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Biological information portal for research, teaching, and study.

The Virtual Library of Biology (vifabio) offers you centralised access to biological literature and information in libraries and on the internet.

With a single search query in the Virtual Catalogue the catalogues of numerous specialised libraries, the Biodiversity Heritage Library, the article databases Online Contents, PubMed and BioLIS as well as the vifabio Internet Guide are searched in parallel. Links to the electronic journals library and delivery services facilitate access to full texts.

Various access and search possibilities for both the Internet and Database Guides provide the requirements for beginners and internet professionals to be able to research successfully in vifabio.

vifabio is a project of the University Library "Johann Christian Senckenberg", Frankfurt am Main (Germany), in conjunction with other libraries and biological organisations.

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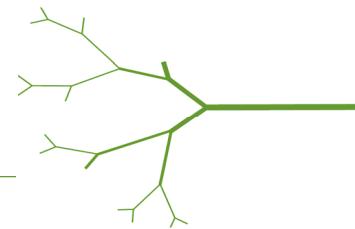
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The comprehensive holdings of biological literature of the **special subject collection Biology, Botany, Zoology** of the University Library "Johann Christian Senckenberg" in Frankfurt am Main, supported by the DFG, forms the basis of the content of vifabio. The library collects literature relevant to research worldwide.

Virtual Catalogue

A **single** search query in the Virtual Catalogue executes a parallel search in its integrated catalogues and databases. The content is continually expanded and currently contains the catalogues of the participating libraries in Frankfurt, Berlin, Hamburg and Gatersleben with their important holdings of biological literature. The Biodiversity Heritage Library enlarges the Virtual Catalogue to cover digitalised taxonomic literature. The article databases Online Contents, PubMed, and BioLis, with

data from several million journal articles, together with the biological links integrated in the Internet Guide, round out the content offered. Depending on supplier and on the location of the user direct online access to the full text is possible in many cases. In other cases, document delivery services and interlibrary loan services offer access to the literature.

Internet Guide

In vifabio's Internet Guide there are quality controlled links to subject related web sites, portals, and databases as well as the web presences of institutions and professional associations. Thereby, the various areas of biology are considered just like information about specific groups of organisms. Access is enabled by multiple search methods or, alternatively, by browsing by subject, type of resource, or geographical references.

E-Journals

In co-operation with the Electronic Journals Library Regensburg (EZB) an easy access to electronic journals is possible via vifabio either to abstracts or full text depending on user's location. Currently, more than 2800 biological journals are registered.



Databases

More than 500 important biological online databases are neatly assembled and linked, subdivided as bibliographic databases, factual databases (e.g. EMBL, SysTax), and picture databases. For users throughout Germany, national licences enable access, free of charge, to Biological Abstracts / BIOSIS Previews (1926-2004) and Zoological Record (1864-2006).

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