

**ABOUT BHL**

The Biodiversity Heritage Library (BHL) was formed in 2006 as a consortium of (then) ten natural history and botanical garden libraries with the purpose of digitizing key taxonomic literature in an open environment. With the Encyclopedia of Life (EOL), BHL received MacArthur funding in 2007. *All content is freely and openly available to the world*. The BHL Secretariat is based at the Smithsonian Libraries (Washington, DC).

**FROM OUR USERS**

* Just wanted to say thanks for a great service. I was looking for an obscure reference about development of scorpion fishes and I was able to find the exact bit I needed on your site *(A researcher in Georgia)*
* Thanks so much for pointing out this on Flickr!! I've been looking for old botanical and zoological images to play with and now I know a good place to *go (via Twitter)*
* This is a tremendous and extremely valuable resource. I work on the taxonomy and systematics of mollusks and frequently need to refer to the older literature. Before the advent of the internet and the BHL, this was usually a very frustrating task  *(a researcher in South Africa)*

**USERS (CY 2012)**

* 53,750 unique visitors per month
* 111,000 visits per month

**CONTENT (January 2013)**

* 110,204 volumes online | 40 million pages | 57,701 titles
* Growth rate of approximately 1,500 volumes per month
* ~30% of the public domain biodiversity literature now available
* Agreements with over 250 publishers to provide access to in copyright materials
* ~15% of total (including in copyright) biodiversity literature now available

**NEW DIRECTIONS**

* Flickr. Over 60,000+ plant and animal illustrations now available
* iTunes University. A growing collection of themed content (extinct species, Charles Darwin) available for download via iTunes

**FUNDING**

* **$120,000 / year**. Membership dues from institutions participating in BHL at the Steering Committee level ($10,000 per institution, 12 institutions participating at this level)
* **$1.8 million and 16.2 FTE / year**. In-kind contributions from BHL member staff
* **$400,000 and 5.3 FTE / year**. In-kind contributions from Smithsonian Libraries staff (included in above)
* **~$10,000 (CY 2012).** Direct donations from the user community to support BHL
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