At a glance

Biological subject portal for research, teaching and study.

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With a single query in the Virtual Catalogue, the subject catalogues of many large libraries, the Biodiversity Heritage Library, major article databases (such as PubMeb) and vifabio’s Internet Guide are searched in parallel. Links to the electronic journals library and delivery services simplify access to full-text.

Various entry and search possibilities for both the Internet Guide and Database Guide enable beginners as well as information professionals to successfully research in vifabio.

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

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Virtual Catalogue
With a single query in the Virtual Catalogue, numerous catalogues and databases are searched simultaneously. Currently, the catalogue contains contributions from participating libraries in Frankfurt, Berlin, Jena, Hamburg, Gatersleben, Müncheberg, Seewiesen, and Vienna, with important collections in biological literature. The Biodiversity Heritage Library and AnimalBase enhance the Virtual Catalogue with digitised, taxonomic literature. Several article databases, including PubMed, with information on many millions of journal articles complete the service. An alerting service called myCCBio allows users to stay informed about new journal articles. Direct online access to full-text is partially available, depending on the provider and the user’s location. Worldwide document delivery services, provided by vifabio’s partners, and interlibrary loan provide access to literature in other cases.

Internet Guide
vifabio’s Internet Guide contains quality-controlled links to biology websites, portals and databases as well as links to institutions and professional societies. The Calendar of Conferences and Congresses provides an overview of the most important upcoming events in biology.

Database Guide
In our Database Guide, over 800 online biological databases are clearly compiled and linked with a breakdown according to literature databases, factual databases (for example EMBL, SysTax) and image databases.

E-Journals
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