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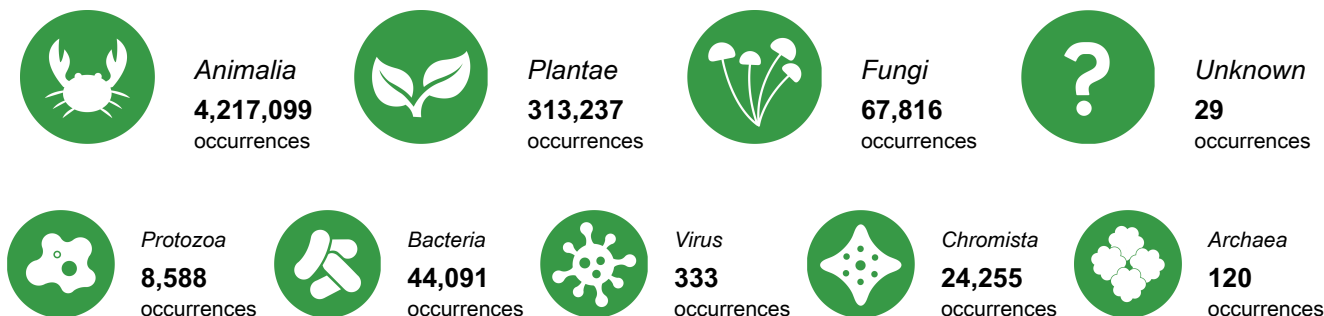
Puerto Rico

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 Puerto Rico. 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.

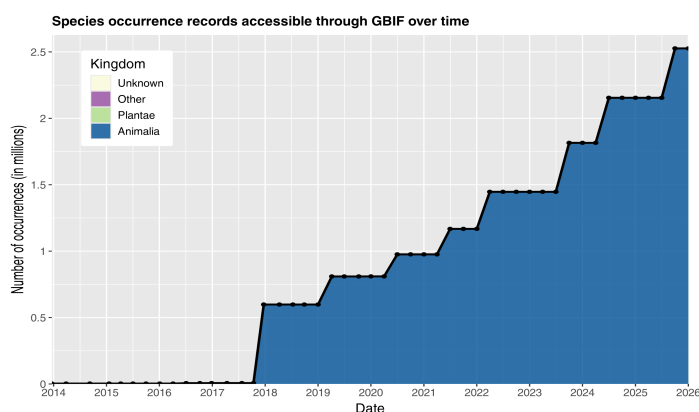
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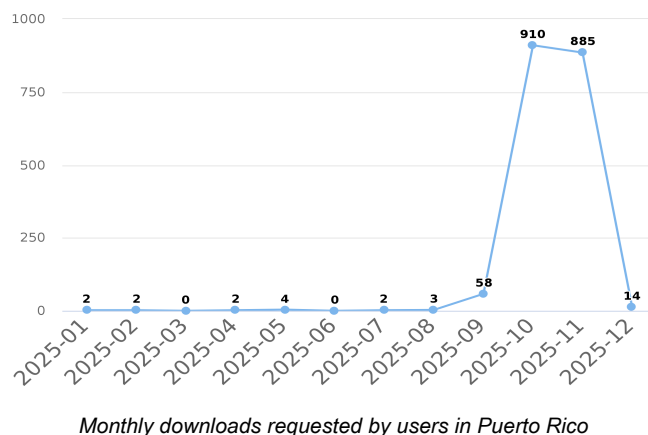
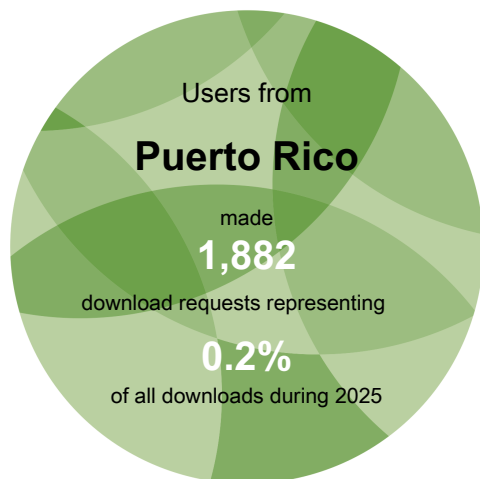


Number of records published by institutions in Puerto Rico, categorized by kingdom



Access and usage

Data downloads on GBIF.org from users in Puerto Rico



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

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 Puerto Rico.

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

Dotterweich, Bellin, Scaravelli. (2024) Species distribution comparison and interaction of *Clethrionomys glareolus* and *Chionomys nivalis* in a changing climate. *Biodiversity Change in the Anthropocene: Priorities for research*.

Omer, Essl, Dullinger *et al.* (2024) Invasion risk of the currently cultivated alien flora in southern Africa is predicted to decline under climate change. *Ecography*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ecog.07010>

Pérez-Escobar, Bogarín, Przelomska *et al.* (2024) The origin and speciation of orchids. *New Phytologist*.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/nph.19580>

Rivera, Zegarra, Figuerola-Hernández *et al.* (2023) Contemporary record and photographs of the rarely seen and poorly known Mona Blindsnake, *Antillotyphlops monensis* (Schmidt, 1926), with comments on its *Herpetology Notes*.

Medina. (2023) Ecophysiological Features of the Lowland meadow's Species within the Upper Rio Negro and Orinoco Basins. *Psammic Peinobiomes*.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-20799-0_12

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Data availability

Total data available for selected taxonomic groups in Puerto Rico



Mammals
11,736
occurrences



Birds
2,596,933
occurrences



Bony fish
988,912
occurrences



Amphibians
12,816
occurrences



Insects
84,915
occurrences



Reptiles
38,721
occurrences



Molluscs
56,204
occurrences



Arachnids
6,961
occurrences



Flowering plants
214,058
occurrences



Ferns
24,906
occurrences



Gymnosperms
659
occurrences



Mosses
14,614
occurrences



Sac fungi
35,985
occurrences



Basidiomycota
28,505
occurrences

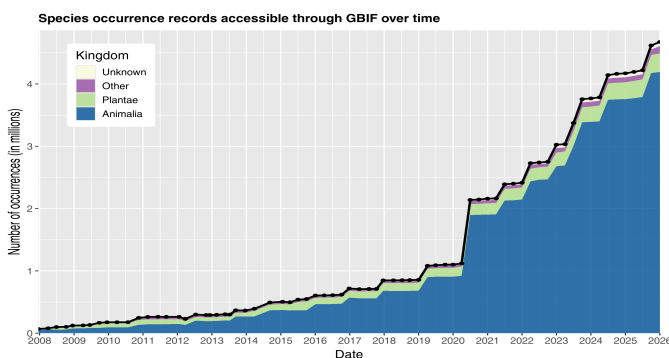
Mammals = Class *Mammalia*
Birds = Class *Aves*
Bony fish = Superclass
Osteichthyes p.p.
Amphibians = Class *Amphibia*

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

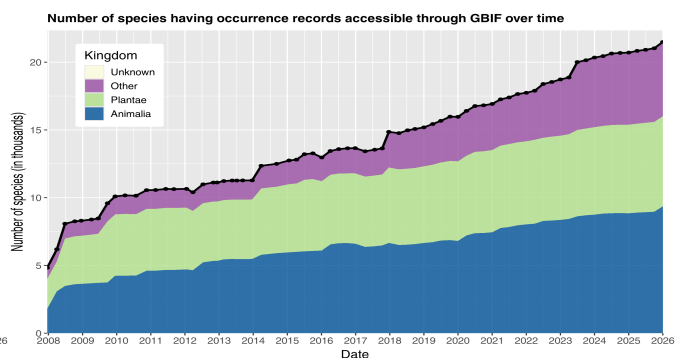
Arachnids = Class *Arachnida*
Flowering plants = Phylum
Magnoliophyta
Gymnosperms = Superclass
Gymnospermae

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

Change over time in records about biodiversity in Puerto Rico



Occurrence records available about species occurring in Puerto Rico



Species for which at least one occurrence record is available in Puerto Rico

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 Puerto Rico

University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Invertebrate Collection. *Published by University of Puerto Rico Mayagüez Invertebrate Collection*
<https://doi.org/10.15468/afmezg>

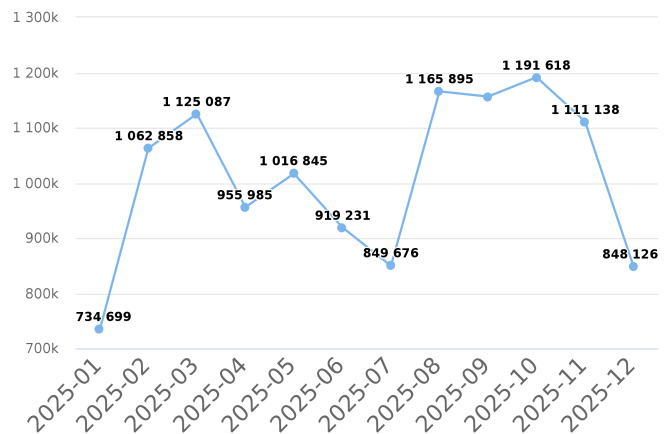
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Newest publishers from Puerto Rico

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

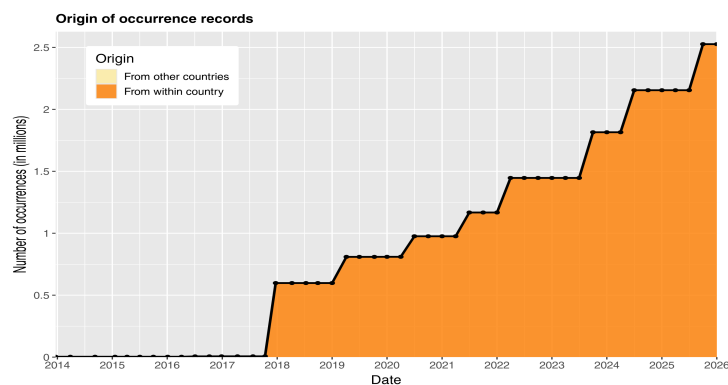


Number of occurrence records downloaded via GBIF.org published by institutions in Puerto Rico

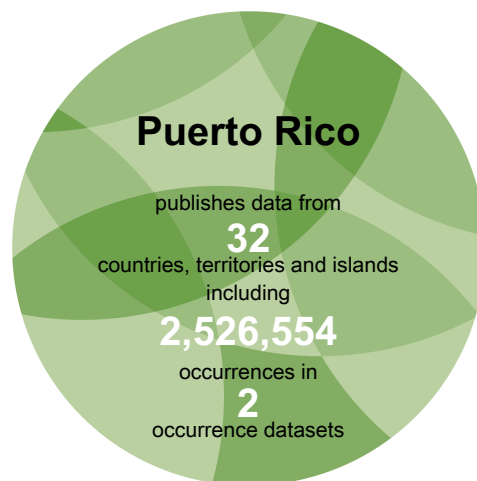


Data mobilization

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



Data sharing with country or area of origin



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

Top data contributors about biodiversity in Puerto Rico

Rank	Country or area	No. of occurrences
1	Puerto Rico	2,525,119
2	United States of America	1,977,333
3	Germany	36,880
4	International organization or unknown country	36,766
5	Estonia	36,683
6	United Kingdom	20,568
7	Netherlands	11,803
8	Belgium	8,333
9	France	7,123
10	Sweden	4,795

Table 1. Ranking of countries or areas contributing data about Puerto Rico

Top datasets contributing data about Puerto Rico

EOD – eBird Observation Dataset. 2,518,850 occurrences in Puerto Rico. (Last updated 29 Oct 2025)

Puerto Rico Long-Term Coral Reef Monitoring Program Database Compilation. 1,053,192 occurrences in Puerto Rico. (Last updated 2 Nov 2022)

Puerto Rico Reef Visual Census (RVC) 2016 - 2021. 309,677 occurrences in Puerto Rico. (Last updated 1 May 2023)

iNaturalist Research-grade Observations. 165,072 occurrences in Puerto Rico. (Last updated 31 Dec 2025)

NMNH Extant Specimen Records (USNM, US). 68,383 occurrences in Puerto Rico. (Last updated 2 Jan 2026)

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