



# INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DE LA BIODIVERSITÉ

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**Coordinating research on biodiversity  
for the benefit of civil society  
and decision makers**

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- The Institut Français de la Biodiversité is a scientific interest group created in 2000, bringing together 17 members:
  - the Ministries in charge of Research, the Environment, Agriculture, Foreign Affairs and Industry
  - eight public research organisations: Cemagref, Cirad, CNRS, Ifremer, Inra, Inserm, IRD, MNHN;
- Non-governmental organisations (France Nature Environnement, WWF France) and interprofessional associations (Assinsel, Organibio).
- IFB relies on a Scientific Committee of thirty members from a wide range of disciplines (genetics, ecology, physiology, economics, geography, philosophy, history...)
- Activities are conducted by a team made available by IFB members.

## Activities

- IFB publishes calls for research proposals,
- Sets up working groups on specific subjects,
- Publishes executive summaries, prospective analyses, runs symposiums and seminars...

A few examples

- The « IFB days » promote interdisciplinary dialogue and the development of scientific projects.
  - The World Biodiversity Day (on 22d May) is an opportunity for IFB to organize encounters between scientists, elected officials, associations and biodiversity managers;
  - IFB financed 95 research projects following calls for research proposals, for a total amount of 3.6 million.



- IFB drafted the strategy for biodiversity research for the next 20 years, as part of the national sustainable development strategy, on request by the Ministries for Research and of the Environment.
- It co-organised the international Conference: « Biodiversity: science and governance »
- It compiles publications intended for various audiences, from the most specialised to the widest public...

## The IFB Mandate

- to **coordinate** research on biodiversity, ranging from natural sciences to social, political and legal sciences;
- to **promote** research on biodiversity at the national, European and international levels
- to **enhance** the transfer of knowledge and results, and to make national expertise available to everyone
- to **support** France's cooperation policy with developing countries

## The institutional responsibilities

- French National Committee for **Diversitas**,
- French National Committee for **EPBRS** (European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy),
- National focal point for **SBSTTA** (Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice),
- National nodal point for **GBIF** (Global Biodiversity Information Facility),
- Coordinating body of an **Eranet** (European research area network) on biodiversity research (**eurobiodiversa**).

