

Biodiversity Heritage Library

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What is BHL?

Access to literature is particularly important to taxonomic researchers

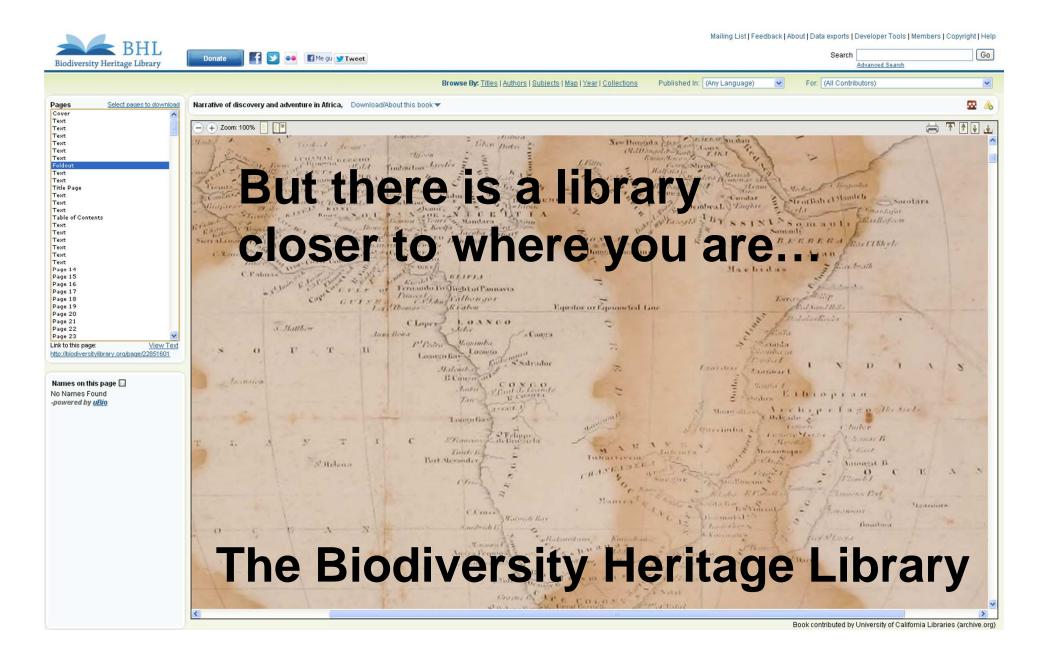
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Source: The Biodiversity Heritage library: Extensive. Open. Global, http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOpuLTBocOA







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The freeing of knowledge may lead to new discoveries and changes in the way the natural world is perceived

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What is BHL?

The Biodiversity Heritage Library is a consortium of natural history and botanical libraries that cooperate to digitize and make accessible the legacy literature of biodiversity held in their collections and to make that literature available for open access and responsible use as a part of a global "biodiversity commons."



Extensive

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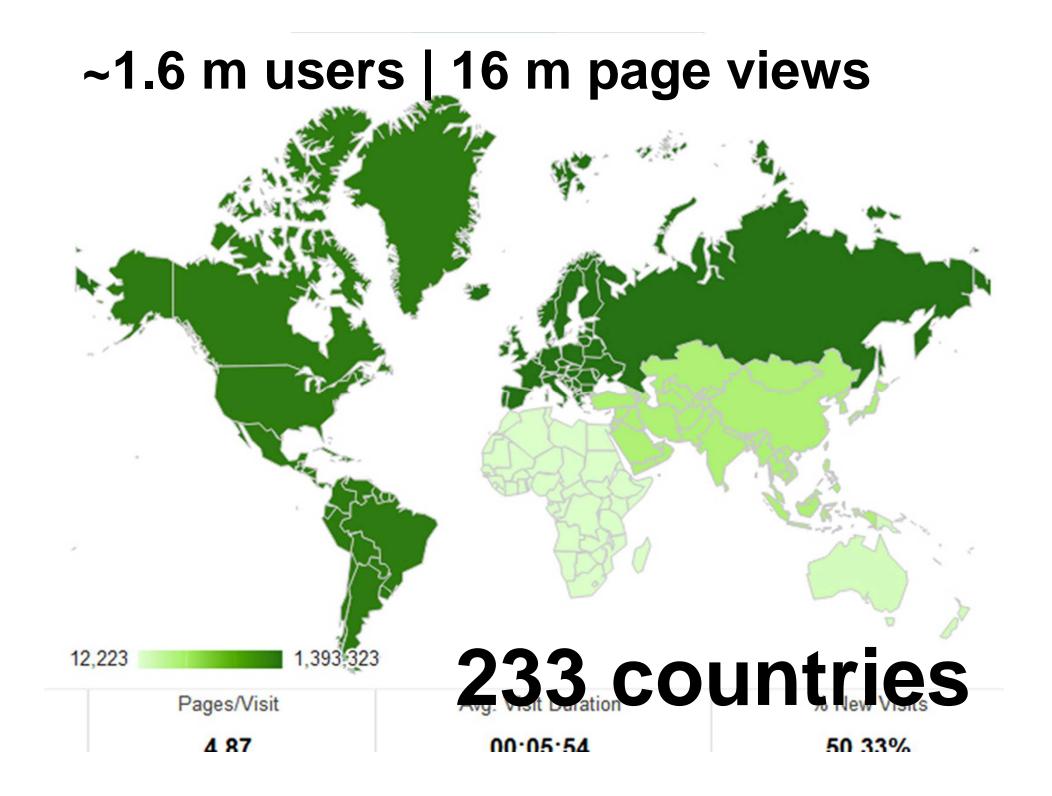
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