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DNA Barcodes for Soil Fauna Taxonomy

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OUTLINE

Introduction

- Soil biodiversity: the final frontier
- DNA barcoding for the census of soil biodiversity

Applications and perspectives

- Species id, biodiversity estimates, taxonomy, biogeography, ecology



Introduction: Soil biodiversity, the final frontier

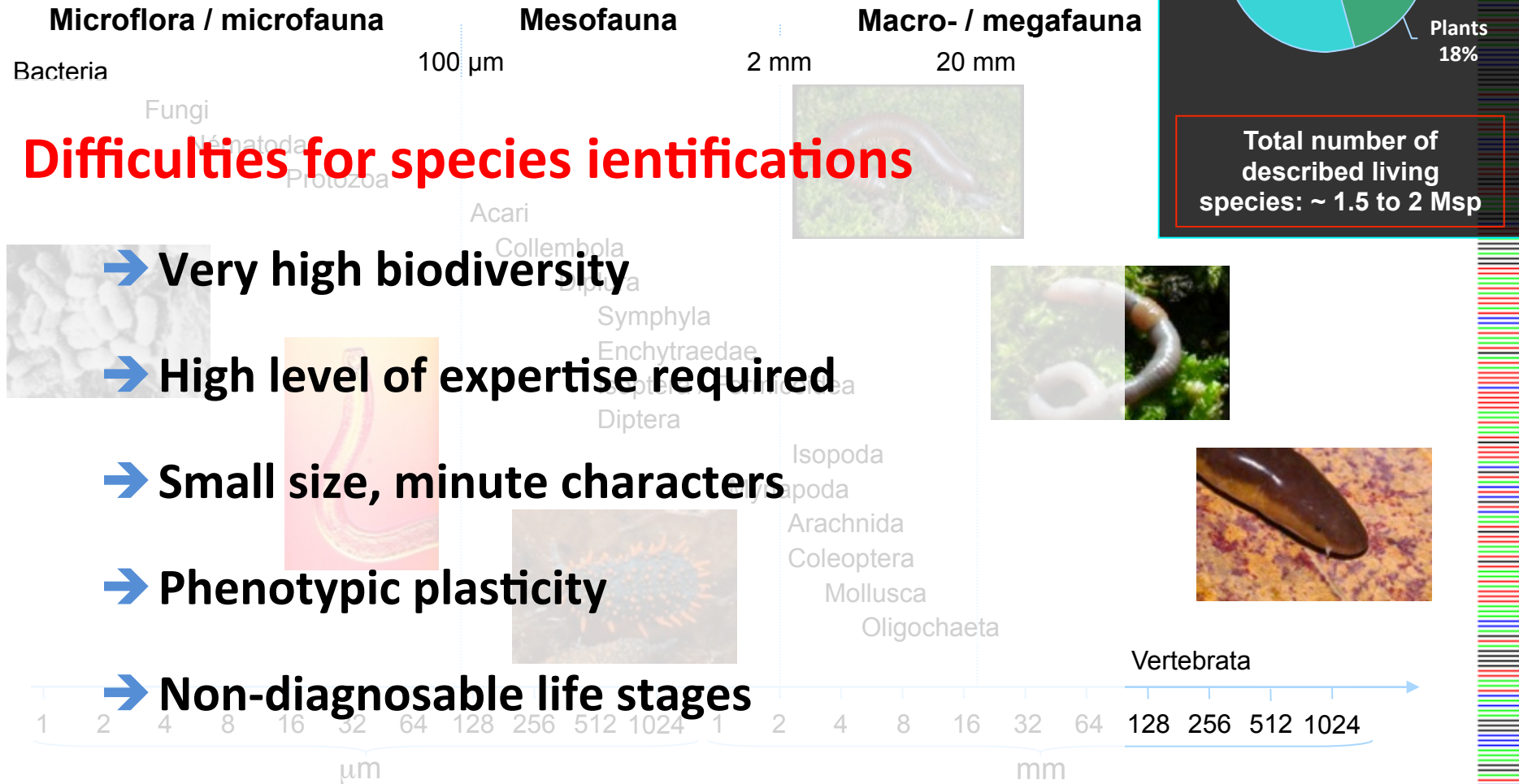
Importance of soil fauna

- **Ecological importance:** regulators of soil processes
- **Economic importance:** maintenance of soil fertility
- **Strategic importance:** highly diverse communities
- **Strategic importance:** invasive species
- **Practical importance:** used as bioindicators of soil quality or pollution



Introduction: Soil biodiversity, the final frontier

Problems with the study of soil biodiversity



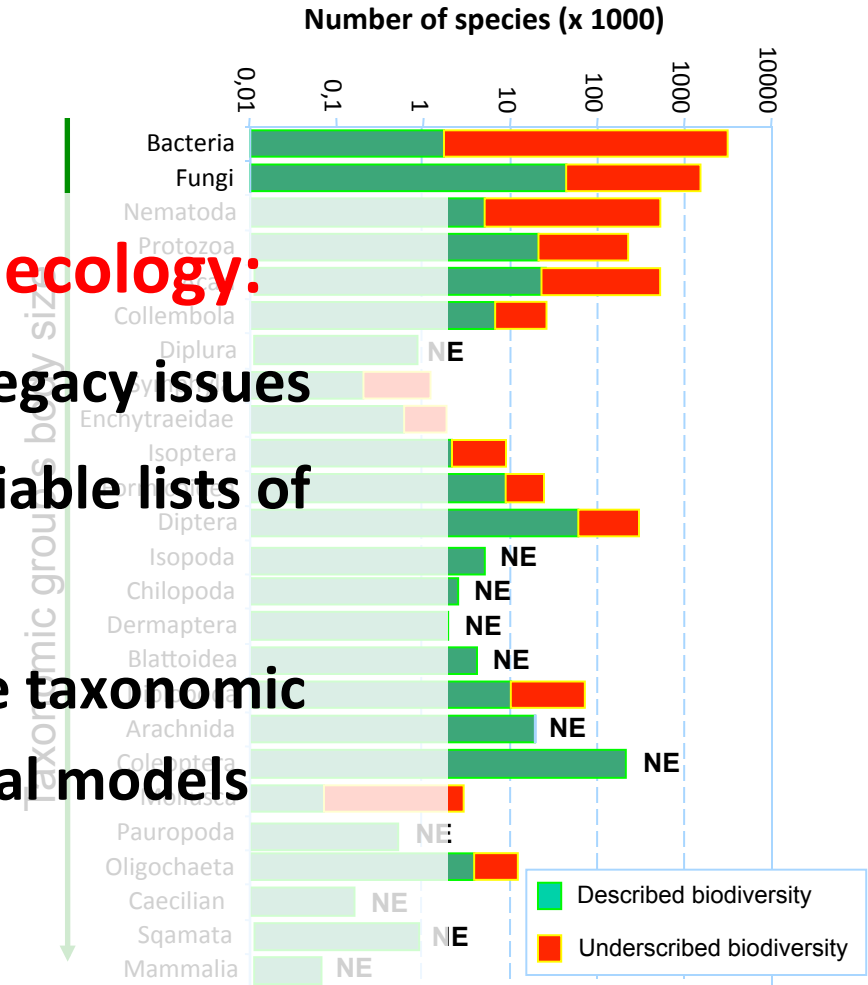
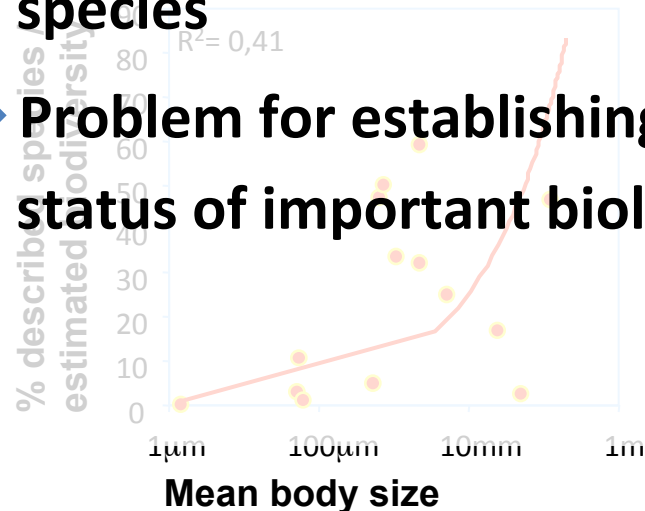
Introduction: Soil biodiversity, the final frontier

The taxonomic deficit

- Known biodiversity = small fraction of real diversity

Important limitations for soil ecology:

- ➔ Deficit of taxonomists and legacy issues
- ➔ Problem for establishing reliable lists of species
- ➔ Problem for establishing the taxonomic status of important biological models



Introduction: What is DNA barcoding?

Biological identifications through DNA barcodes

**Paul D. N. Hebert*, Alina Cywinska, Shelley L. Ball
and Jeremy R. deWaard**

DNA Barcoding = the use of a short
standardized gene fragment for species
identification and biodiversity exploration

Cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) is the
selected standard ‘barcode’ in animals

➔ ***A standardized identification
method for animals***



Introduction: What is DNA barcoding?

Some controversy regarding the reliability of the method

- **Potential false negatives:** identical barcodes in two actually different species (short divergence time, gene introgression);
- **Potential false positives:** different barcodes within a single species (ancestral polymorphism, genetic introgression)

Now recognized as a reliable and straightforward tool for species discrimination

Hebert proposed the idea of a global barcode library for the animal kingdom

Rubinoﬀ & Holland (2005), Trewick (2007), Wiemers & Fiedler (2007), Will et al (2005), Hebert et al (2003, 2004, 2010)

DNA barcodes for 1/1000 of the animal kingdom

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This study reports DNA barcodes for more than 1300 Lepidoptera species from the eastern half of North America, establishing that 99.3 per cent of these species possess diagnostic barcode sequences. Intraspecific divergences averaged just 0.43 per cent among this assemblage, but most values were lower. The mean was elevated by deep barcode divergences (greater than 2%) in 5.1 per cent of the species, often involving the sympatric occurrence of two barcode clusters. A few of these cases have been analysed in detail, revealing species overlooked by the current taxonomic system. This study also provided a

Introduction: Building the reference library

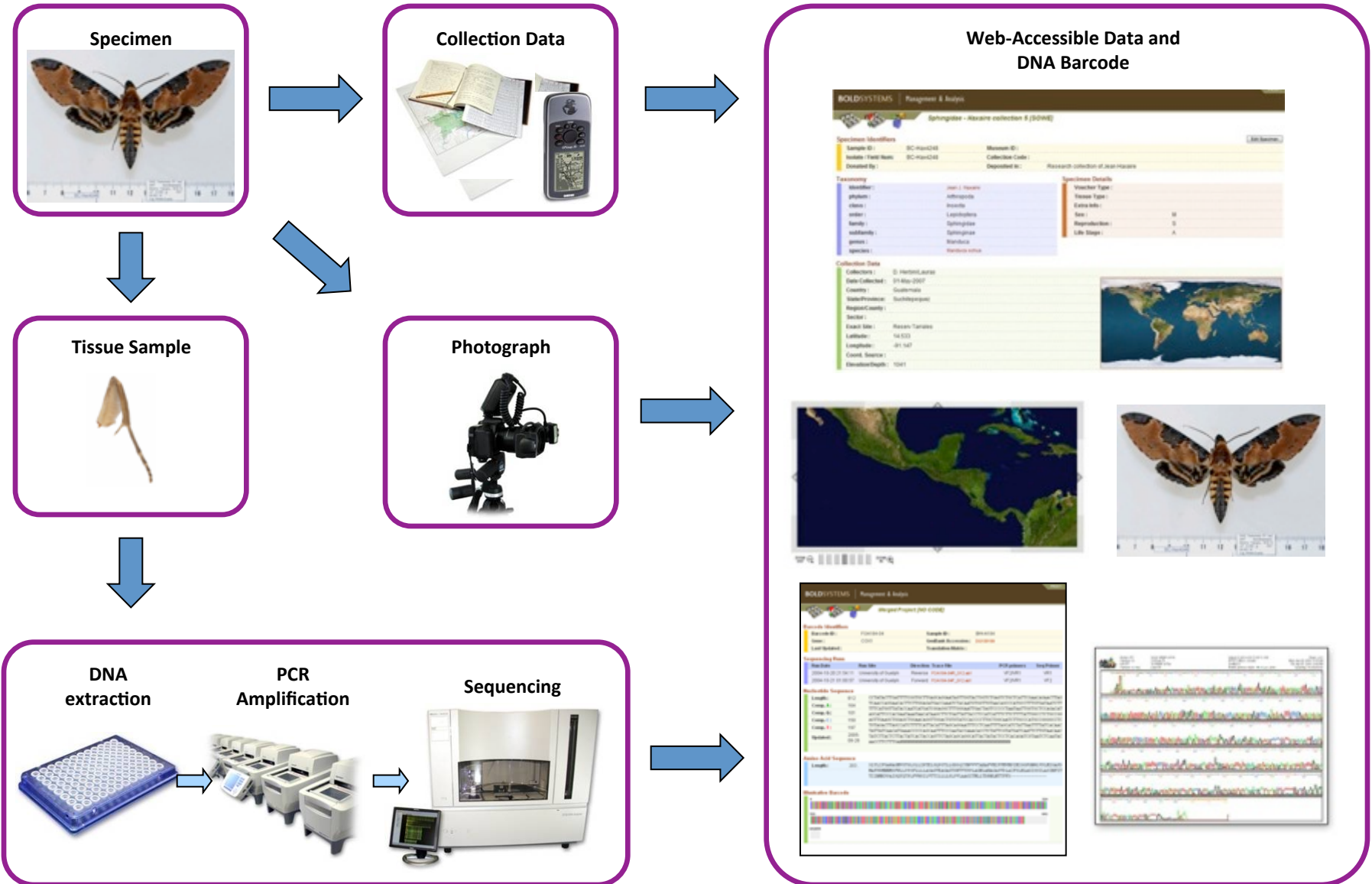
The international Barcode of Life (iBOL)

- Involves a network of taxonomists for a range of taxonomic groups



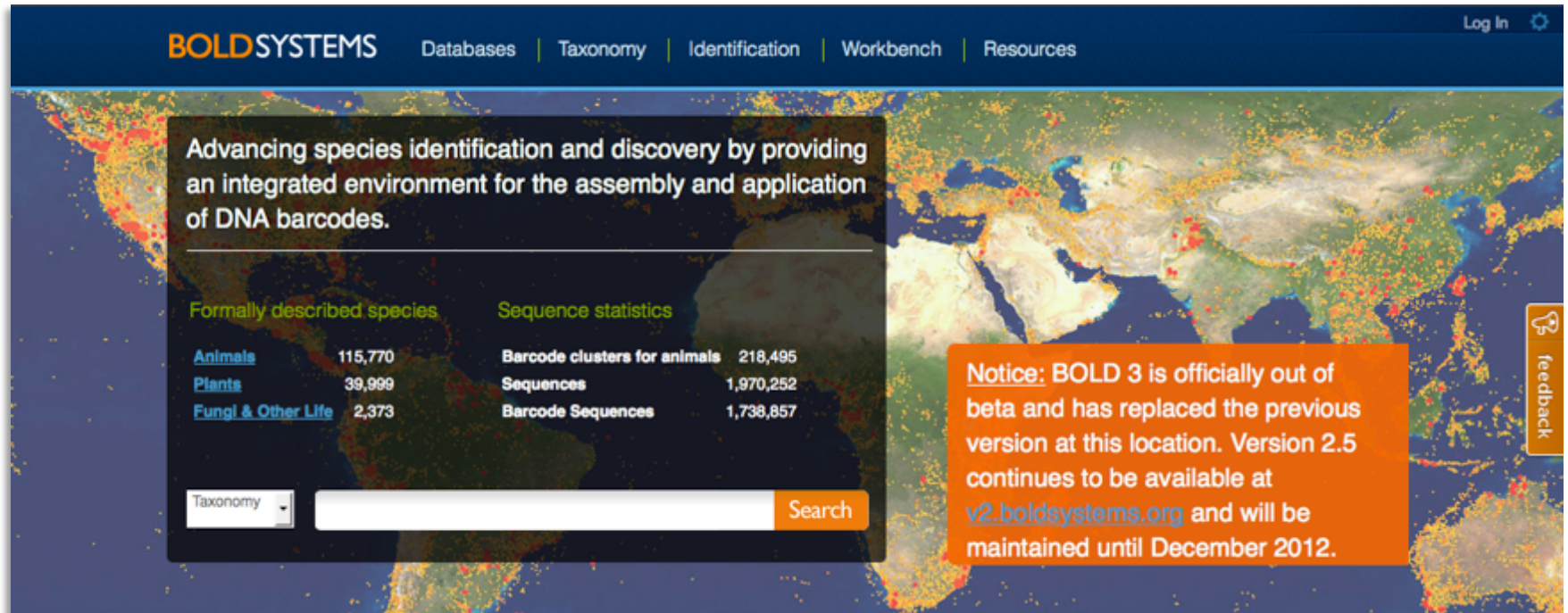
Introduction: Building the reference library

DNA barcoding workflow



Introduction: Building the reference library

A dedicated bioinformatics platform (BOLD)



- BOLD is used for most sequence manipulations, analyses, comparisons, mapping
- Confidentiality requirements can be managed with BOLD

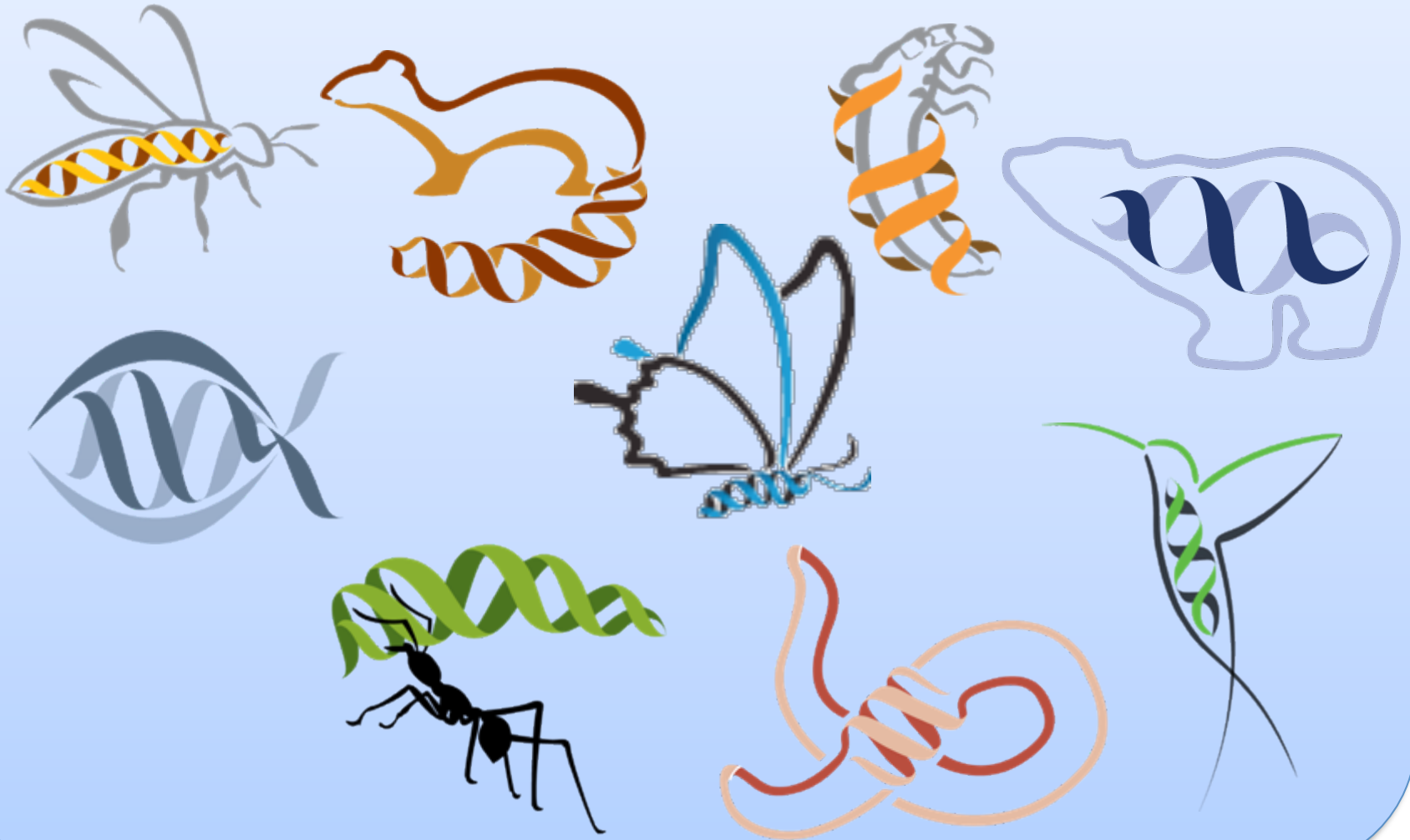
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**Current coverage :
≈ 2200K Barcode Records; > 250K Species**



Barcoding campaigns of soil invertebrates

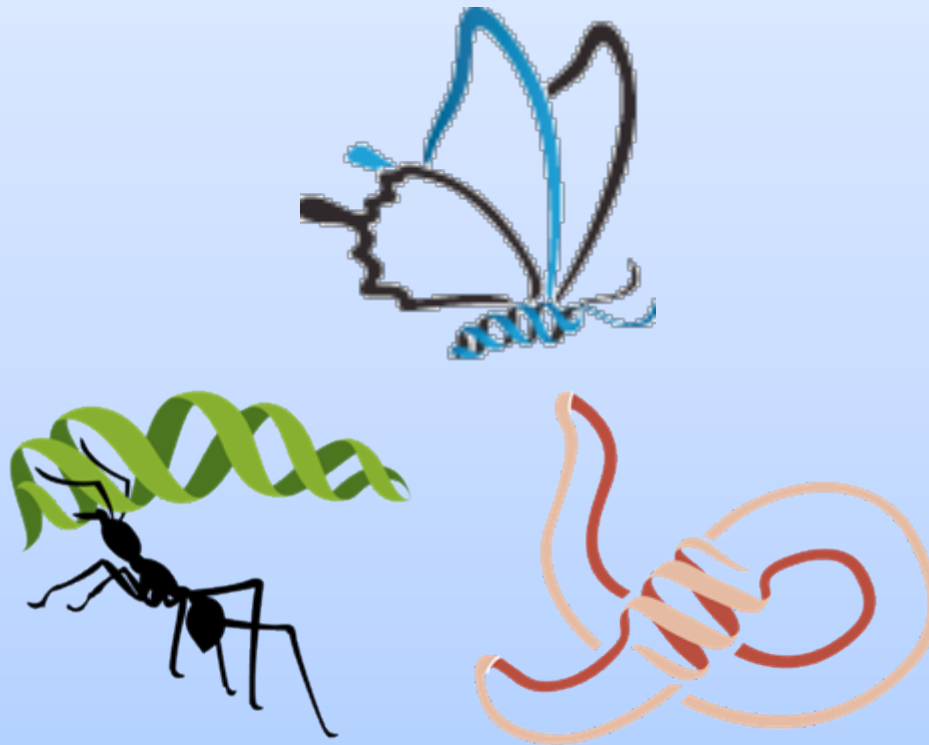
Barcoding campaigns



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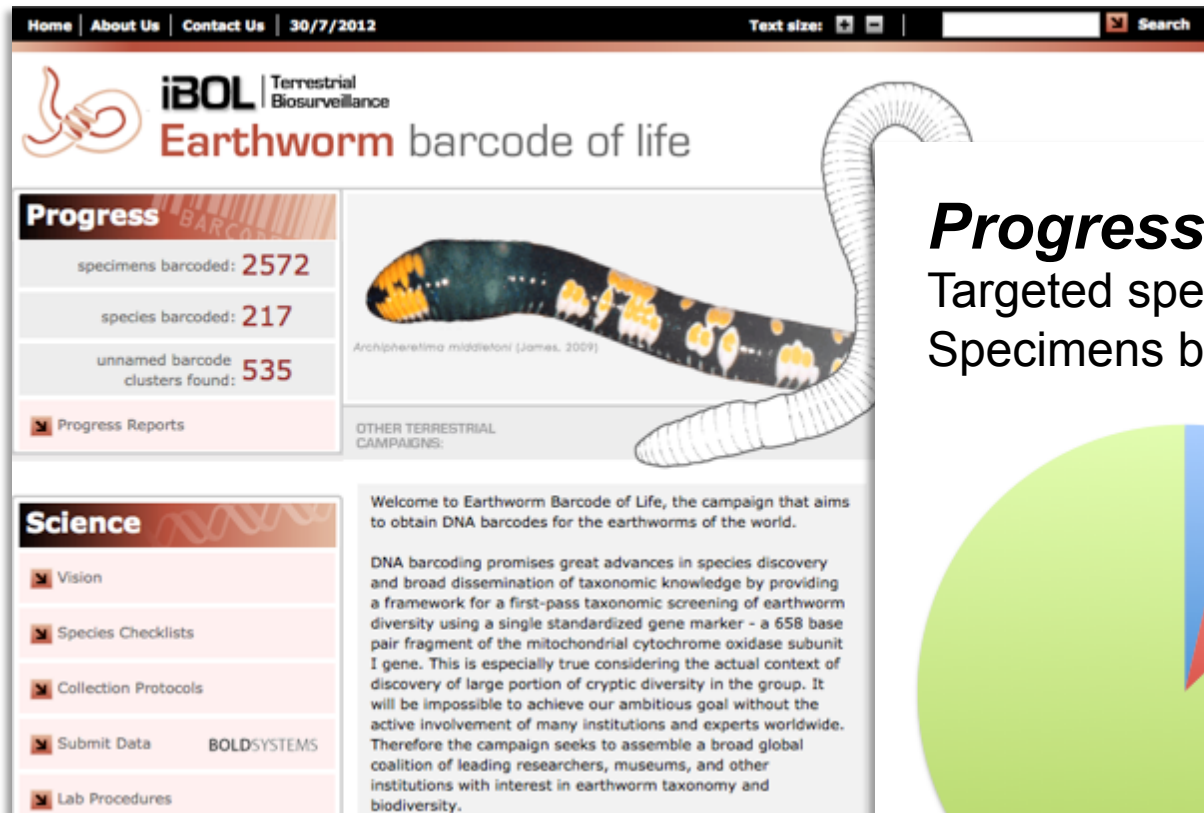
Barcoding campaigns

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Soil invertebrate barcoding campaigns

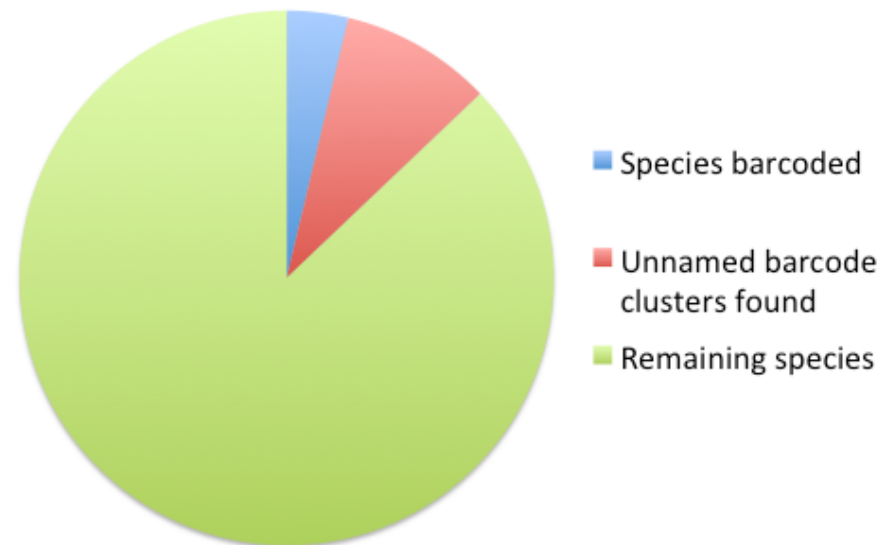
The Earthworm barcode of life



Progress

Targeted species: 5829

Specimens barcoded: 4000



Soil invertebrate barcoding campaigns

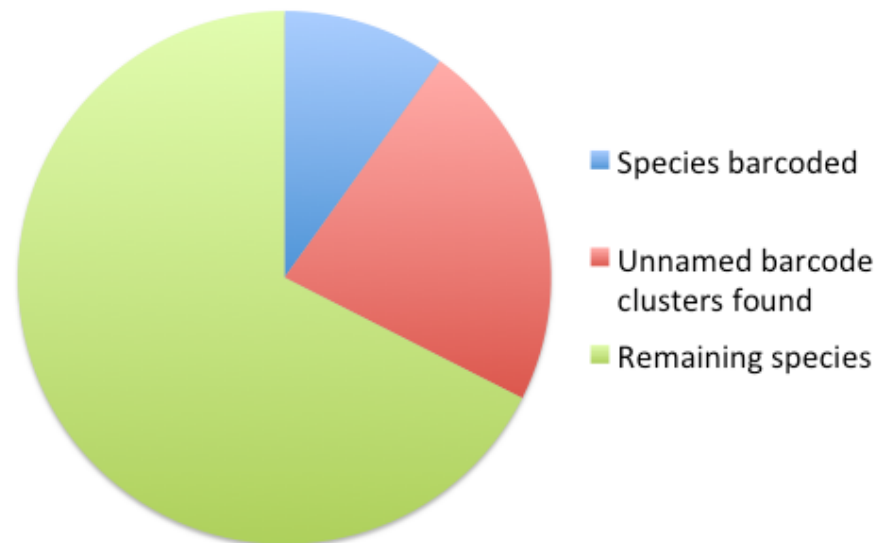
The Formicidae barcode of life



Progress

Targeted species: 12 205

Specimens barcoded: 14 451



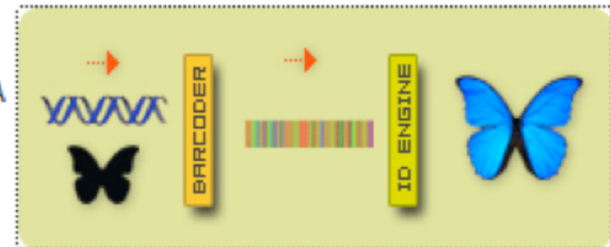
Applications: Species identification

Identification through closest match in a curated reference library



IDENTIFICATION ENGINE

BOLD-IDS provides a species identification tool that accepts DNA sequences from the barcode region and returns a taxonomic assignment to the species level when possible.



Applications: Species identification

BOLDSYSTEMS | Management & Analysis

 **BOLD - ID**

Cytochrome Oxidase Subunit 1 [COX1] **Intergenic Spacer Region [ITS]**

The BOLD Identification System (IDS) accepts sequences from the 5' region of the mitochondrial gene COI and returns a species-level identification when one is possible. Further validation with independent genetic markers will be desirable in some forensic applications.

The reference database of validated records is used by default and is recommended for all identification purposes.

Search Databases:

- ☐ **All Barcode Records on BOLD (434,398 sequences)**
Every COI barcode record on BOLD with a minimum sequence length of 500bp (warning: unvalidated database and includes records without species level identification). This includes many species represented by only one or two specimens as well as all species with interim taxonomy. This search only returns a list of the nearest matches and does not provide a probability of placement to a taxon.
- ☐ **Species Level Barcode Records (386,161 sequences/37,849 Species)**
Every COI barcode record with a species level identification and a minimum sequence length of 500bp (warning: unvalidated dataset). This includes many species represented by only one or two specimens as well as all species with interim taxonomy.
- ☒ **Reference Barcode Database (165,589 Sequences/13,774 Species)**
Validated subset of the full database with a minimum sequence length of 500bp and containing only those species represented by three or more individuals showing less than 2% sequence divergence

Enter sequences in fasta format:

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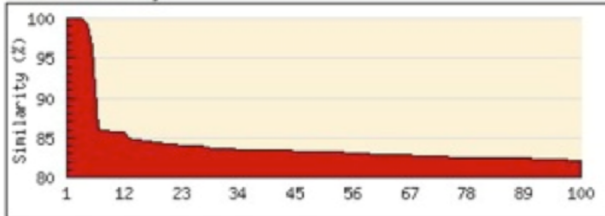
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 **Specimen Identification Request**

Search Request:
Type : COI FULL DATABASE

Search Result:
A species level match has been made. This identification is solid unless there is a very closely allied congeneric species that has not yet been analyzed. Such cases are rare.

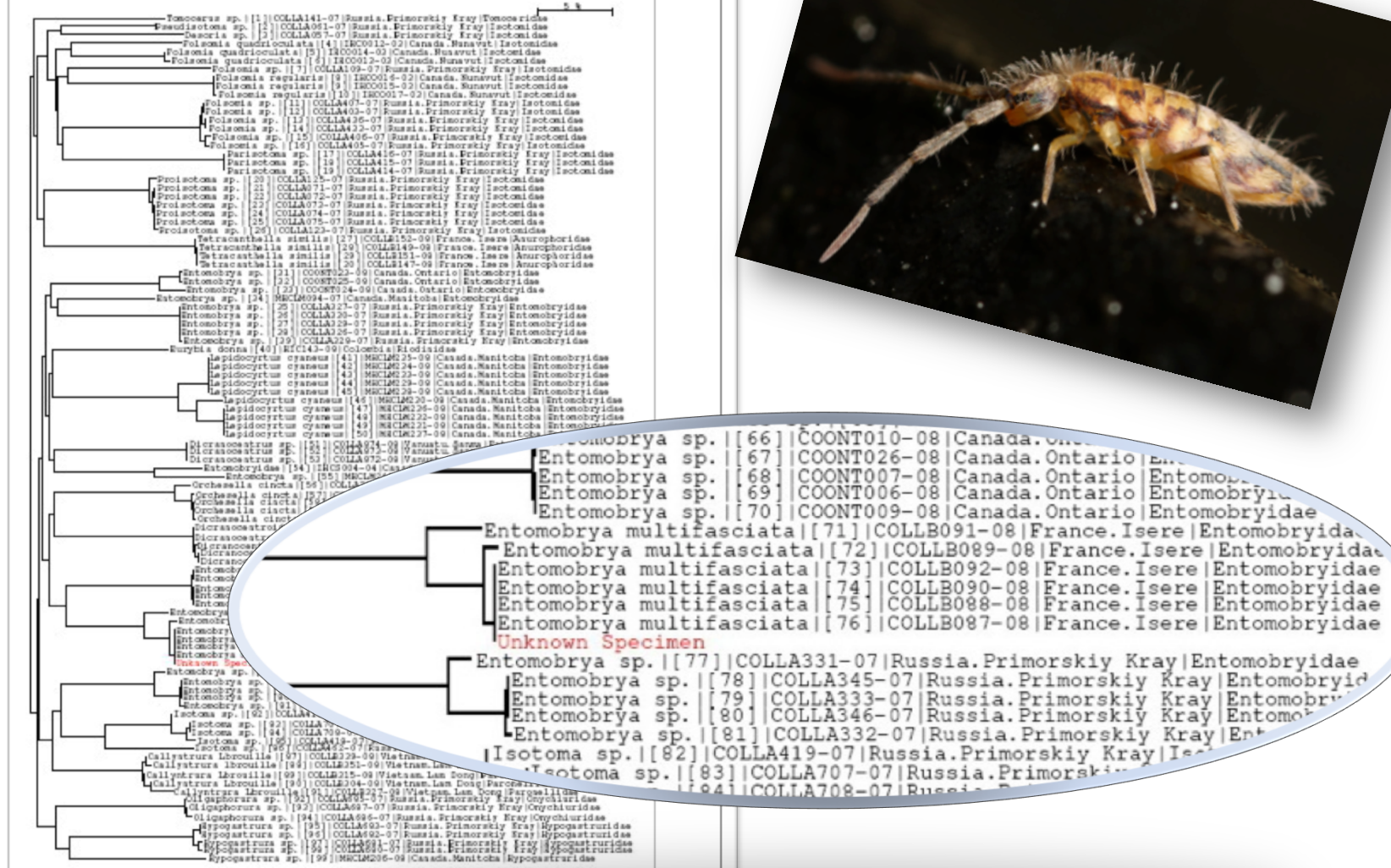
Distance Summary :

Similarity scores of the top 100 matches

TOP 20 Matches : Display option: default ▼

Phylum	Class	Order	Family	Genus	Species	Specimen Similarity (%)
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Arthropoda	Collembola	Entomobryomorpha	Entomobryidae	Entomobrya	<i>multifasciata</i>	96.33
Arthropoda	Collembola	Entomobryomorpha	Entomobryidae	Entomobrya	<i>sp.</i>	86.09
Arthropoda	Collembola	Entomobryomorpha	Entomobryidae	Entomobrya	<i>sp.</i>	85.96
Arthropoda	Collembola	Entomobryomorpha	Entomobryidae	Entomobrya	<i>sp.</i>	85.85
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Arthropoda	Insecta	Lepidoptera	Riodinidae	Eurybia	<i>donna</i>	84.25



A vertical strip of a repeating pattern of horizontal lines. The pattern consists of thin, parallel lines in four colors: red, green, blue, and black. These lines are arranged in a repeating sequence that creates a textured, woven appearance. The strip is oriented vertically, showing a portion of the overall pattern.



Applications: Species identification

... anywhere, any stages

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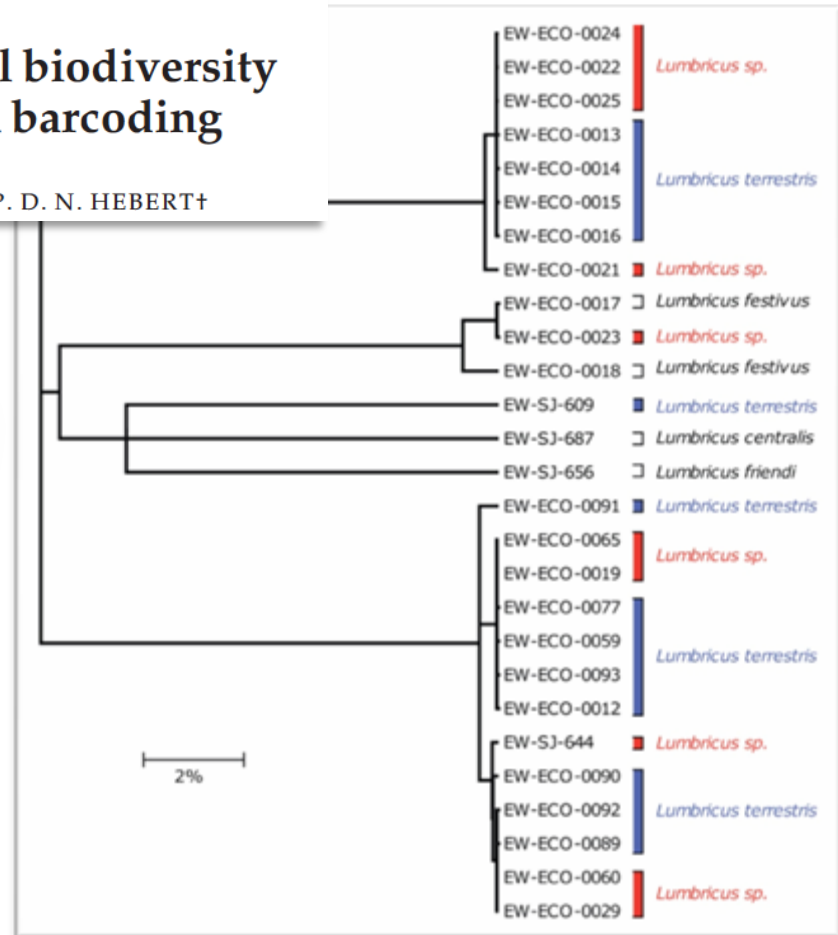
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DNA BARCODING

Re-integrating earthworm juveniles into soil biodiversity studies: species identification through DNA barcoding

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Applications: Cryptic diversity

Cryptic species = species morphologically identical but well discriminated by their barcodes

Extensive survey of earthworms from different British localities:

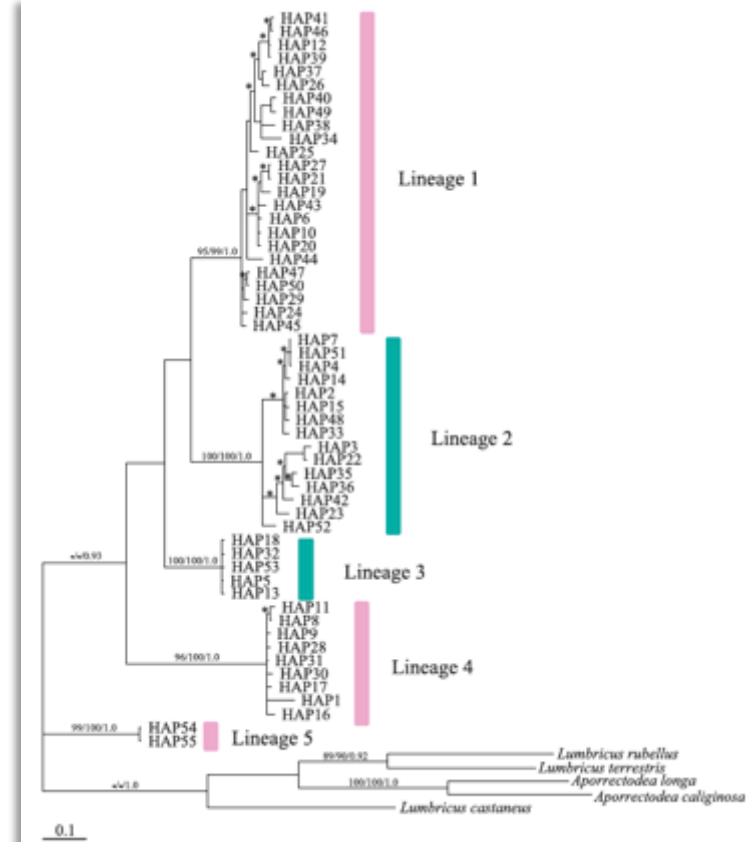
- *A. chlorotica*, *A. longa*, *A. rosea* and *L. rubellus* all comprise highly divergent lineages with species-level divergence
- AFLP markers showed that 14% of divergence at COI might not be enough to consider two lineages as distinct species

Molecular Ecology (2008) 17, 4684–4698

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Opening a can of worms: unprecedented sympatric cryptic diversity within British lumbricid earthworms

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Pedobiologia 54 (2011) 217–224

New insight into the genetic structure of the *Allolobophora chlorotica* aggregate in Europe using microsatellite and mitochondrial data

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Applications: Cryptic

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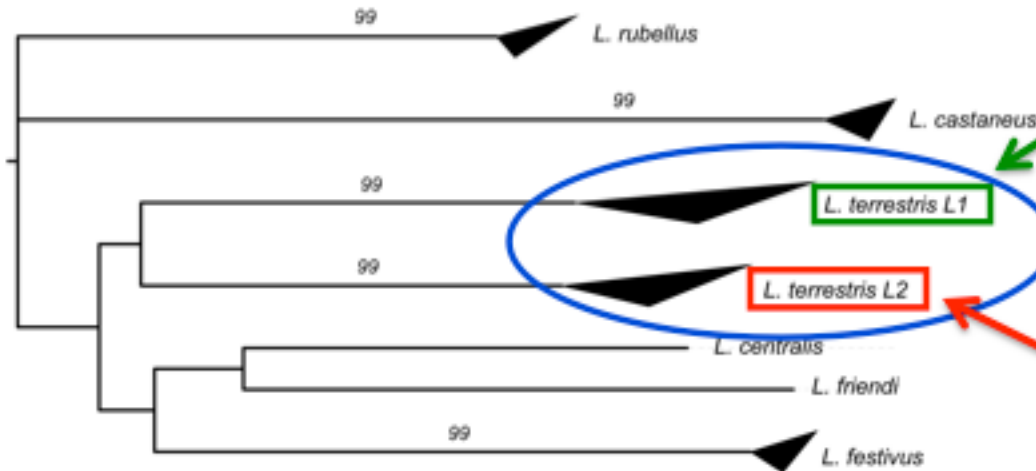
The *L. terrestris* / *herculeus* complex

DNA Barcoding Reveals Cryptic Diversity in *Lumbricus terrestris* L., 1758 (Clitellata): Resurrection of *L. herculeus* (Savigny, 1826)

Samuel W. James^{1,3*}, David Porco^{2,3}, Thibaud Decaëns³, Benoit Richard³, Rodolphe Rougerie^{2,3}, Christer Erséus⁴

200 specimens from:
France, Scandinavia, Canada and USA

0.01



L1 = *Lumbricus terrestris*



L2 = *Lumbricus herculeus*



**Risk of
« chimerical biology »**

Applications: Alpha taxonomy

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**Description and DNA barcoding assessment of the new species
Deutonura gibbosa (Collembola: Neanuridae: Neanurinae),
a common springtail of Alps and Jura**

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**Taxonomic re-evaluation of the Taiwanese montane earthworm *Amyntas wulinensis* Tsai, Shen & Tsai, 2001 (Oligochaeta: Megascolecidae):
Polytypic species or species complex?**

Chih-Han Chang^a, Yu-Hsung Lin^b, I.-Han Chen^b, Shu-Chun Chuang^b,
Jiun-Hong Chen^{a,b,*}

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**A Revision of Malagasy Species of *Anochetus* Mayr and
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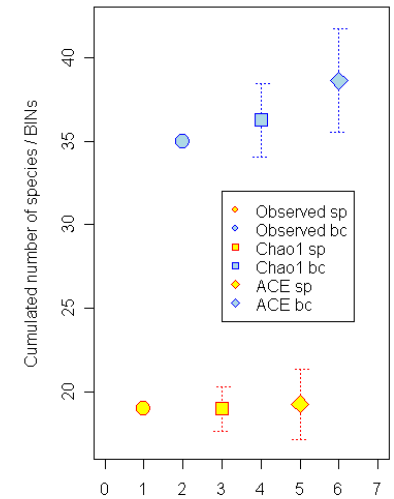
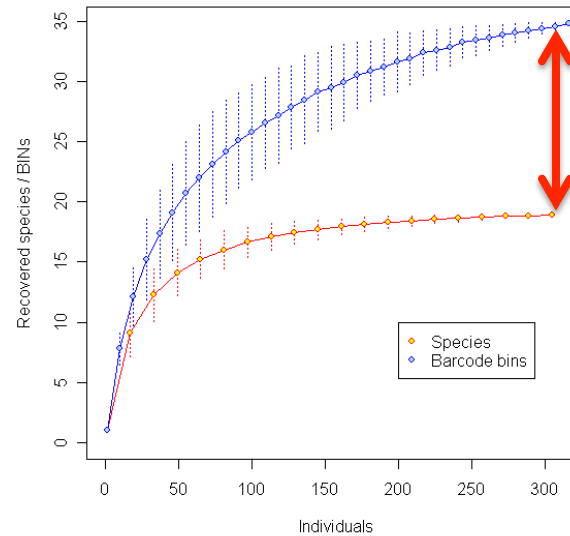
Brian L. Fisher^{1*}, M. Alex Smith^{2*}



Applications: Biodiversity estimates



- “Earthworms of Normandy” sub-project
- “Earthworms of Canada” sub-project
- ➔ About 800 sequences



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BARCODING ARTHROPODS

DNA barcode accumulation curves for understudied taxa and areas

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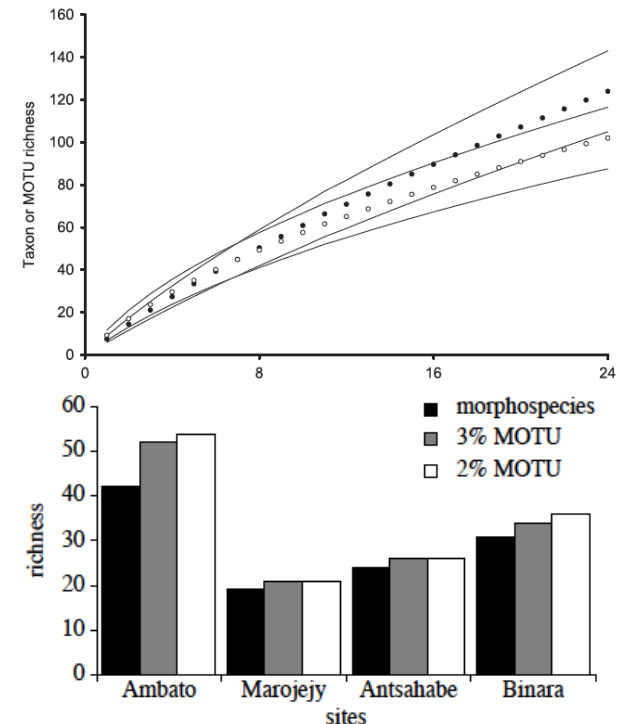
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DNA barcoding for effective biodiversity assessment of a hyperdiverse arthropod group: the ants of Madagascar

M. Alex Smith^{1,*†}, Brian L. Fisher^{2,*†} and Paul D. N. Hebert¹

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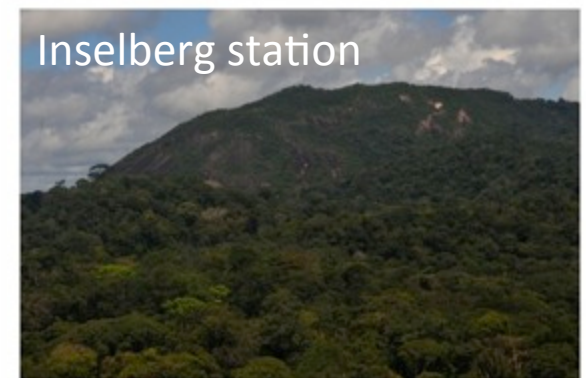
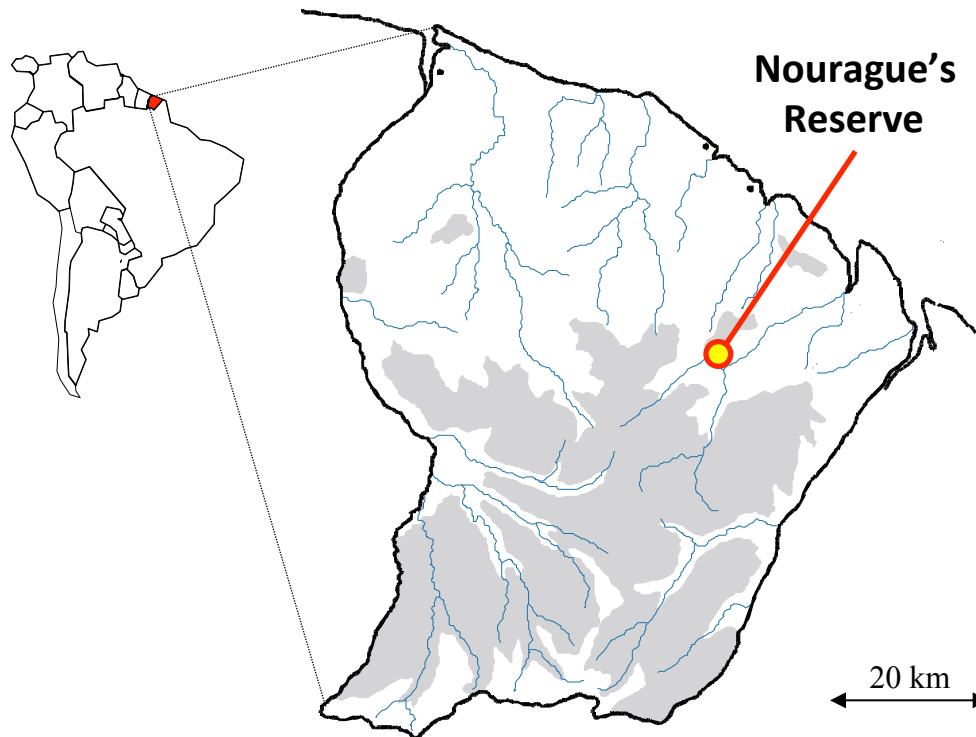
Applications: Ecology

DNA barcoding to estimate underground biodiversity - a case study with earthworms in the Nouragues Research Station (French Guyana)

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Objective:

To describe earthworm biodiversity patterns in the hyperdiverse ecosystems of the Nourague's natural reserve, French Guayana



Applications: Ecology



**Probably > 40 of the
MOTUs correspond to
species new for science**

- 748 earthworms
- 4 families: Glossoscolecidae, Octochaetidae, Ocnerodrilidae, Haplotaxidae
- 605 sequences

→ > 80% success

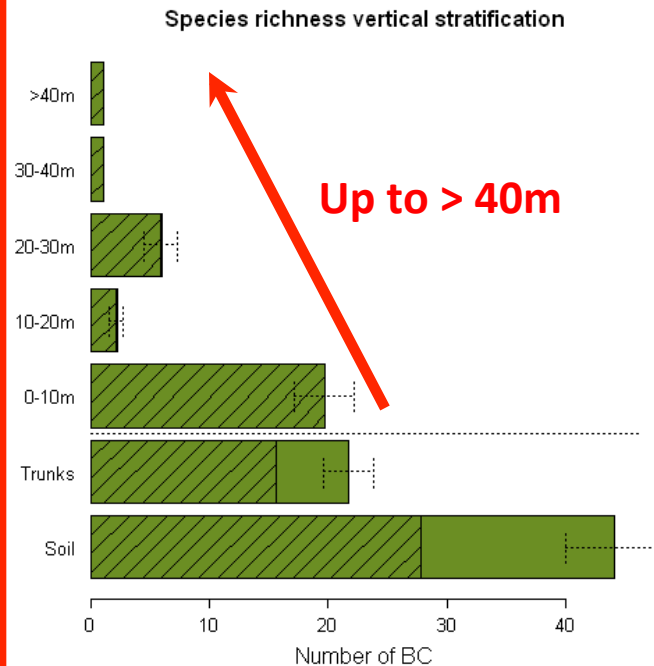
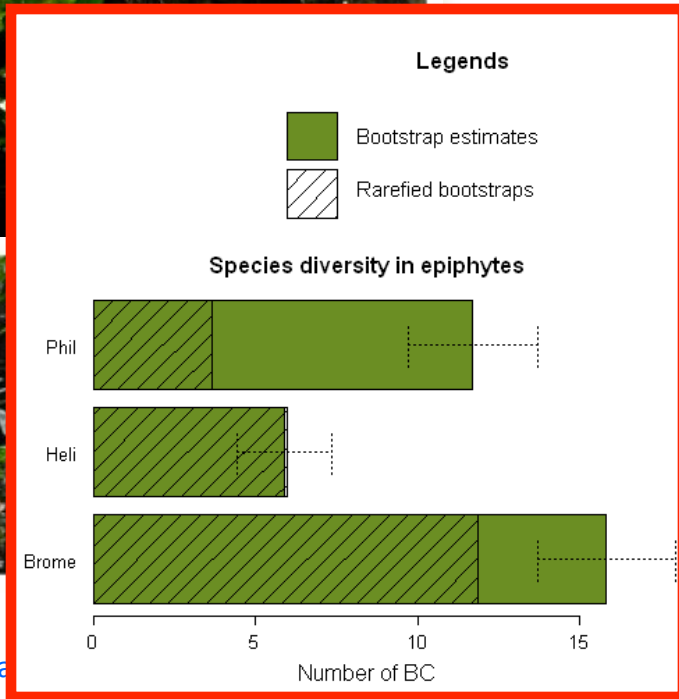
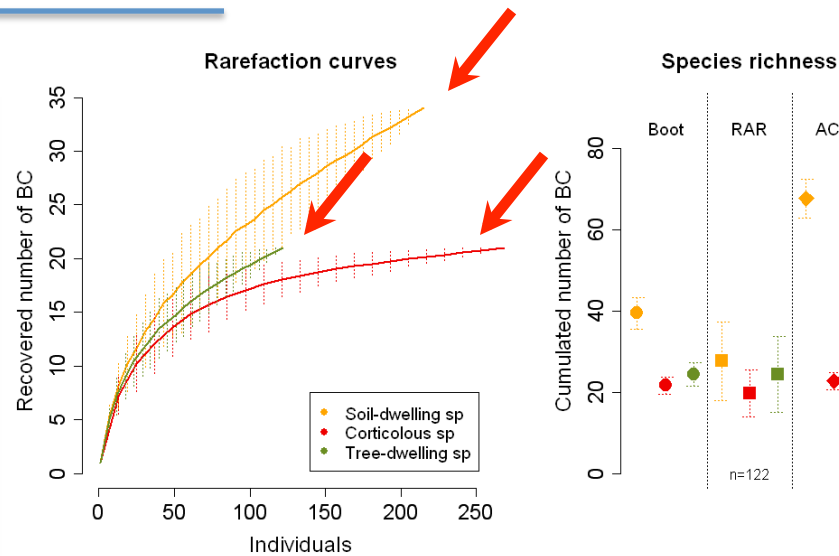
15% threshold

→ **50 MOTUs**

- ~ 30% of singletons

**Locality with the highest
species richness
worldwide !**

Applications: Ecology

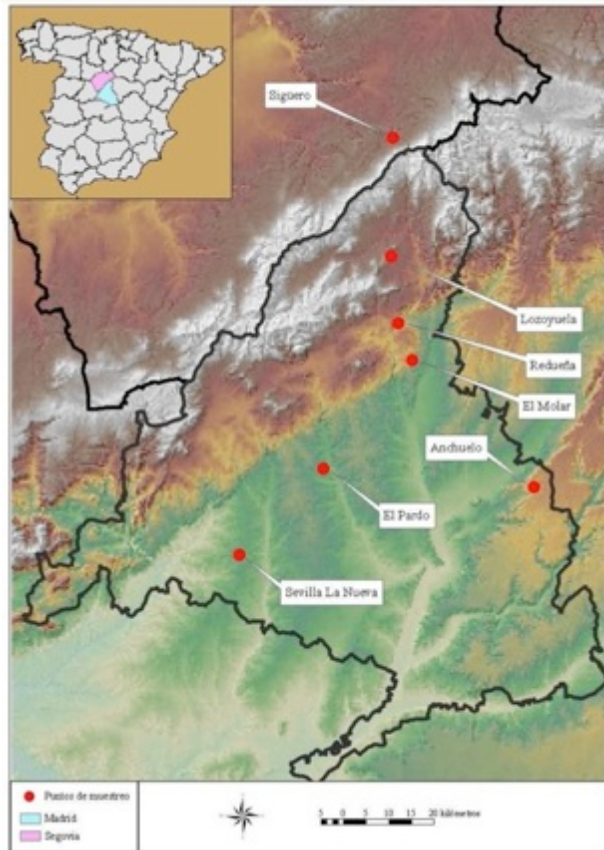
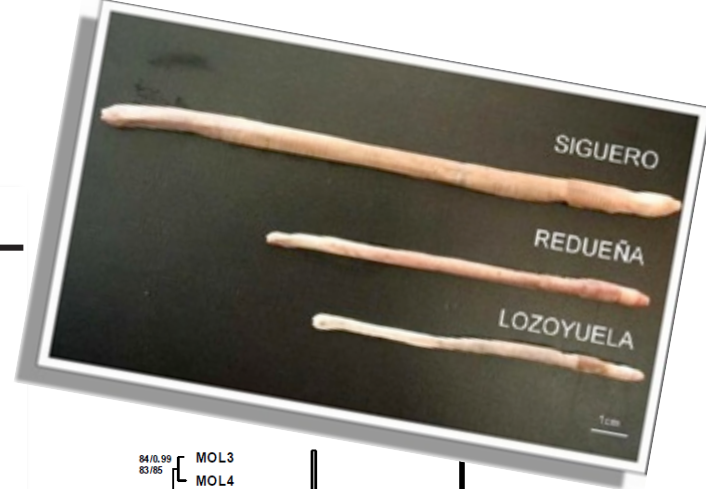


Applications: Phylogeography

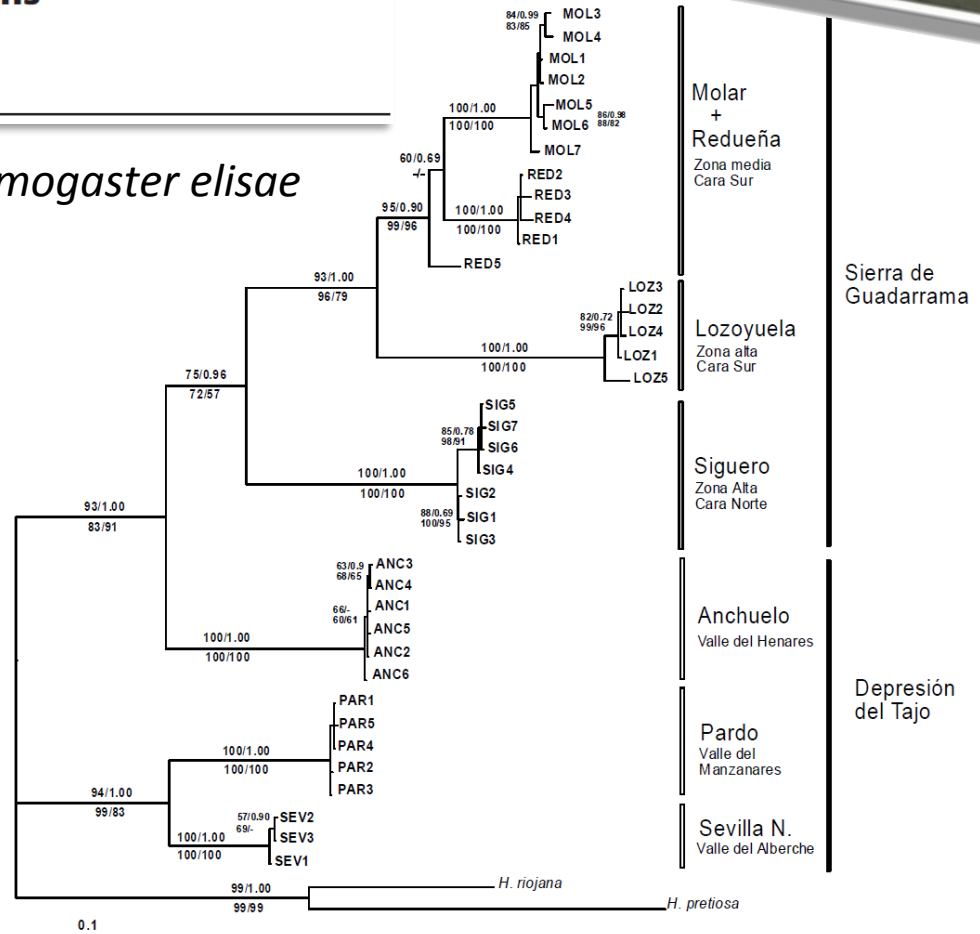
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High genetic divergence of hormogastrid earthworms (Annelida, Oligochaeta) in the central Iberian Peninsula: evolutionary and demographic implications

MARTA NOVO, ANA ALMODÓVAR & DARÍO J. DÍAZ-COSÍN



Hormogaster elisae



Applications: Phylogeography



Inferring Ant Reproductive Dispersal Through Phylogeographic Comparisons of COI

Fiona Tsoi¹, Claudia Bertrand¹, Brian L. Fisher² and M. Alex Smith¹

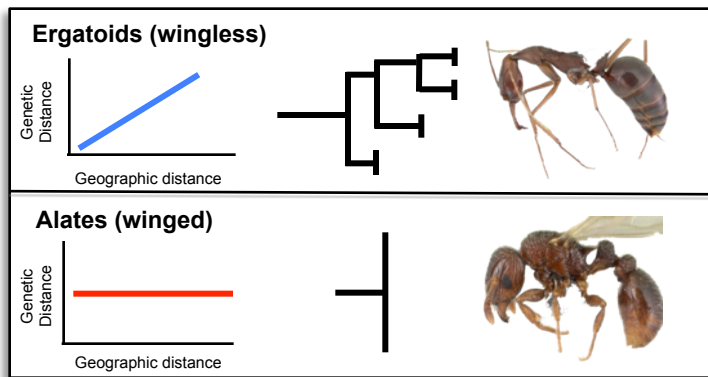
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Objectives:

To predict female reproductive dispersal patterns using phylogeographic comparisons of DNA barcodes

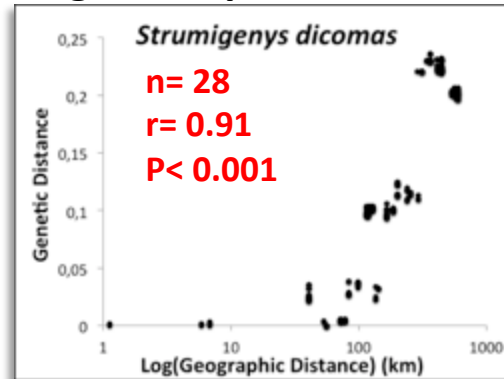
Study region: Madagascar

Predictions:

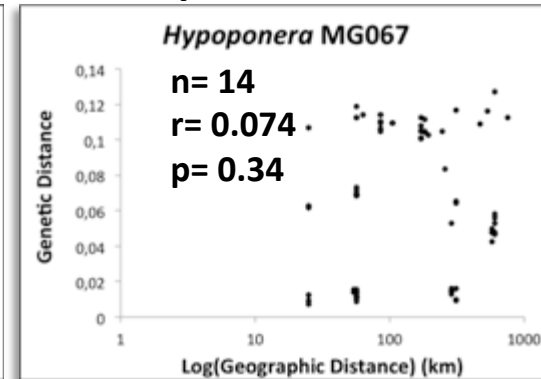


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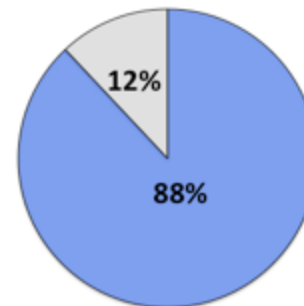
Ergatoid species



Alate species

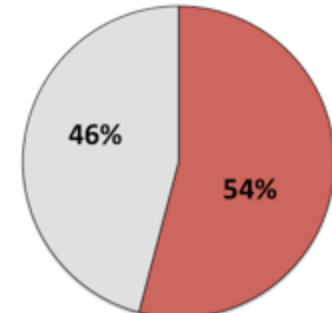


Ergatoid



■ Significant
□ Not Significant

Alate



■ Significant
□ Not Significant

Applications: Monitoring of invasive species

Frontiers in Zoology



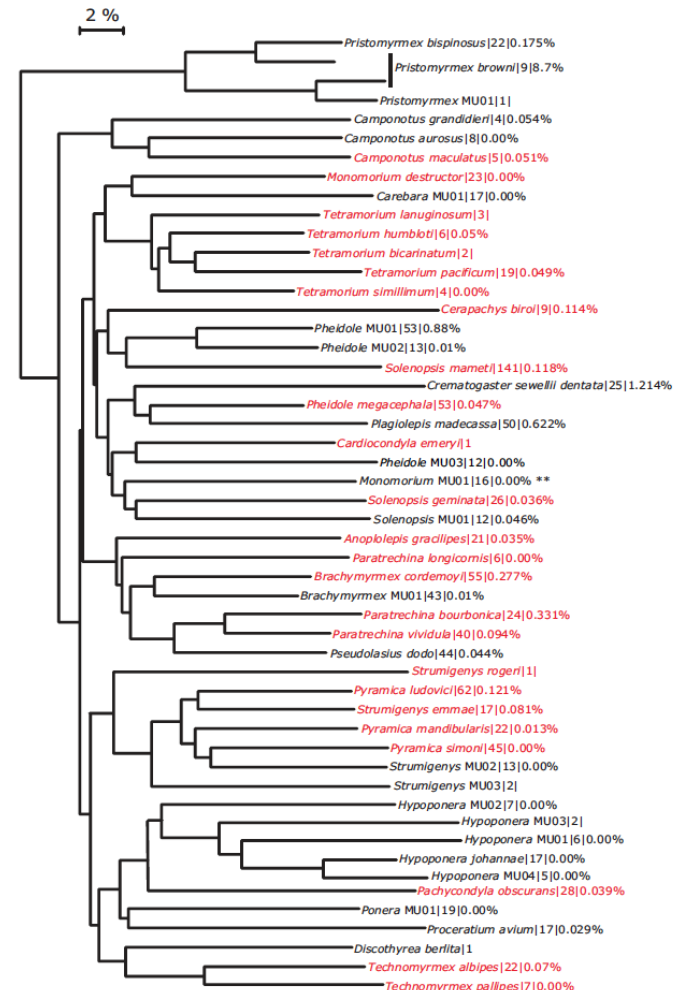
Research

Invasions, DNA barcodes, and rapid biodiversity assessment using ants of Mauritius

M Alex Smith*¹ and Brian L Fisher*²

Open Access

- 10 sites and > 1000 sequenced specimens
- 52 species / 25 introduced
 - Among which the “biological Attila”s *Pheidole megacephala*, *Anoplolepis gracilipes*, *Paratrechina longicornis*...



Applications: Monitoring of invasive species

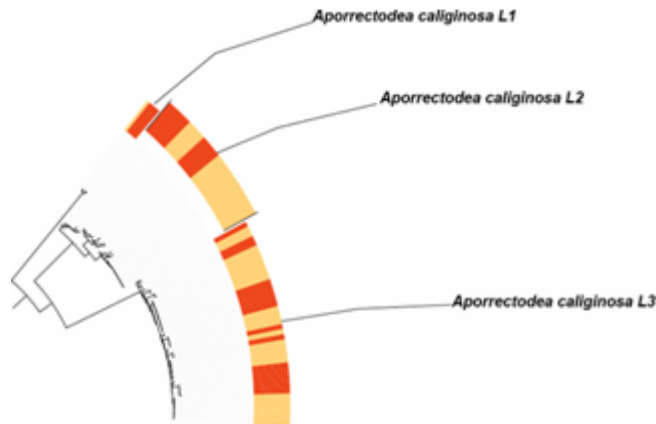
Invasion process (origin, expansion)

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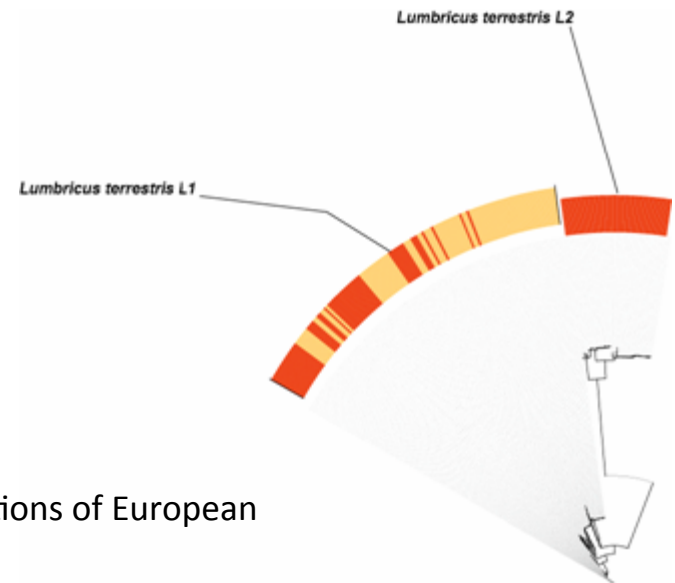
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Aporrectodea caliginosa



Lumbricus terrestris / herculeus



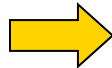
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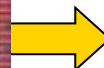
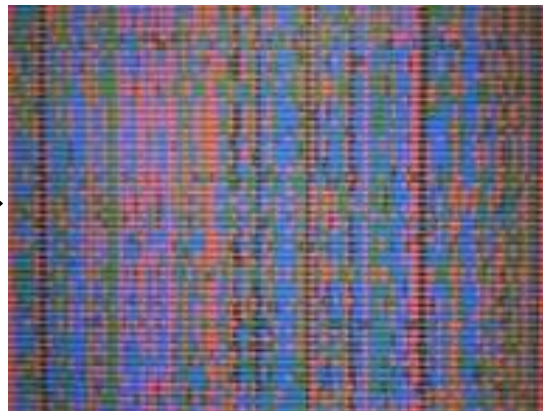
Environmental Sample



454 FLX Pyrosequencer



Pyrosequencing data



**Species identities
and counts**

Target Barcode Library



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- In February 2011 and March 2012-2013
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- Invertebrate diversity assessment using DNA barcoding

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DNA barcoding: para quê e para quem?

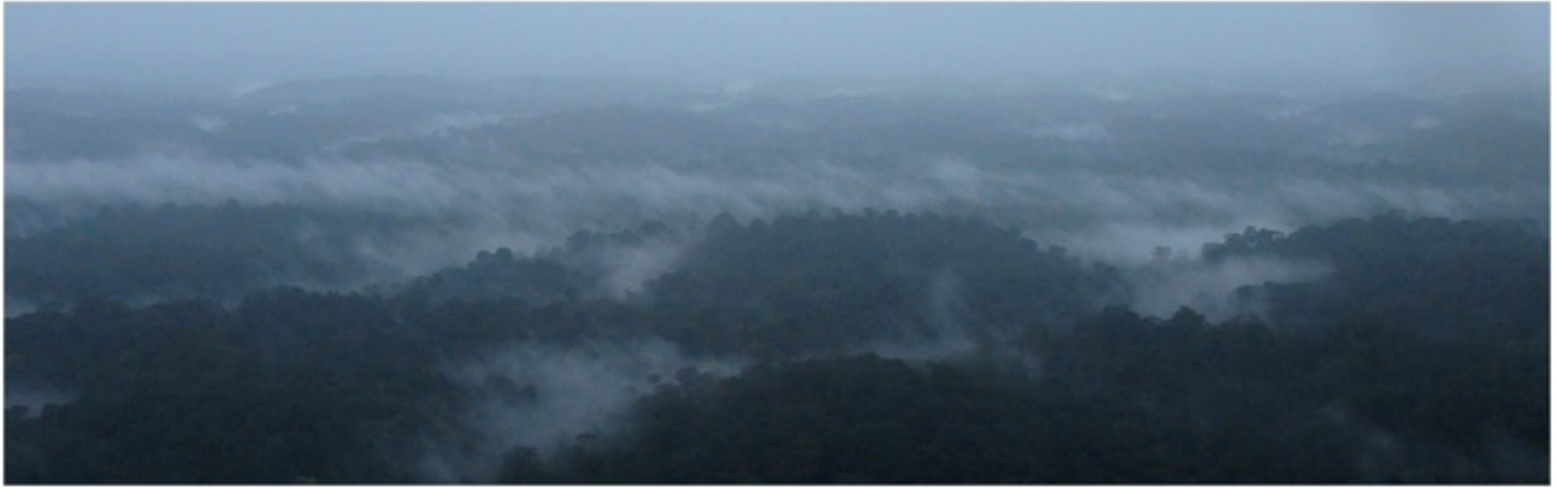
Improve our taxonomic knowledge of soil fauna:

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- Functional ecology
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- ➔ Provide new insights for the monitoring of this biodiversity in deforested and agricultural landscapes
- ➔ Participate to high level education in biodiversity research and environmental sciences



Obrigado pela atenção

