



The GlobalFungi database: the FAIR global atlas of fungi

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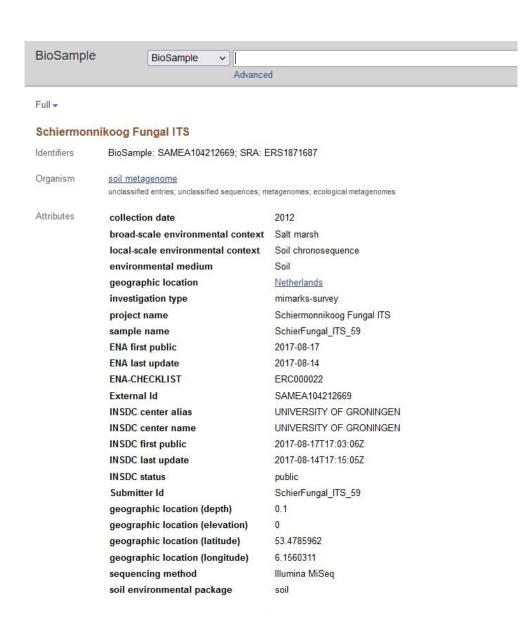
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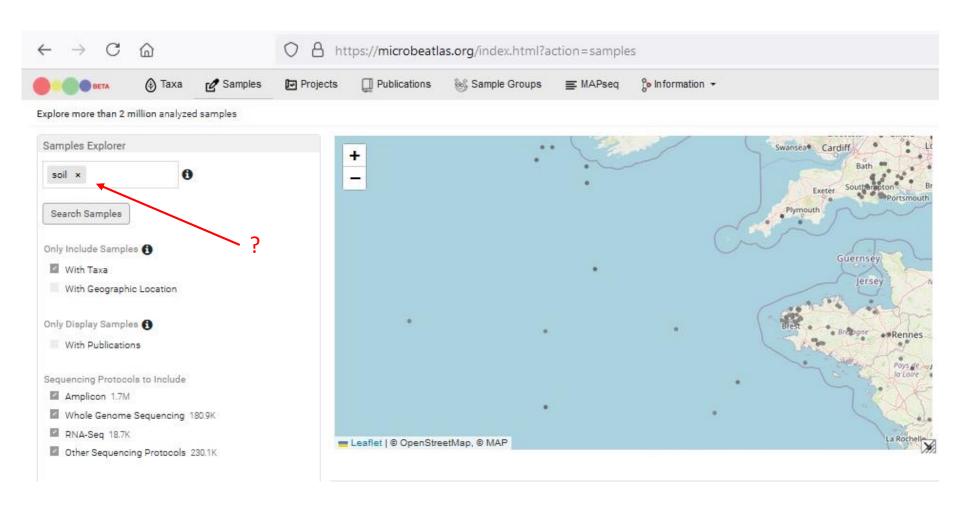
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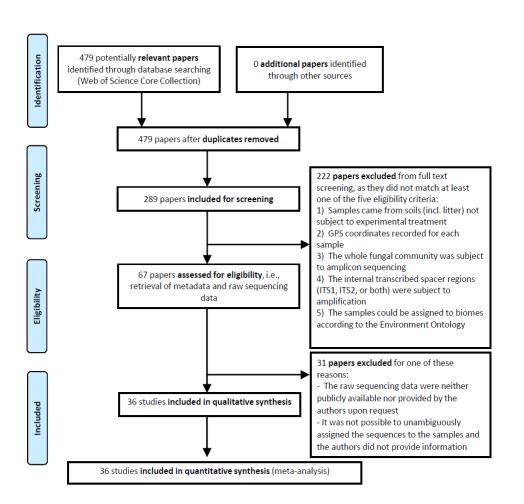




How to best study fungal biodiversity and distribution on a global scale?

- Due to ecosystem diversity and enormous diversity of fungi, coordinated sampling efforts are unfeasible to cover global distribution of fungi
- Large data accumulated over time in high-throughput sequencing studies
- Data of sufficient quality can be used to model fungal distribution
- Meta-analysis approaches and data re-analysis have high potential
- Collect available data from all published papers reporting fungal community composition
- > Use metadata on climate, vegetation, soil properties, vegetation, ... to identify drivers of fungal distribution and biodiversity

Fungal distribution through metaanalysis of published records





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A meta-analysis of global fungal distribution reveals climate-driven patterns

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The evolutionary and environmental factors that shape fungal biogeography are incompletely understood. Here, we assemble a large dataset consisting of previously generated mycobiome data linked to specific geographical locations across the world. We use this dataset to describe the distribution of fungal taxa and to look for correlations with different environmental factors such as climate, soil and vegetation variables. Our meta-study identifies climate as an important driver of different aspects of fungal biogeography, including the global distribution of common fungi as well as the composition and diversity of fungal communities. In our analysis, fungal diversity is concentrated at high latitudes, in contrast with the opposite pattern previously shown for plants and other organisms. Mycorrhizal fungi appear to have narrower climatic tolerances than pathogenic fungi. We speculate that climate change could affect ecosystem functioning because of the narrow climatic tolerances of key fungal taxa.

The GlobalFungi Database

All publicly available data on fungal community composition from published scientific papers

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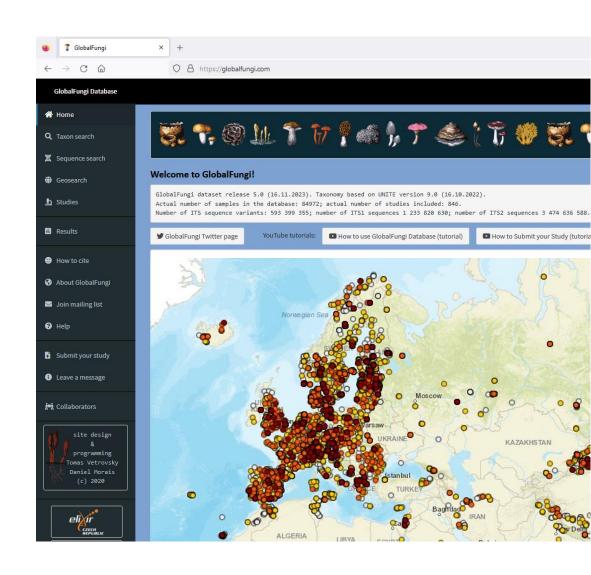
84 972 samples

77 000 species of fungi

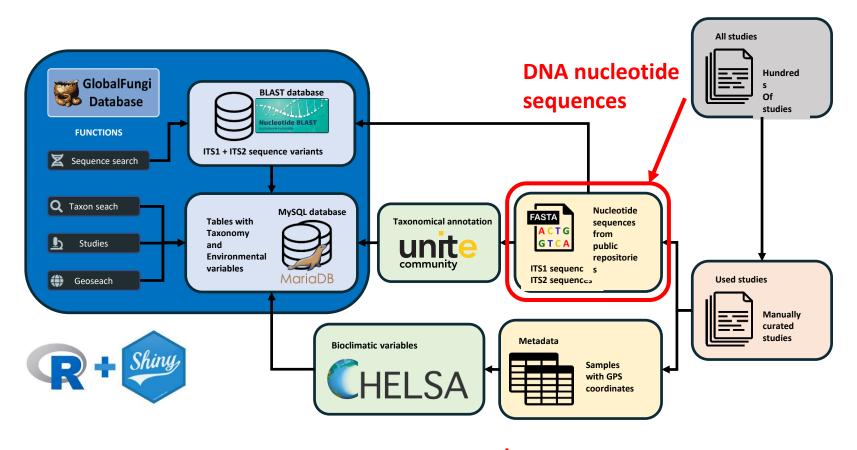
5 billion of observations of fungi globally

https://globalfungi.com





Data, metadata and annotation tools in the GlobalFungi Database

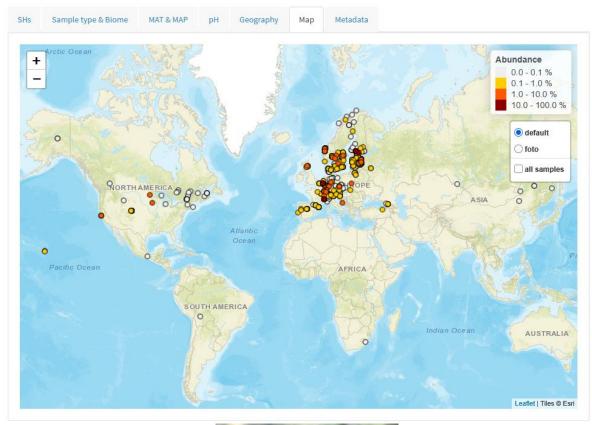






- The database is a service of ELIXIR-CZ Research Infrastructure
- ELIXIR-CZ provides hardware and contributes to development

Database content – fungal species





Boletus edulis

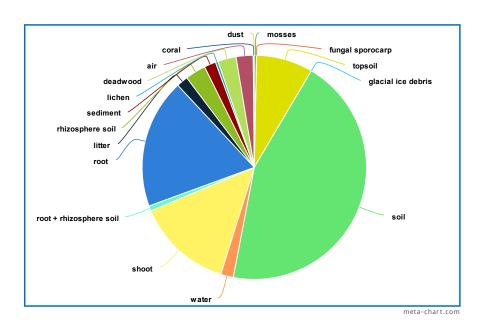


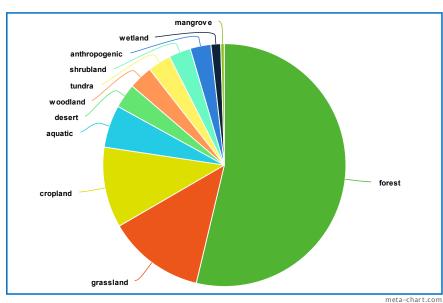


additional

sample metadata

Database content - samples



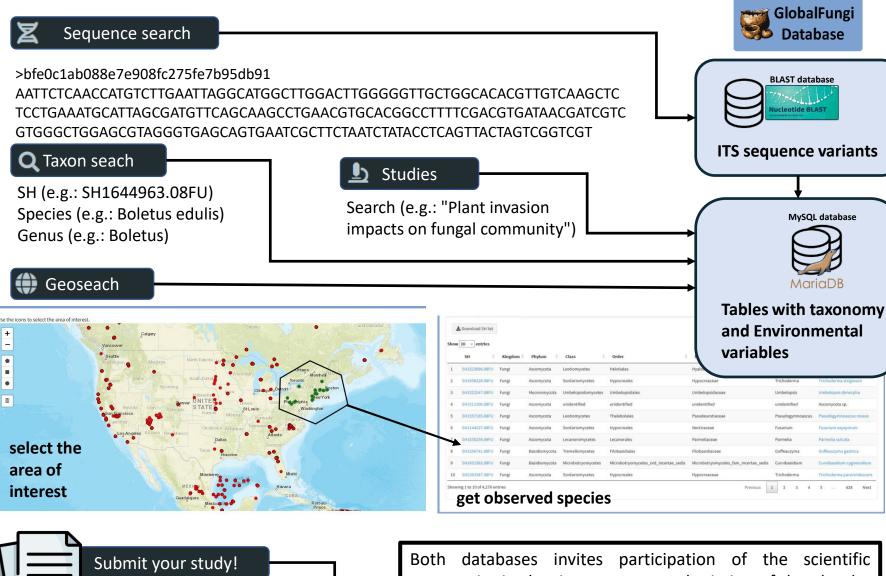


Sample types

Habitats

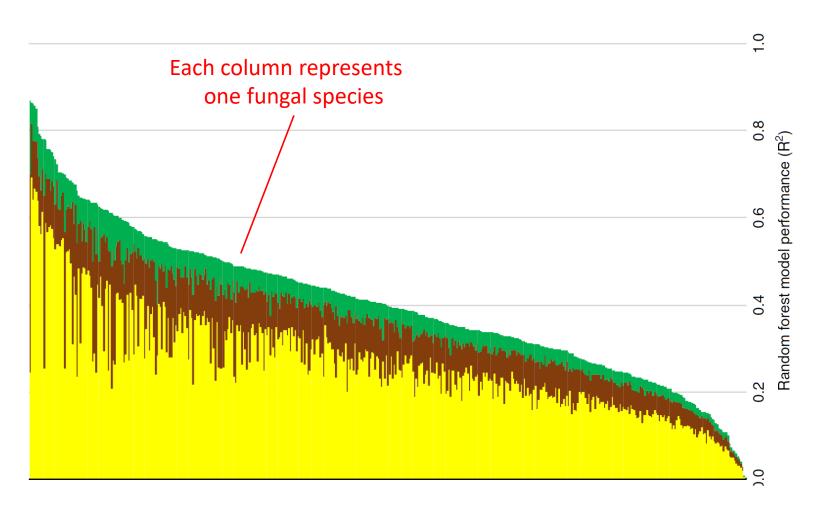


Database functions



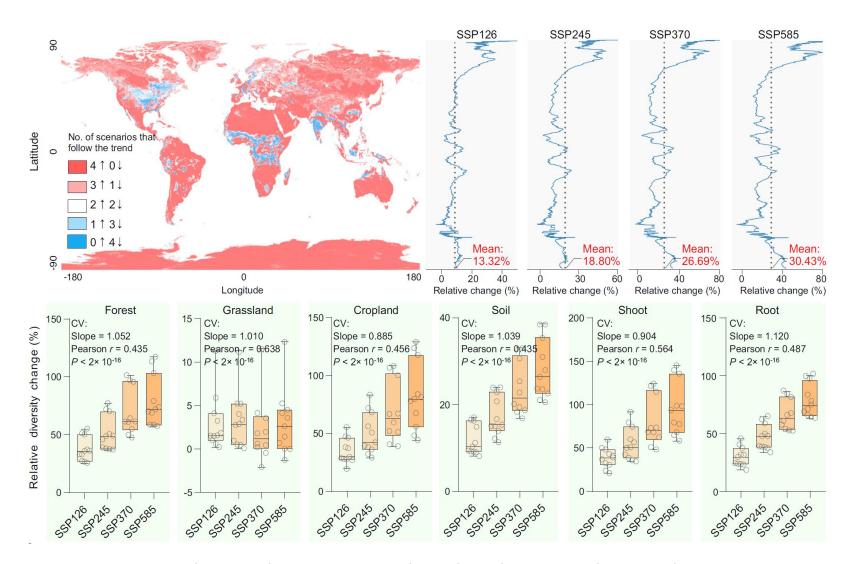
Both databases invites participation of the scientific community in that it encourages submission of data by the authors of studies that are not yet covered.

The science: Drivers of fungal distribution



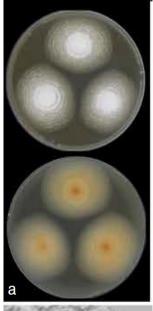
- Climatic factors explain most of fungal distribution.
- The most important climatic variables are complex, indicating, e.g., aridity

The science: The future of pathogens

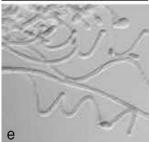


Increase in pathogen diversity is predicted under most climate change scenarios

The science: New species







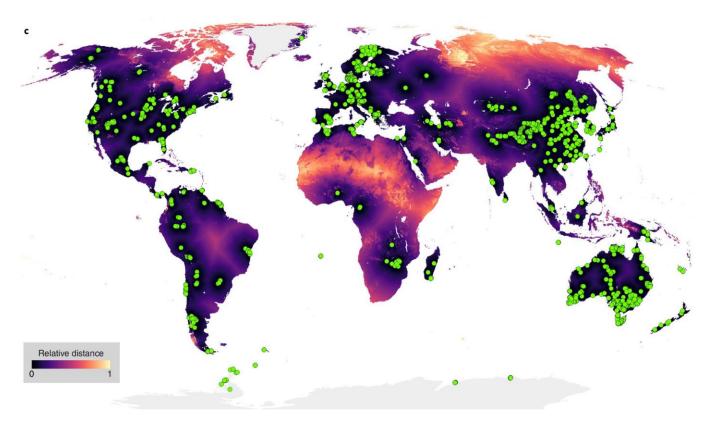
Newly described, potentially pathogenic *Arthroderma* species from wild rodents. Where are their reservoirs?



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The science: Directing future research

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Unexplored areas of global biodiversity

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