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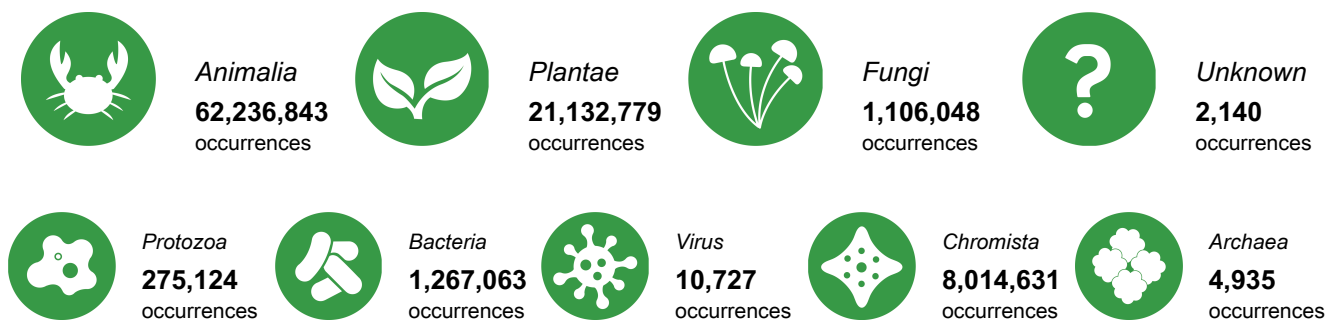
Spain

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 Spain. 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.

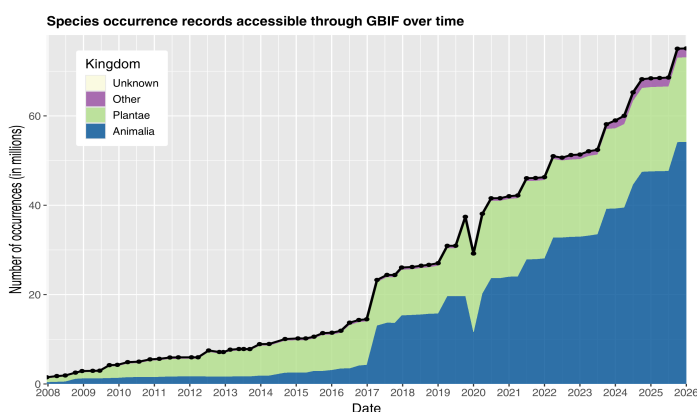
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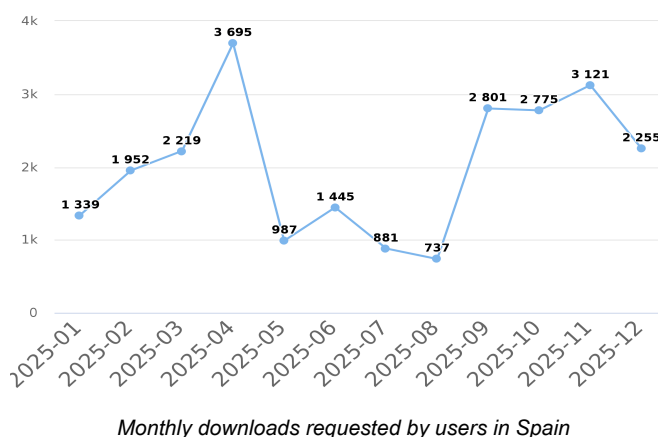
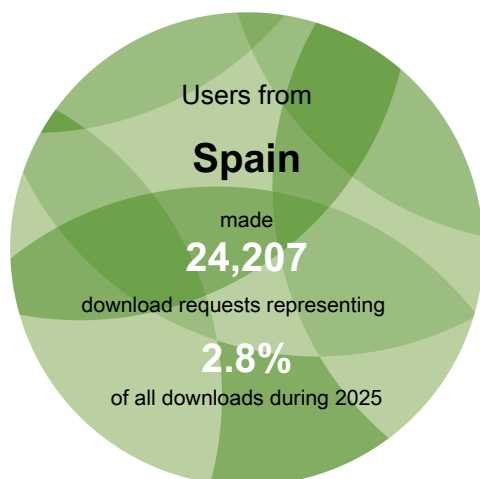


Number of records published by institutions in Spain, categorized by kingdom



Access and usage

Data downloads on GBIF.org from users in Spain



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

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 Spain.

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

Soto, Oficialdegui, Bedmar *et al.* (2025) Over 1200 Non-Native Species Are Established in the Iberian Peninsula. *Diversity and Distributions*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ddi.70071>

Rausell-Moreno, Gómez-Rubio, Muñoz. (2025) Does ecology predict taxonomy? How ecological differentiation can be used to spatially infer intraspecific diversity. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210x.70212>

Bañón, Baldó, Arronte *et al.* (2025) Integrative taxonomy suggests hidden diversity within the fish genus *Cyttopsis* (Zeiformes, Parazenidae). *Journal of Fish Biology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jfb.70190>

Varga, Woods, Pitsillides *et al.* (2025) Whole genome sequencing of historical specimens from the world's largest fungal collection yields high-quality assemblies. *New Phytologist*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.70472>

Morejón-Arrojo, Rodríguez-Viera. (2025) Medusozoans of Cuba (Cnidaria): an update. *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom*.
<https://doi.org/10.1017/s0025315425100441>

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Data availability

Total data available for selected taxonomic groups in Spain



Mammals
2,539,169
occurrences



Birds
51,387,287
occurrences



Bony fish
1,569,115
occurrences



Amphibians
208,731
occurrences



Insects
4,525,342
occurrences



Reptiles
331,477
occurrences



Molluscs
521,219
occurrences



Arachnids
207,519
occurrences



Flowering plants
19,077,070
occurrences



Ferns
304,772
occurrences



Gymnosperms
1,318,289
occurrences



Mosses
147,596
occurrences



Sac fungi
523,203
occurrences



Basidiomycota
500,293
occurrences

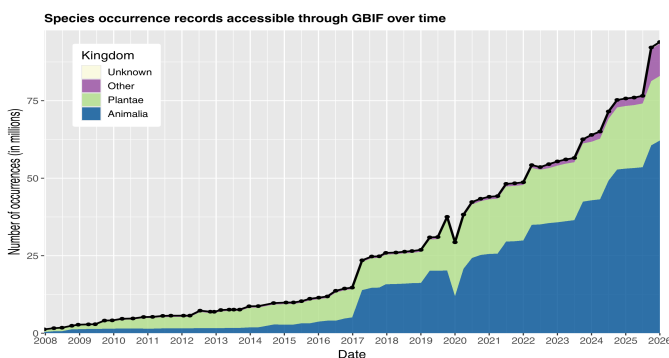
Mammals = Class *Mammalia*
Birds = Class *Aves*
Bony fish = Superclass
Osteichthyes p.p.
Amphibians = Class *Amphibia*

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

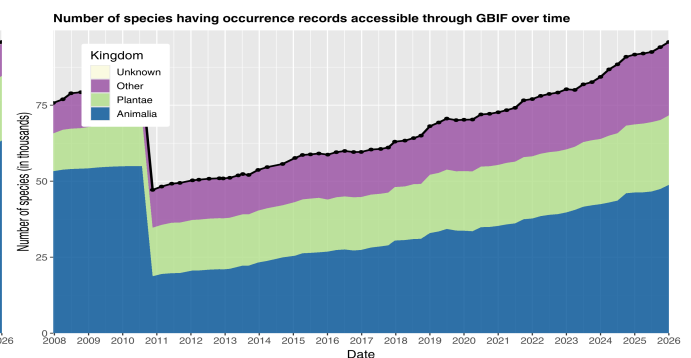
Arachnids = Class *Arachnida*
Flowering plants = Phylum
Magnoliophyta
Gymnosperms = Superclass
Gymnospermae

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

Change over time in records about biodiversity in Spain



Occurrence records available about species occurring in Spain



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

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 Spain

Herbario del Jardín Botánico de Olarizu (Vitoria-Gasteiz)/Olarizuko Lorategi Botanikoaren Herbarioa (Vitoria-Gasteiz). *Published by Jardín Botánico de Olarizu (Vitoria-Gasteiz)/Olarizuko Lorategi Botanikoa (Vitoria-Gasteiz)*
<https://doi.org/10.15470/r7ifma>

Preliminary checklist of the family Depressariidae (Lepidoptera) of the Region of Murcia (Spain). *Published by Animal Biology Section, Zoology and Phisic Antropology Department, Murcia University*
<https://doi.org/10.15470/wj3mmu>

Institut Botanic de Barcelona (IBB), CSIC-CMCNB – BC-SBB. *Published by Institut Botànic de Barcelona (CSIC-CMCNB)*
<https://doi.org/10.15470/ujrizx>

Institut Botanic de Barcelona (IBB), CSIC-CMCNB – BC-Ruiz & Pavón. *Published by Institut Botànic de Barcelona (CSIC-CMCNB)*
<https://doi.org/10.15470/vz9est>

Institut Botanic de Barcelona (IBB), CSIC-CMCNB – BC-ICHN. *Published by Institut Botànic de Barcelona (CSIC-CMCNB)*
<https://doi.org/10.15470/l19aaw>

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Newest publishers from Spain

Department of Ecology, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

Universidade de Vigo

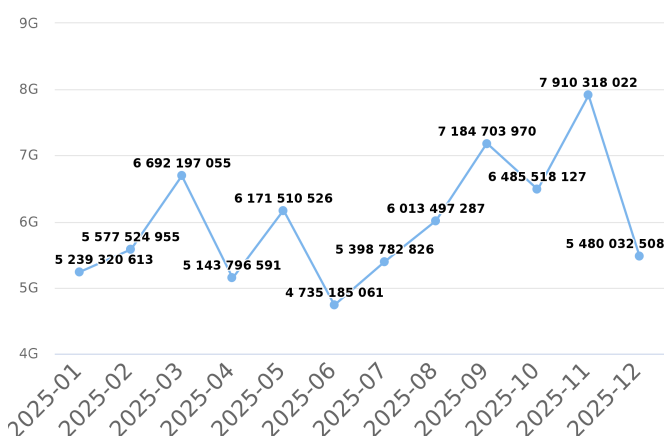
Instituto de Investigación en Recursos Cinegéticos (IREC /CSIC-UCLM-JCCM)

Laboratori d'Aplicacions Bioacustiques - Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · Barcelona Tech (UPC)

Ministerio de Agricultura, Pesca y Alimentación

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

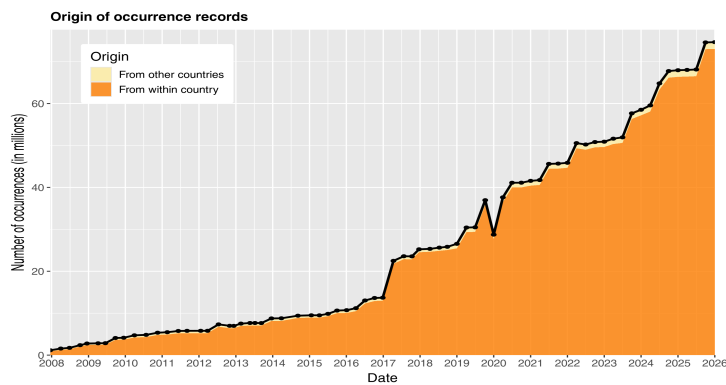


Number of occurrence records downloaded via
GBIF.org published by institutions in Spain

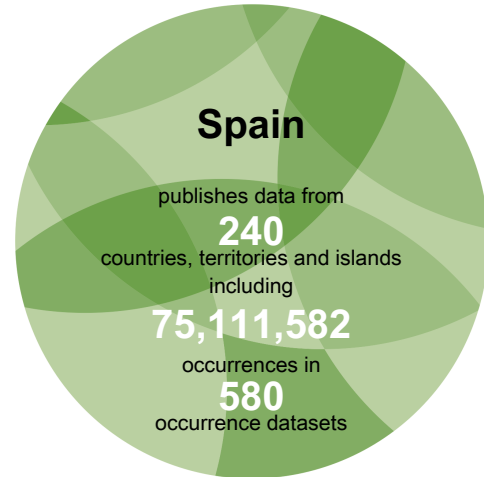


Data mobilization

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



Data sharing with country or area of origin



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

Top data contributors about biodiversity in Spain

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	Spain	73,338,697
2	Belgium	9,265,732
3	Netherlands	5,035,389
4	United States of America	2,388,079
5	Denmark	1,353,932
6	France	1,134,137
7	United Kingdom	625,194
8	Germany	512,856
9	International organization or unknown country	110,059
10	Colombia	95,426

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

Top datasets contributing data about Spain

EOD – eBird Observation Dataset. 34,695,938

occurrences in Spain. (Last updated 29 Oct 2025)

Anillamiento SEO_Bird ringing. 9,435,714 *occurrences in Spain.* (Last updated 17 Dec 2021)

Phytoplankton abundance and composition and physico-chemical parameters in the Ebro delta embayments (Alfacs Bay and Fangar Bay, North Western Mediterranean) during 1990-2019.. 8,331,913 *occurrences in Spain.* (Last updated 10 Dec 2025)

Localización de táxones botánicos de interés para la identificación de hábitats de la REDIAM (Secretaría General de Medio Ambiente, Agua y Cambio Climático). 6,467,839 *occurrences in Spain.* (Last updated 13 Jul 2022)

Observation.org, Nature data from around the World. 4,656,100 *occurrences in Spain.* (Last updated 16 Dec 2025)

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



Spain participates in the following projects coordinated by GBIF

Workshop on digital documentation: Linking biodiversity data, publications and images

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2014–2015

This project will increase the Latin American region's capacity to digitize and publish biodiversity data from scientific literature, images and other multimedia objects.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/82236>

National portals addressing national challenges

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2023–2024

<https://www.gbif.org/project/CESP2023-010>

GBIF.es

, 2014–2014

GBIF Spain's biodiversity data portal was the first adaptation of the open-source system Atlas of Living Australia to another national platform.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/82954>

OpenPSD: Promoting publication and use of private-sector data on biodiversity

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2019–2021

<https://www.gbif.org/project/2Zik1tfJoh3C92ZslvhDlr>

Plinian Core for plant-pollinator interactions

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2023–2024

<https://www.gbif.org/project/CESP2023-011>

Cross-continental partnership to investigate data mining approaches for impactful data use cases and stories

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2022–2023

<https://www.gbif.org/project/CESP2022-005>

International Living Atlases workshop

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2017–2018

This project will support and strengthen the growing international community of practice around open-source software developed by the Atlas of Living Australia.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/83337>

Establishing a national node for Chile to enhance Latin America regional capacity

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2017–2018

This project will promote and encourage biodiversity data sharing in Chile while distributing specialized knowledge on managing biological data and improving its quality, access and use across Latin America.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/83351>

Agrotraining: Proofing GBIF use on agrobiodiversity through needs assessment and training

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2016–2017

This Iberian project will design and develop a training course on the use of agro-biodiversity information available through GBIF and other relevant data sources.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/82833>

Training in participatory biodiversity monitoring: Building locally, connecting globally

Capacity Enhancement Support Programme, 2017–2018

Instruction in the theory and practice of community-based monitoring hopes to establish a self-sustaining, Spanish-speaking community of practice.

<https://www.gbif.org/project/83344>

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