica.* (Last updated 17 Dec 2025)

Australian Microbiome 18S (Eukaryote) Dataset of Terrestrial Samples. *115,806 occurrences in Antarctica.* (Last updated 10 Dec 2025)

See all contributing countries and areas or datasets: gbif.org/country/AQ/about