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PPBio's Metacat Data Repository

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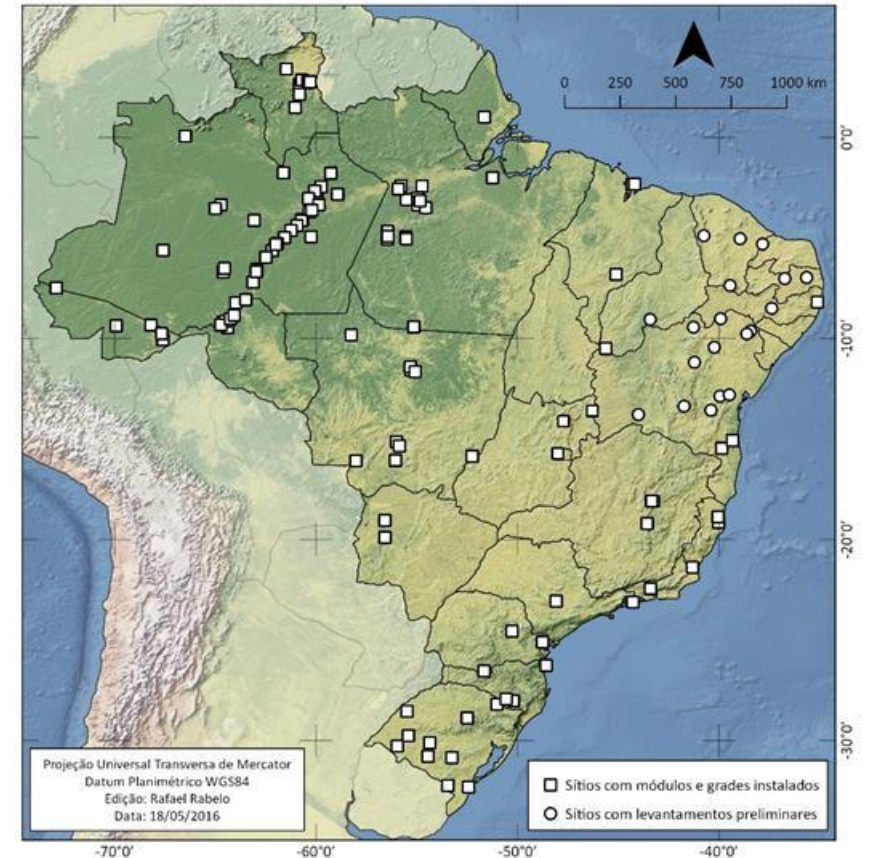


PPBio

- The Biodiversity Research Program was created in 2004 with the aims of furthering biodiversity studies in Brazil, decentralizing scientific production from already-developed academic centers, integrating research activities and disseminating results across a variety of purposes, including environmental management and education.



- The Executive Nucleus of the Western Amazon Biodiversity Research Program (PPBio-AmOc) maintains a data repository used by researchers involved with several regional program cores and some other executing nuclei.



Why did PPBio implement a Metacat biodiversity data repository?

- Although this is explained in some detail in chapter 7 of the book, “Biodiversity and Integrated Environmental Monitoring” by William Magnusson et al. (2013), some of the important points are listed below:
- The most important thing to make available is the metadata.
- Cost
- Easy to upload and download. Data is in a common format.
- Ability to review and update the data package (metadata and data).

SiBBr

- The repository's dataset are collected and also made available on the Brazilian Biodiversity Information System (SiBBr).
- SiBBr's Ecological data repository also uses Metacat.



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Morpho is used for organizing and preparing the metadata and for uploading the dataset to the Metacat server. It can also be used for accessing the dataset and updating or adding information at a later date or for making controlled access data publicly available.

This standalone tool is downloaded to the researchers own computers where the metadata and data can be prepared without the need for an internet connection.



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Researchers use Morpho to prepare a dataset which they then send to a data manager who is responsible to checking that the metadata has been entered correctly and that there are no issues with the format of the data before uploading to the server.

This human intervention in the process is very important for quality control. Ensuring that metadata is entered correctly is important as it can influence how easily the data-set can be discovered in the future.



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Natural- language metadata may describe data using an ad-hoc set of descriptive terms but there may be subsequent issues with recall. Morpho enables the data to be described using terms that facilitate retrieval, but this must be correctly done by the person entering the data.

The PPBio website provides detailed instructions on how to use Morpho, but person-to- person training is very useful since there are some small hacks that are necessary in order to resolve issues with Morpho's user interface and the terminology used for defining and describing the data.

When there are problems however, the help you get from the NCEAS/KNB team is very good.

The screenshot shows a software window titled "Data Package: drucker.3.10". The main area displays a table with columns: "codigo", "familia", "nome", and "auto". The table lists various plant species and their families. An error dialog box titled "Aviso" is overlaid on the table, displaying a warning icon and the following text: "Problem with saving to metacat in EML200DataPackage! <?xml version='1.0'?><error>User tried to update an access module when they don't have 'ALL' permission!</error>". The dialog box has an "OK" button. In the background, there is a "Salvar Pacote de Dados atual" dialog box with "Salvar" and "Cancelar" buttons. The interface also includes a menu bar (Arquivo, Editar, Buscar, Documentação, Dados, Janela, Ajuda) and a toolbar with various icons.

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CPAN	Marantaceae	Calathea p...	Rowl
CPOP	Cyperaceae	Calyptrocar...	Kuntl
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DELL	Marattiaceae	Danaea elli...	J. E. Smith
DIFF	Araceae	Dieffenbac...	A.M.E. Jonk...
DTRI	Marattiaceae	Danaea trif...	Kunze
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HIR	Cyatheaceae	Sphaeropte...	(Desv.) R...
HYP	Cyperaceae	Hypolytrum...	Nees
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NCEAS

- National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis
- Metacat and Morpho are products of NCEAS.



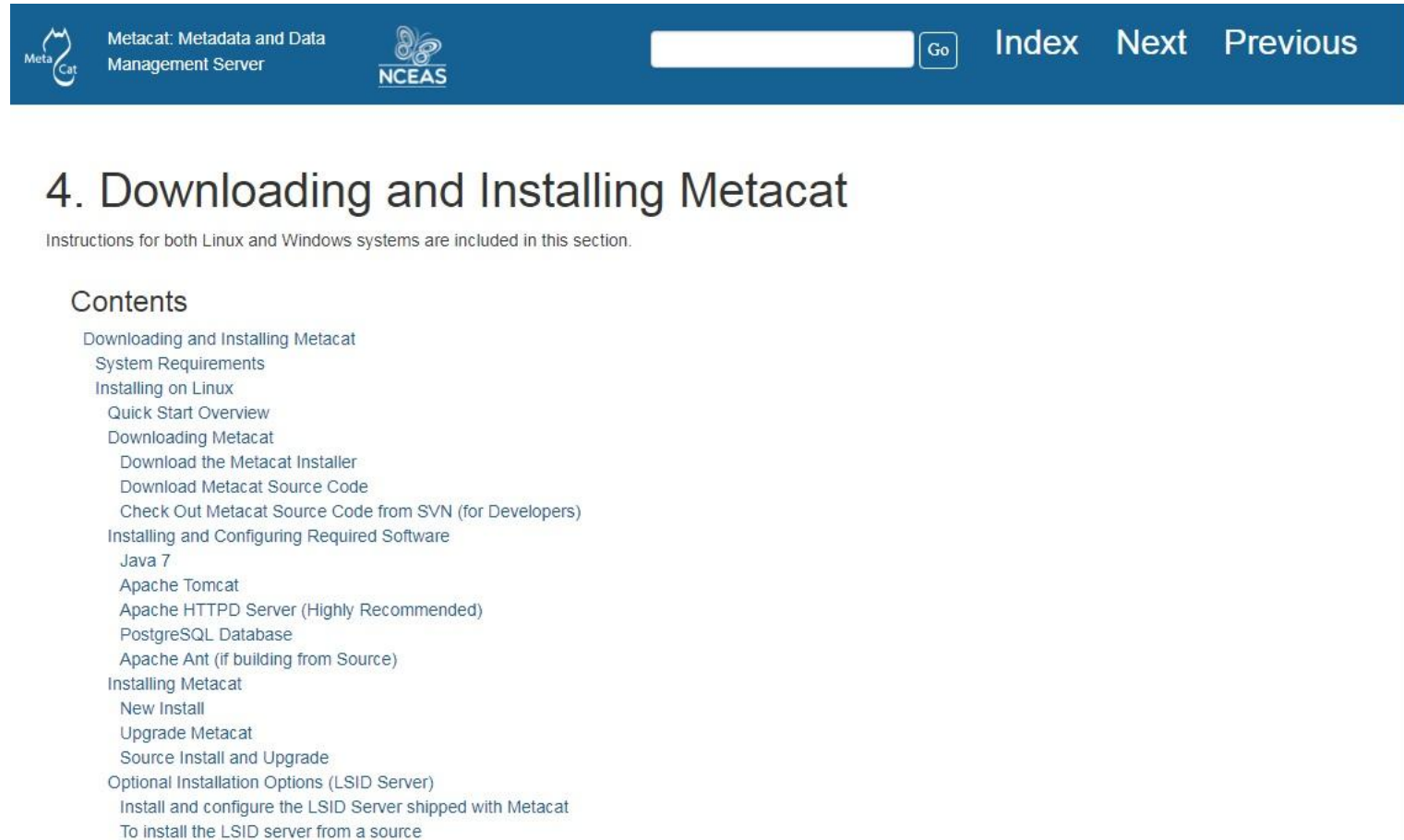
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Metacat

- “...flexible, open source metadata catalogue and data repository...”
- “...utilizes a relational database management system to store XML and associated meta-level information.”
- Technical Expertise Required: Basic programming skills.
- Cost: Free



Follow the instructions for installing Metacat...



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Metacat website. On the left, there is a logo for 'Meta Cat' and the text 'Metacat: Metadata and Data Management Server'. In the center, there is a search bar with a 'Go' button. On the right, there are links for 'Index', 'Next', and 'Previous'. Below the navigation bar, the main content area features a large heading '4. Downloading and Installing Metacat' followed by a sub-heading 'Contents'. The 'Contents' section lists various topics related to downloading and installing Metacat, including system requirements, installation on Linux, quick start overview, downloading Metacat, and installing and configuring required software.

Metacat: Metadata and Data Management Server

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4. Downloading and Installing Metacat

Instructions for both Linux and Windows systems are included in this section.

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 - Source Install and Upgrade
 - Optional Installation Options (LSID Server)
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 - To install the LSID server from a source



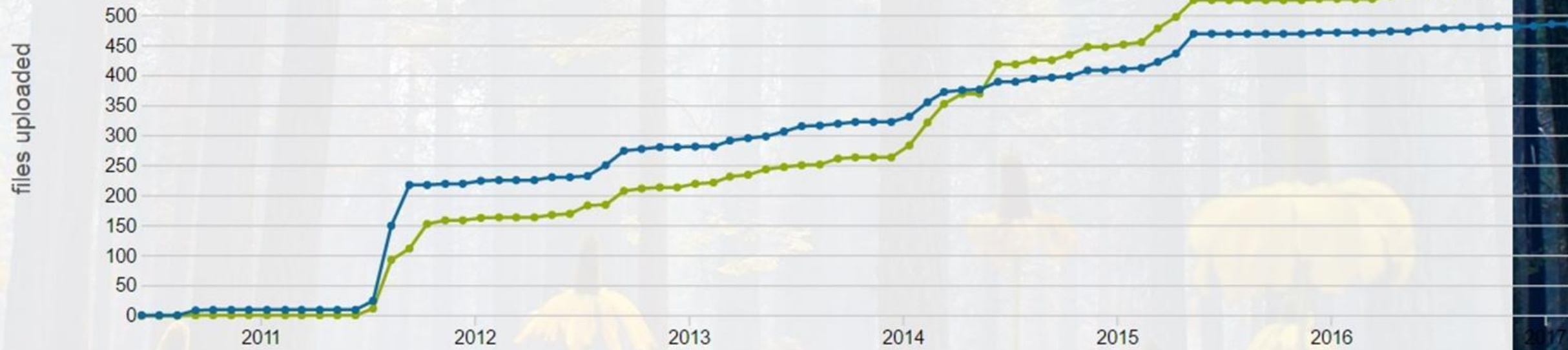
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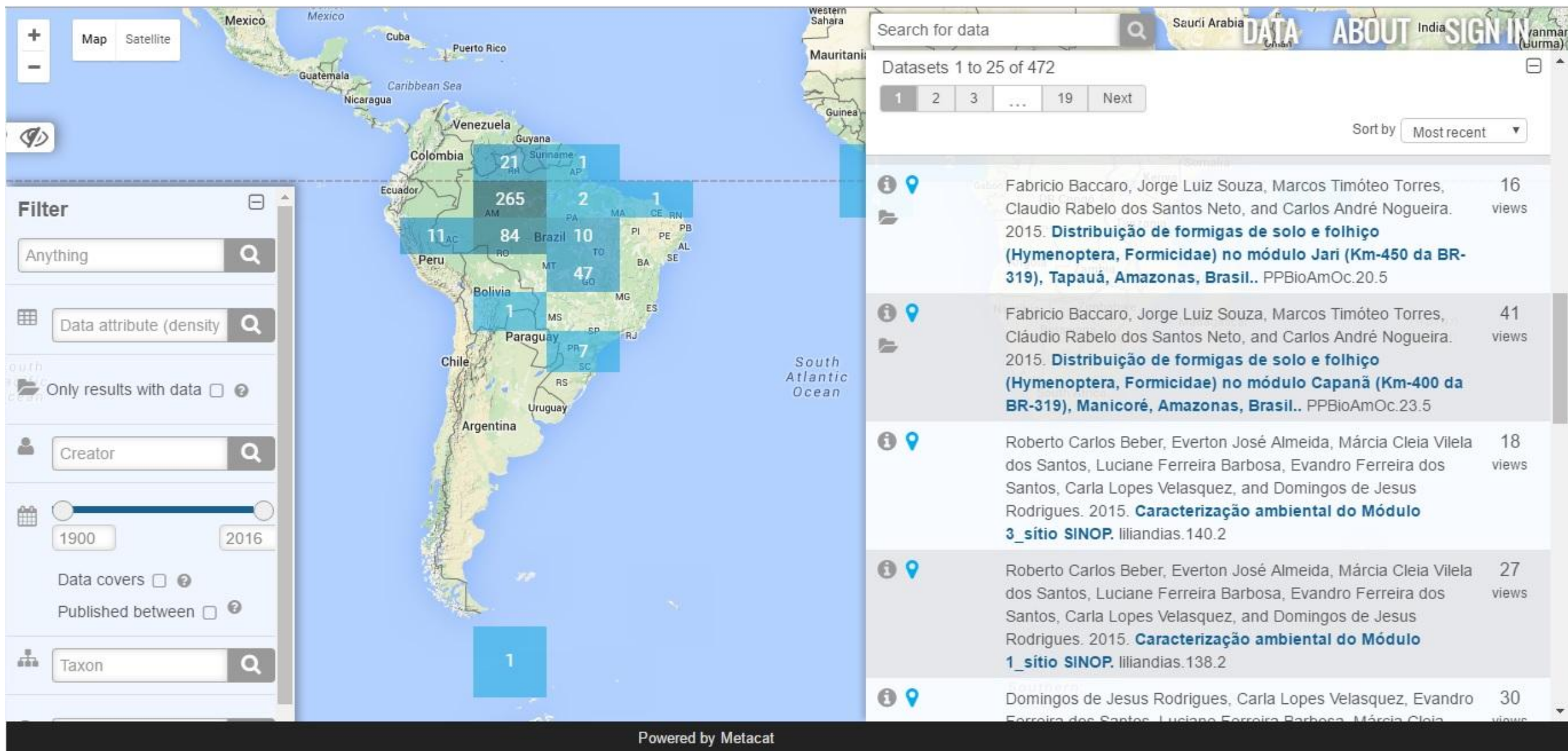


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Uploads

The number of individual metadata and data files uploaded over time. Only the first version of each file is counted.

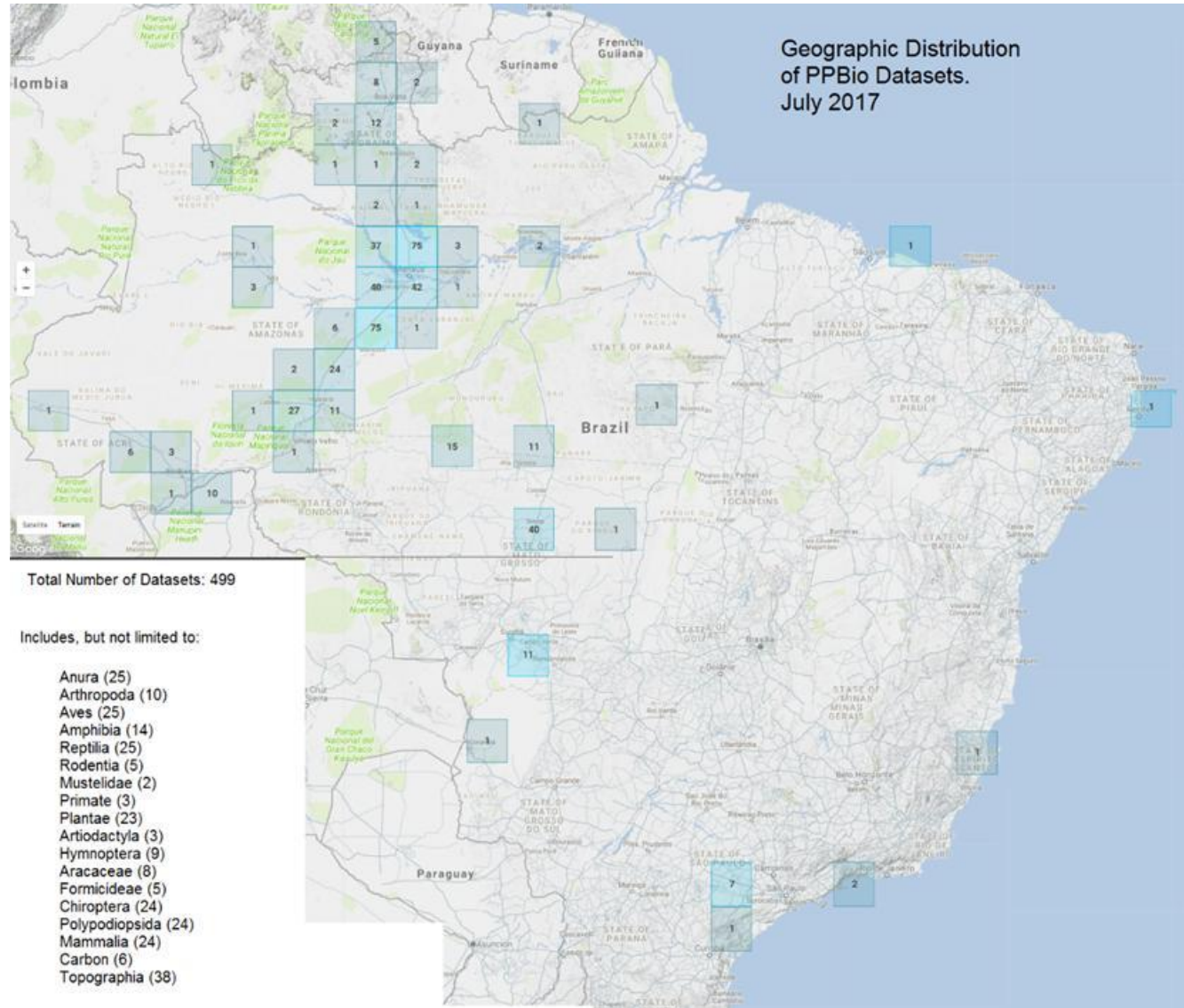




Example:

[Claudia Keller, Francisco Villamarín, Rafael Bernhard, and Daniely Félix-Silva. 2016. Chelonian records from the upper Madeira River and the Madeira-Purus interfluvium, 2011- 2015.](#)

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PPBio-AmOc is a node of the Earth Data Observation Network (DataONE).



Data Observation Network for Earth (DataONE) is the foundation of new innovative environmental science through a distributed framework and sustainable cyberinfrastructure that meets the needs of science and society for open, persistent, robust, and secure access to well-described and easily discovered Earth observational data.



DataONE will ensure the preservation, access, use and reuse of multi-scale, multi-discipline, and multi-national science data via three primary cyberinfrastructure elements and a broad education and outreach program.

DataONE comprises a distributed network of data centers, science networks or organizations. These organizations can expose their data within the DataONE network through the implementation of the DataONE Member Node service interface. In addition to scientific data, Member Nodes can provide computing resources, or services such as data replication, to the DataONE community.



[Member Nodes](#)

DataOne GUI



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Deliverable 2.2 (D2.2) Data sharing tools

- Metacat, Morpho and DataOne were included in the February 2106 EUBON publication “Data sharing tools”.
- The paper gives a comprehensive review of the existing tools for metadata, occurrence data, and ecological data.
- It includes a detailed description of the tools, their pros and cons, is followed by recommendations on their deployment and enhancement.
- Available online at
- [http://www.eubon.eu/news/13351_D2.2 Data sharing tools](http://www.eubon.eu/news/13351_D2.2_Data_sharing_tools)



Search Metacat using Solr

- Metacat uses the Solr open source search platform to organise and index the metadata and data contained in the database and to support search operations.
- This means that anyone can query a public data repository such as ours and get information according to their specific requirements.
- A Solr query begins with a base URL , in our case, this is "https://ppbiodata.inpa.gov.br/metacat/d1/mn/v2/query/solr/" which is followed by a specific set of questions, followed by the output that is required.

Search Metacat using Solr

- So, the questions for example might ask for records that contain any kind of taxonomic information, for example `?q=class:* OR family:* OR genus:* OR kingdom:* OR order:* OR phylum:* OR scientificName:* OR species:*`
- and the output takes the following format, which includes the ID number of the record, the geographic boundaries, taxonomic information related to the record and the time that the information was collected:
- `&fl=identifier,northBoundCoord,eastBoundCoord,southBoundCoord,westBoundCoord,class,family,genus,kingdom,order,phylum,scientificName,species,beginDate,`
- `&rows=1000` (the default value is 10) - You might need to increase this if your output file has exactly 1000 rows!
- `&wt=csv` indicates a request for the output to be in csv format.

Search Metacat using Solr

- So, the complete URL for the query is:
- `https://ppbiodata.inpa.gov.br/metacat/d1/mn/v2/query/solr/?q=class:* OR family:* OR genus:* OR kingdom:* OR order:* OR phylum:* OR scientificName:* OR species:* &fl=identifier,northBoundCoord,eastBoundCoord,southBoundCoord,westBoundCoord,class,family,genus,kingdom,order,phylum,scientificName,species,beginDate,dateModified &rows=1000 &wt=csv`
- [Metacat and Tableau](#) - Using the free application Tableau, data can be visualised in a variety of different ways.

Tableau

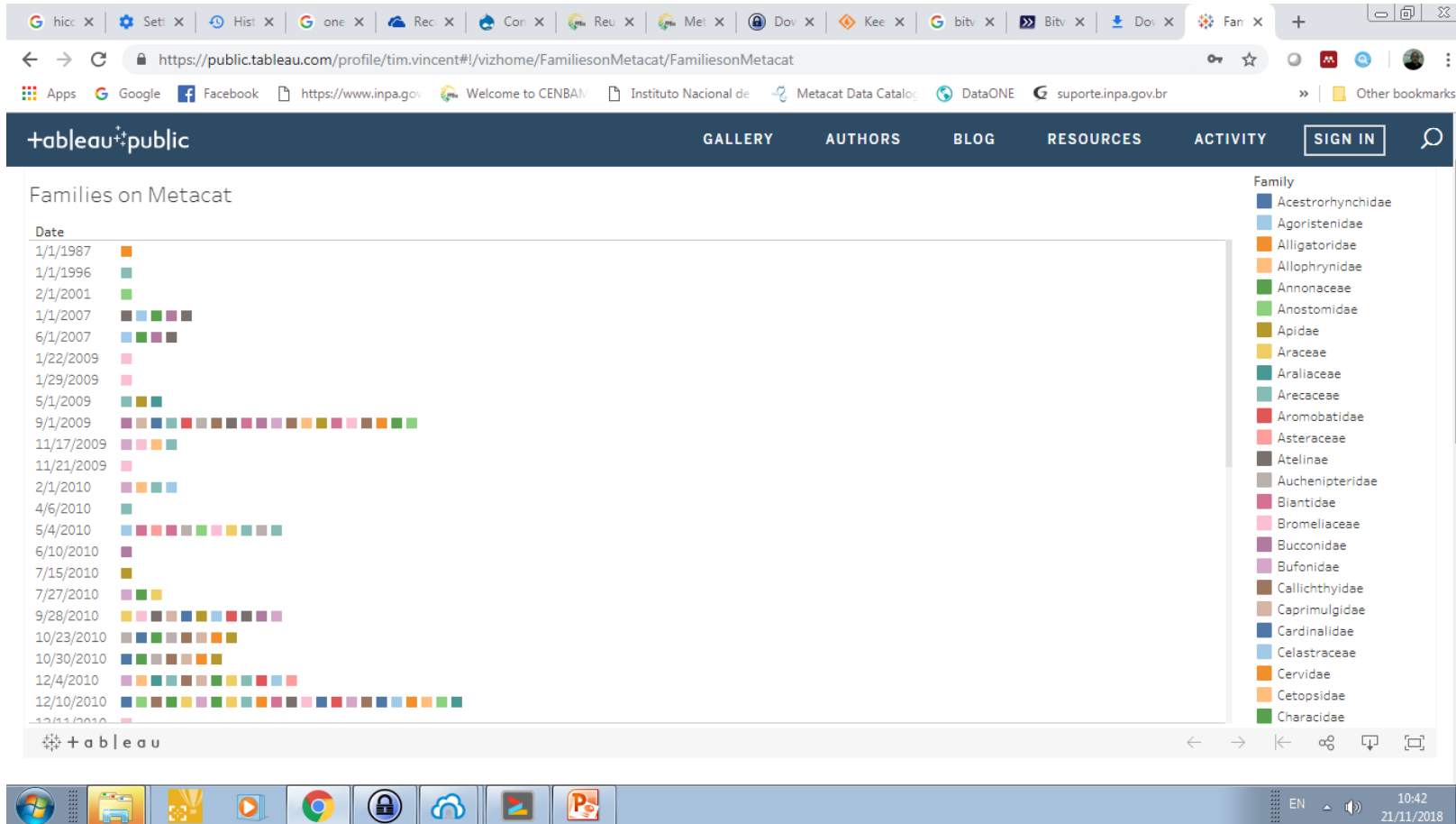
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Tableau public profile of Tim Vincent. The browser's address bar shows the URL <https://public.tableau.com/profile/tim.vincent#!/>. The navigation bar includes links for GALLERY, AUTHORS, BLOG, RESOURCES, ACTIVITY, and a SIGN IN button. The profile header features a circular profile picture of a person holding a torch, the name "Tim Vincent", and his affiliation: "CENBAM/PPBio | Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil | ppbio.inpa.gov.br". Below the name, it indicates "5 vizzes" and a "Follow" button.

The main content area is titled "Vizzes 5" and contains a grid of five data visualizations:

- Analysis of families registered on Metacat** (14 views): A map of South America with a legend for various biological families.
- Families on Metacat** (23 views): A horizontal bar chart showing the number of families for various biological groups over time.
- Biodiversity Data** (68 views): A line chart showing biodiversity metrics from 1985 to 2014.
- Biomass** (5 views): A map of South America with colored regions and a legend for biomass data.
- Planilha 1** (5 views): A small visualization titled "Planilha 1" with a legend for "Planilha 1".

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock at 10:43 on 21/11/2018, along with icons for various applications and system utilities.

Tableau



Certification of repositories

