Georeferencing at the MnhnL

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MnhnL: specimen and observation data

Collections based data:

- Zoology: mounted specimens, pinned specimens, alcohol specimens (3.000.000)
- Botany: plant and fungi herbarium (110.000)
- Palaeontology: macro-micro fossil specimens (40.000)
- Mineralogy/petrology: mineral and rock specimens (35.000)
- DNA & tissue samples

Observation based data (MnhnL = national database on biodiversity):

- Historic observation data
- Current research projects
- Citizen science projects
- Some 2.000.000 recorded observations



Recorder 6 & collection module

Management system for collection and observation data



Georeferencing use cases

From precise to coars geolocalisation

Geographic coordinates are known

Data from research projects (observations & specimens)

- Imported with precise coordinates (lat/long WGS84)
- Recording additional metadata very limited and rarely used

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1	Gathering Date	Gathering Location Name	Gathering Spatial Reference	Field number	Number of males	Number of females	Number of Individuals	Taxon Determination
2	27/04/2018	Koerich	49.683239; 5.940683	Koe1			1 Pelophylax lessonae	
3	27/04/2018	Koerich	49.683239; 5.940683	Koe2			1 Pelophylax kl. esculentus	
4	27/04/2018	Koerich	49.683239; 5.940683	Koe3			1 Pelophylax kl. esculentus	
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18	09/05/2018	Peppange	49.520276; 6.118073	Pep12	1			Pelophylax "lessonae/ridibundu
19	09/05/2018	Peppange	49.520276; 6.118073	Pep13	1			Pelophylax kl. esculentus
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21	10/05/2018	Peppange	49.520276; 6.118073	Pep15	1			Pelophylax "lessonae/ridibundu
22	10/05/2018	Peppange	49.520276; 6.118073	Pep16	1			Pelophylax "lessonae/ridibundu
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Reference locations are known

Association of record to reference location Indirect association to coordinates:

- Toponyms from topographic map
- Multilingualism of location names





Reference locations are known

Possibility to add additional information. Manage location separately from occurrence.

Additional data rarely filled in.

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Grid data - LUGRID

"Historic" grid system for Luxemburg





Grid data - LUGRID

ex. LA 710 105 = grid cell 100m x 100m

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Geographic areas

Thesaurus/gazetteer with reference locations

- Hierarchical list
- No coordinate information associated
- Multilingual terms

Imported from previous databases

- Herbarium sites imported from BG-BASE
- Mineralogy/Petrology sites
- Currently not displayed on map (0,0)
- Lists are currently being cleaned



Geographic areas



Geographic areas

- Many sites are well defined locations that can be pinpointed
- Linking of sites to reference lists

MUSÉE D'HISTOIRE NATURELLE	Leguminosae
LUXEMBOURG	Trifolium
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What we need to do

- Continue georeferencing
- Use georeferencing protocols & document them
- Raise awareness & demand more complete data from providers
- Use the tools that we already have (make use of fields in database)
- Populate more Darwin Core fields for publication