

UNDERSTANDING
BIODIVERSITY AND HOW
IT CHANGES OVER TIME
IS BEST ENABLED WHEN
EARTH'S DIVERSITY
IS ORGANIZED INTO
A PHYLOGENETIC
FRAMEWORK.

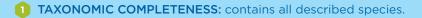


- to resolve the phylogenetic history of all life's lineages—living, extinct, and poorly known—using an open access, dynamic format; and
- 2 to synthesize as much organismal data as possible with this genealogy of life, creating an evolutionary framework for comparative biology.









2 DATA COMPLETENESS: integrates diverse data layers (e.g. digitized images, specimen collection information, environmental and habitat data, geographic and stratigraphic distributions, genomic and phenomic data, developmental data and ontologies, fossil records).

3 A DYNAMIC AND OPEN STRUCTURE: facilitates growing knowledge of biodiversity over time and enables comparative analyses spanning the complete diversity of life.

4 TRAINING OF NEXT GENERATION PHYLOGENETIC BIOLOGISTS: integrative training in diverse fields across comparative evolutionary biology.



- massively increase taxonomic and character data space;
 - significantly contribute to the advancement of our understanding of life's genealogy;
 - integrate numerous layers of organismal data;
 - connect to ongoing AVAToL projects;
 - integrate student training; and
 - focus on poorly sampled clades or data layers areas where new data will have a profound impact on our understanding of the pattern of life's evolution.

PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Visit the Genealogy of Life Program
Summary page at http://go.usa.gov/3vmyB

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