

UC Flora e Vegetação

Flora and vegetation: from field to molecular Analysis

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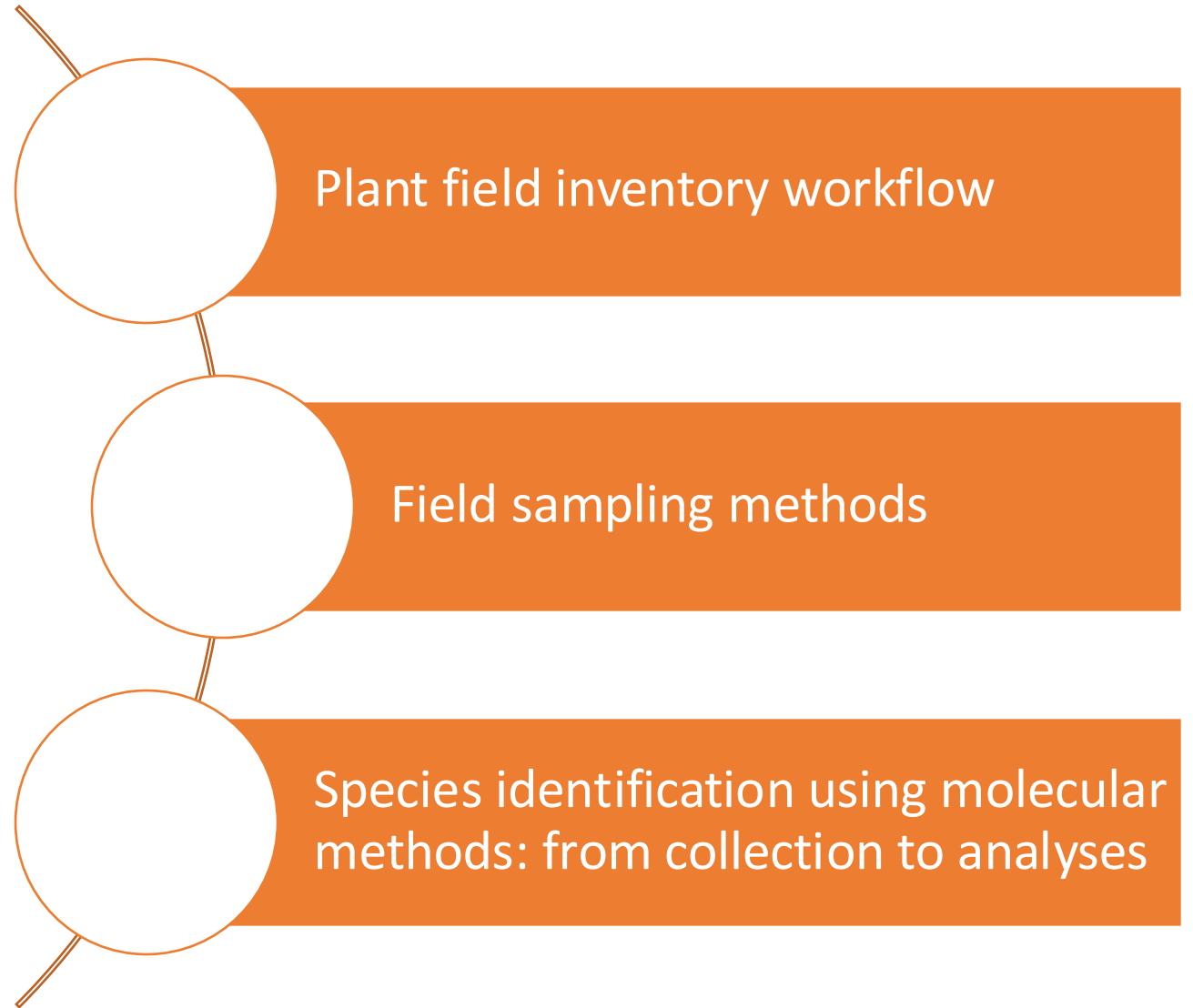
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Outline





A **Field Plant Inventory** typically focuses on how to identify, catalog, and manage data about plant species in a specific natural or agricultural area. Here's an overview of what such a course would generally include:



Learn to identify native and invasive plant species.



Conduct accurate field surveys and inventories.



Use tools like GPS, plant ID guides, and data sheets or digital platforms.



Understand ecological relationships and vegetation types.



Apply data for land management, conservation, or research.

1. Introduction to Plant Taxonomy

- Scientific names & classification

Binomial System of Nomenclature

- Binomial (two names)
- Nomenclature (naming)
- All organisms have a scientific name consisting of a genus and a species
- Names derived from Latin
- Guidelines set by the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature

Ash Ordinary
(*Fraxinus excelsior*)



Scientific Names

A full "species" is comprised of the genus, species epithet and author name. For example, for our native salmonberry shrub:

Rubus spectabilis Pursh

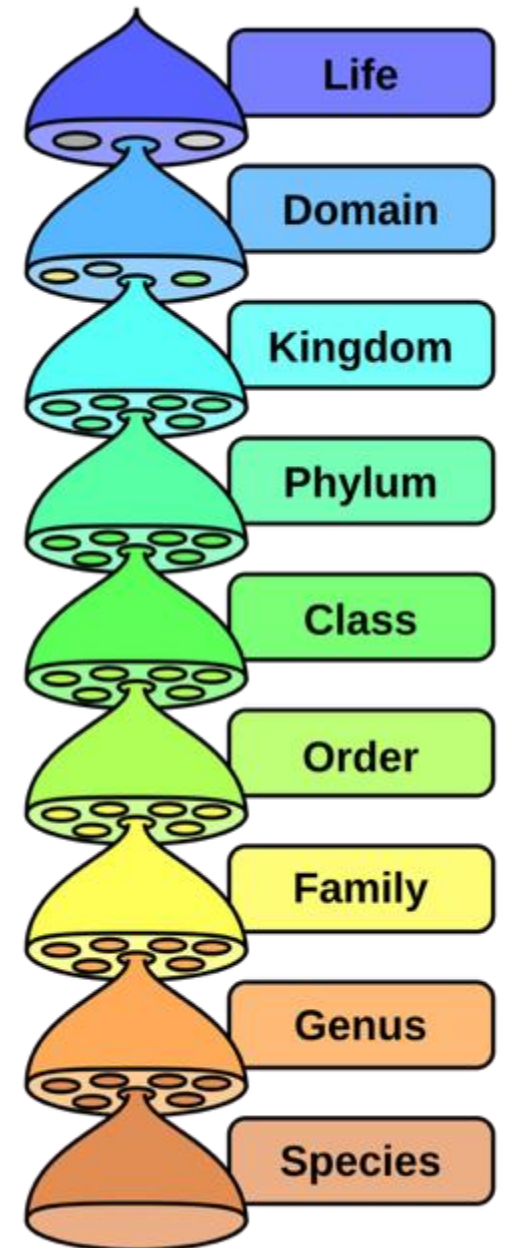
↑ ↑ ↑
genus species author
 epithet



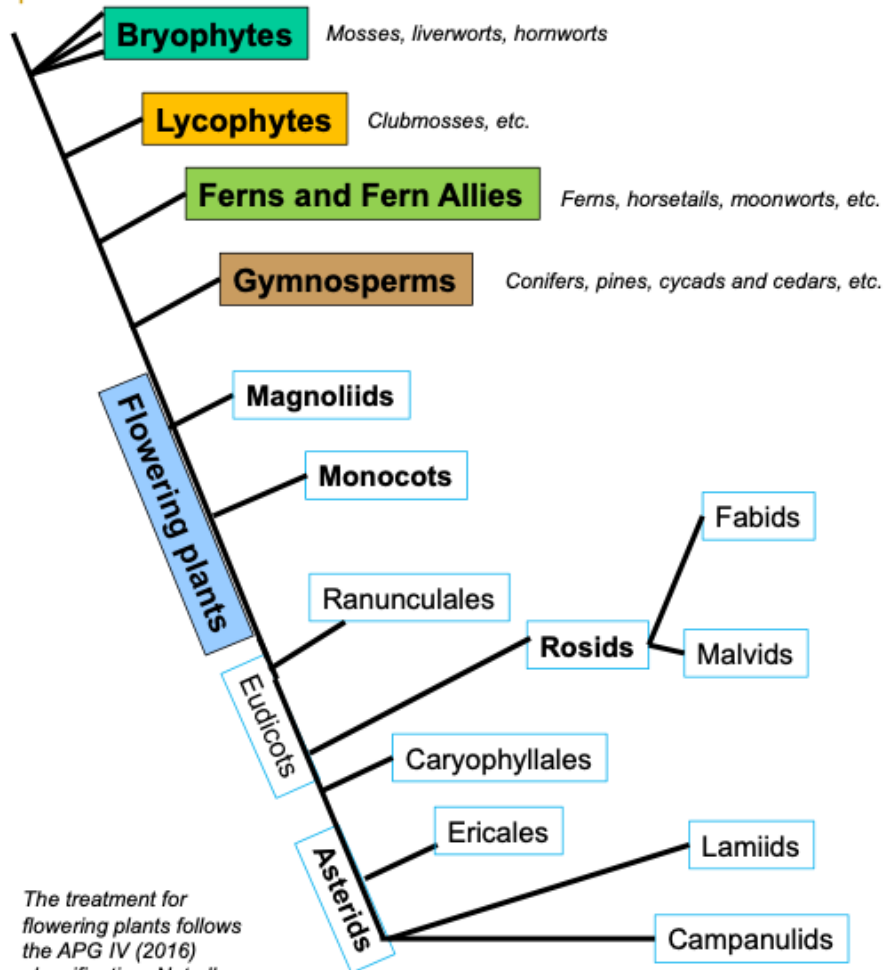
A few common species epithets (typically derived from Latin or Greek):

- macrophylla (-um) = big-leaved
- heterophylla (-um) = different types of leaves
- sativa = cultivated
- arvensis = from the fields
- pratensis = from the meadows
- oregonum = from Oregon
- californicum = from California
- columbianum = from Columbia River area
- lewisii = named for explorer Meriwether Lewis
- menziesii = named for naturalist Archibald Menzies
- nootkaensis = named for Nootka Sound or the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples

Note: Species epithet endings differ (-a, -um, -es, -is, -ium, etc.) depending on the gender of the genus name, as per Latin grammar rules.



Overall phylogeny – living land plants



The treatment for flowering plants follows the APG IV (2016) classification. Not all branches are shown.

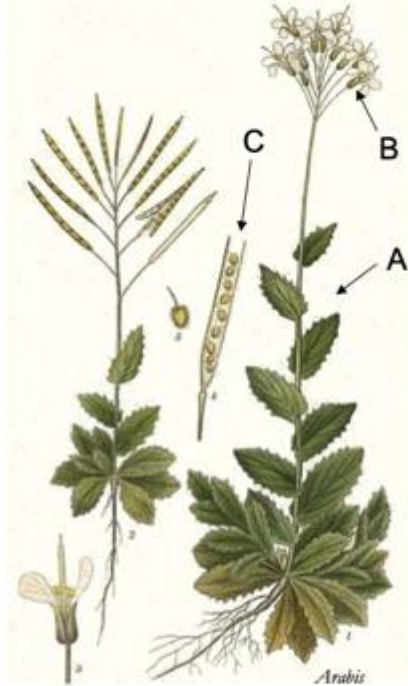
Plant family characteristics

Understanding plant family characteristics can be helpful for identifying plants, understanding their evolutionary relationships, and even for predicting their growth habits and potential pest problems.

• Example

Brassicaceae s. str. MUSTARD FAMILY

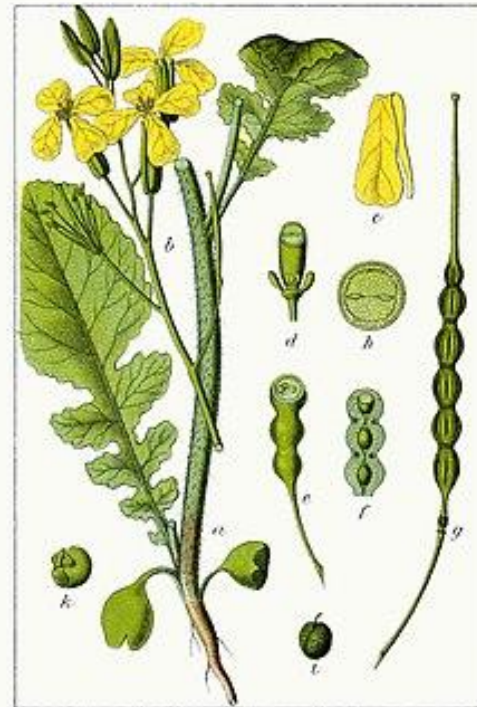
- Herbaceous
- With mustard oils
- Leaves simple, alternate (A), often lobed, with pinnate venation
- Leaf edge often dentate (A) or lobed
- Inflorescence a raceme
- Petals 4, not fused, forming a cross + from above (B), white, yellow, or pink
- Stamens 6 (4 longer, 2 shorter)
- Fruit a dry capsule with inner wall (silique; C)



Note: This family circumscription refers to Brassicaceae s. str. and does not include Capparaceae (capers) and Cleomaceae.

Examples: white mustard (*Sinapis*), garlic mustard (*Alliaria*), horseradish (*Armoracia*), cabbage, broccoli, brussels sprouts, kale, collards, rutabaga, canola, black mustard, turnip (*Brassica*), arugula (*Diplotaxis*, 'rustica' type), mouse-ear and thale cress (*Arabidopsis*), yellow rocket (*Barbarea*), radish (*Raphanus*), woad (*Isatis*), water cress (*Nasturtium*).

Tafel 40.



Gemeiner Hederich, Crucifera raphanistrum.

Raphanus raphanistrum



Sinapis alba

Use of dichotomous keys

- Dichotomous keys are valuable tools used to identify plants by guiding users through a series of paired choices or characteristics

A/S TREE DICHOTOMOUS KEY

1. Branching (2)
 1/2 branching (4)
 1/2 compound leaves (3)
 Simple leaves: Maple species (see a-c below)

a. Leaf margins smooth, 5 lobes **Sugar Maple** (*Acer saccharum*)
 b. Leaf margins double-toothed, 3 to 5 lobes..... **Red Maple** (*Acer rubrum*)
 c. Leaf margins single-toothed, 3 to 5 lobes, lobes separated by deep, angular openings.....**Silver Maple** (*Acer saccharinum*)

3. Three (rarely 5) leaflets..... **Box Elder** (*Acer negundo*)

3. Five to 11 leaflets: Ash species (see a-c below)

a. 9 to 11 leaflets, leaflets do not have petiole..... **Black Ash** (*Fraxinus nigra*)
 b. 5 to 9 leaflets, leaflets have petiole, smile-shaped leaf scar extending up sides of new bud.....**White Ash** (*Fraxinus americana*)
 c. 7 to 9 leaflets, leaflets have petiole, leaf scar ends at base of new bud....
Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*)

4. Compound leaves (5)
 4. Simple leaves (8)

5. 7 or fewer (usually 5) leaflets, egg-shaped nut..... **Shagbark Hickory** (*Carya ovata*)

5. 7 or more leaflets (6)

6. Leaflets rounded **Black Locust** (*Robinia pseudonacacia*)
 6. Leaflets pointed (7)

7. Leaf 6 to 8 inches long **Mountain Ash** (*Sorbus americana*)

7. Leaf 8 to 24 inches long **Butternut** (*Juglans cinerea*).
 or **Black Walnut** (*Juglans nigra*)

8. Leaves not lobed (9)
 8. Leaves lobed: Oak species (see a-f below)

a. Rounded lobes, 5 to 9 deep even lobes and sinuses, leaves hairless.....
White Oak (*Quercus alba*)

b. Rounded lobes, pair of deep sinuses near middle of leaf, hairy underside of leaves..... **Bur Oak** (*Quercus macrocarpa*)
 c. Rounded lobes, leaf narrow at base and broad near middle, hairy underside of leaves.... **Swamp White Oak** (*Quercus bicolor*)

Benefits of Dichotomous Keys

Dichotomous keys offer numerous advantages across scientific and educational domains, simplifying the process of identification and classification.

Accurate Identification

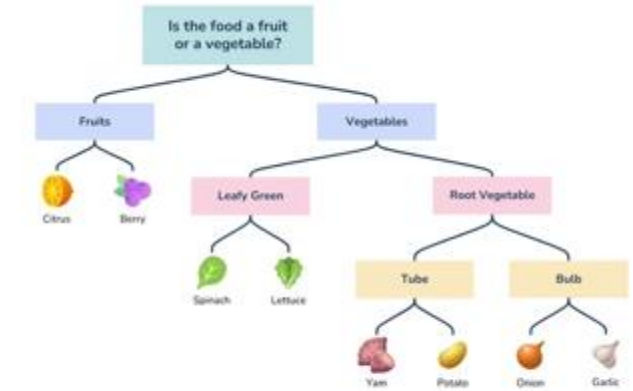
Ease of Use

Consistency: These keys adhere to a standardized format, employing specific terminology and criteria, ensuring consistent identification outcomes across different users.

Research Utility: cataloging and documenting biodiversity, contributing to the comprehension of species relationships and ecological dynamics.

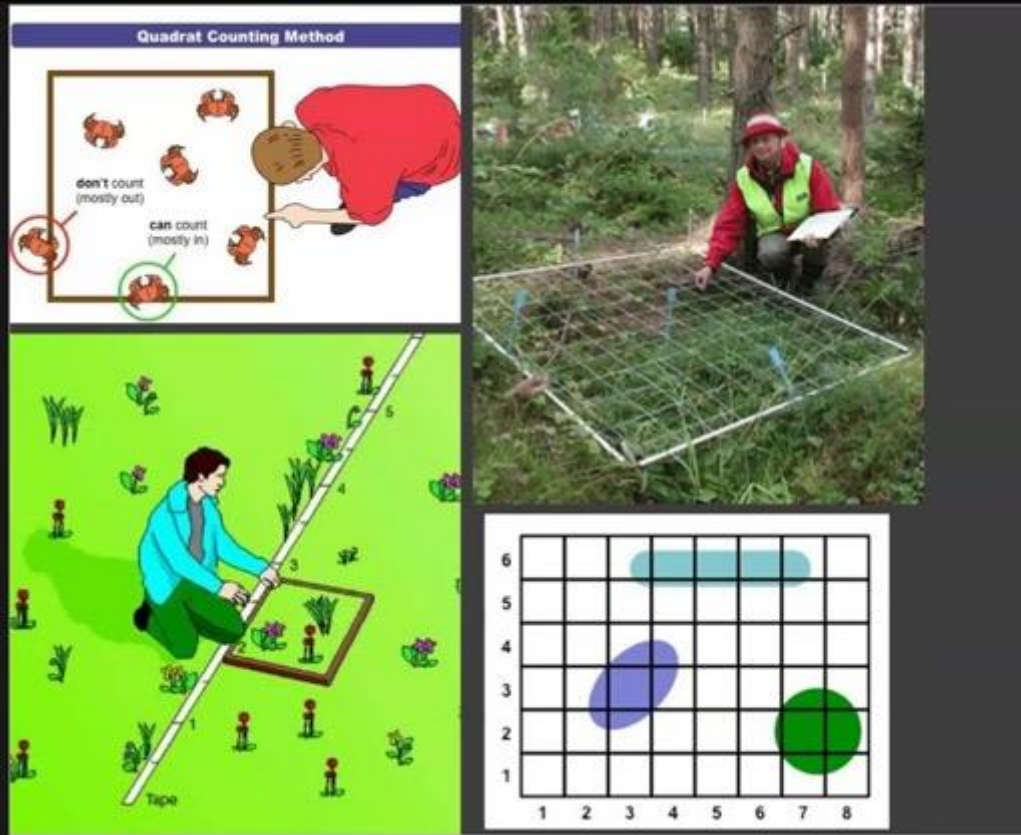
Fieldwork Facilitation: Portable and adaptable for field use, dichotomous keys are invaluable for on-site surveys, ecological studies, and biodiversity assessments.

Simplicity and Accessibility: By breaking down complex identification tasks into binary choices, dichotomous keys make the process accessible to both experts and novices, streamlining identification efforts.



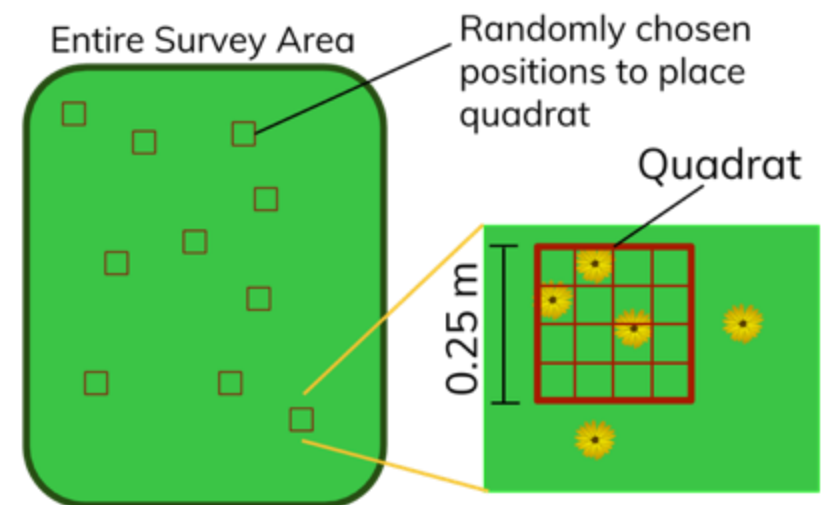
Obstacles of Dichotomous Keys

Limited distinguishing forms
Incomplete coverage of the characteristics
Differing observation conditions
Language as a Barrier
Obsolescence



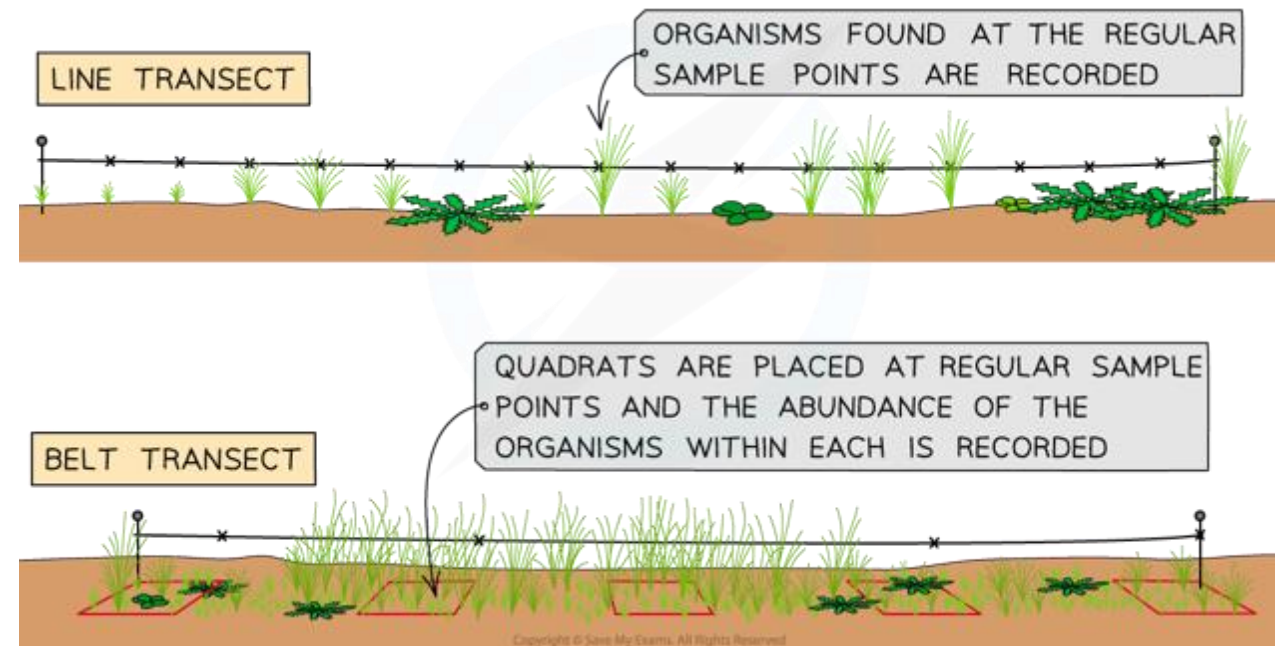
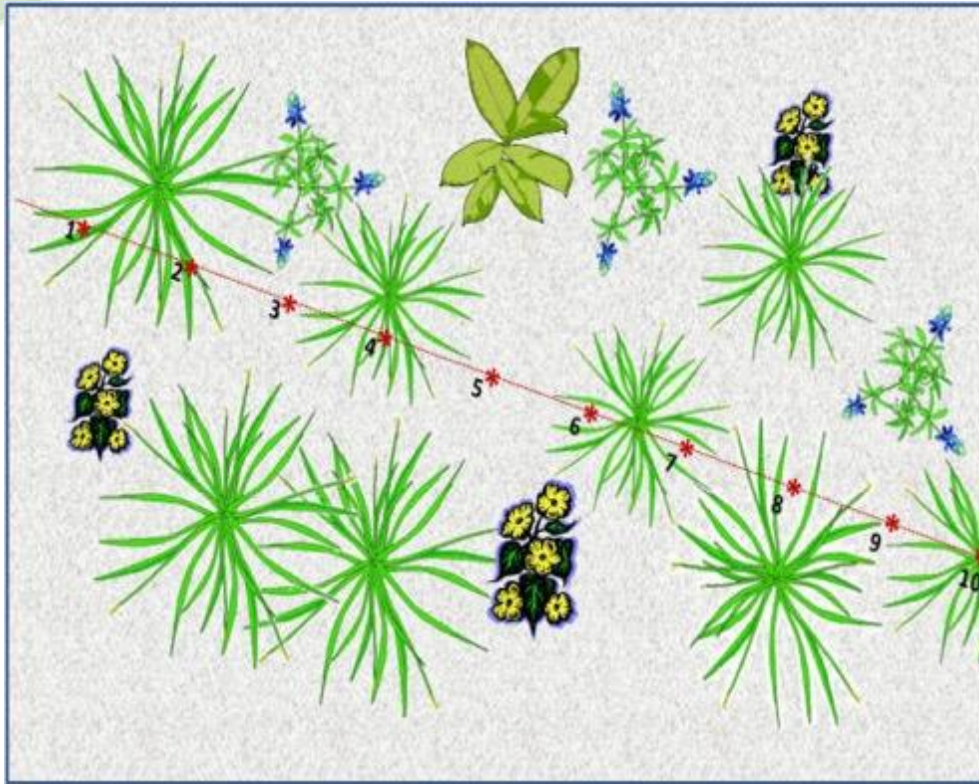
2. Methods of Sampling Plant Communities

- Quadrats



Transects

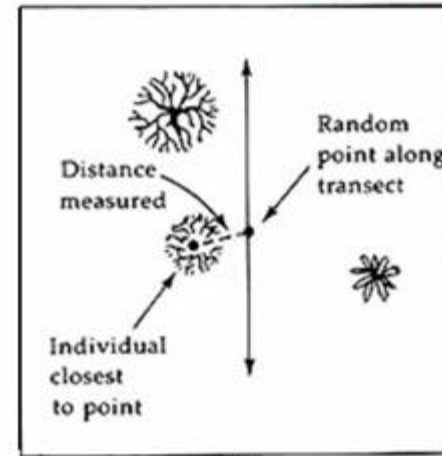
- Transects involve sampling along a straight line or a series of lines across a study area. They are particularly useful for studying gradients or changes in vegetation over space.



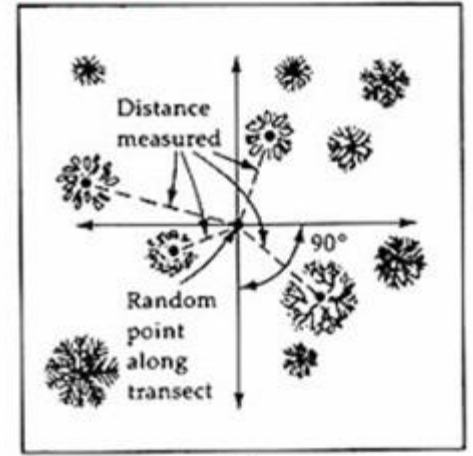
Plotless Sampling Methods

Plotless methods are used when setting up quadrats or transects is impractical. These methods rely on measuring distances between plants or random points.

Distance methods

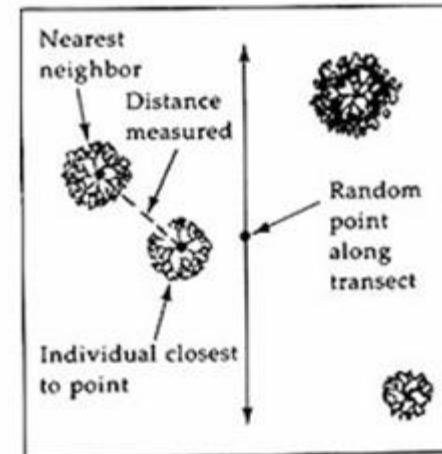


(a)



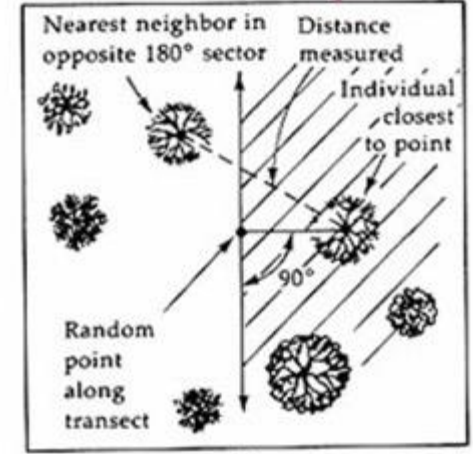
(b)

Nearest individual



(c)

Point-centered quarter



(d)

Nearest neighbor

Random pairs

- Different measures on flora and vegetation

From field data
collection to
diversity analyses

How is biodiversity measured?

01

Species Richness



This method involves counting the number of different species within a specific area or ecosystem.

02

Simpson's Diversity Index



Simpson's Diversity Index is a calculation that measures the number of species and their relative abundance.

03

Genetic Diversity



This method measures the variations in DNA sequences among individuals of the same species.

04

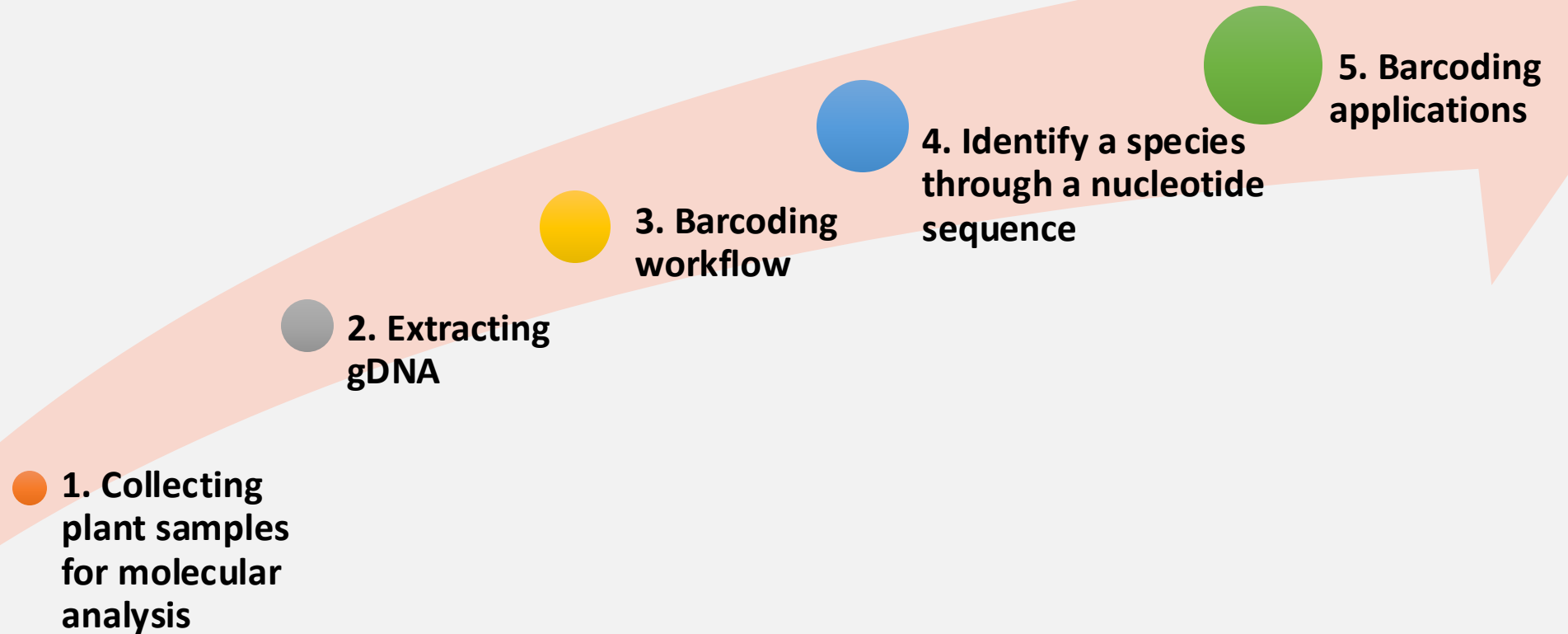
Ecosystem Diversity



This method measures how many different types of ecosystems exist within a region.



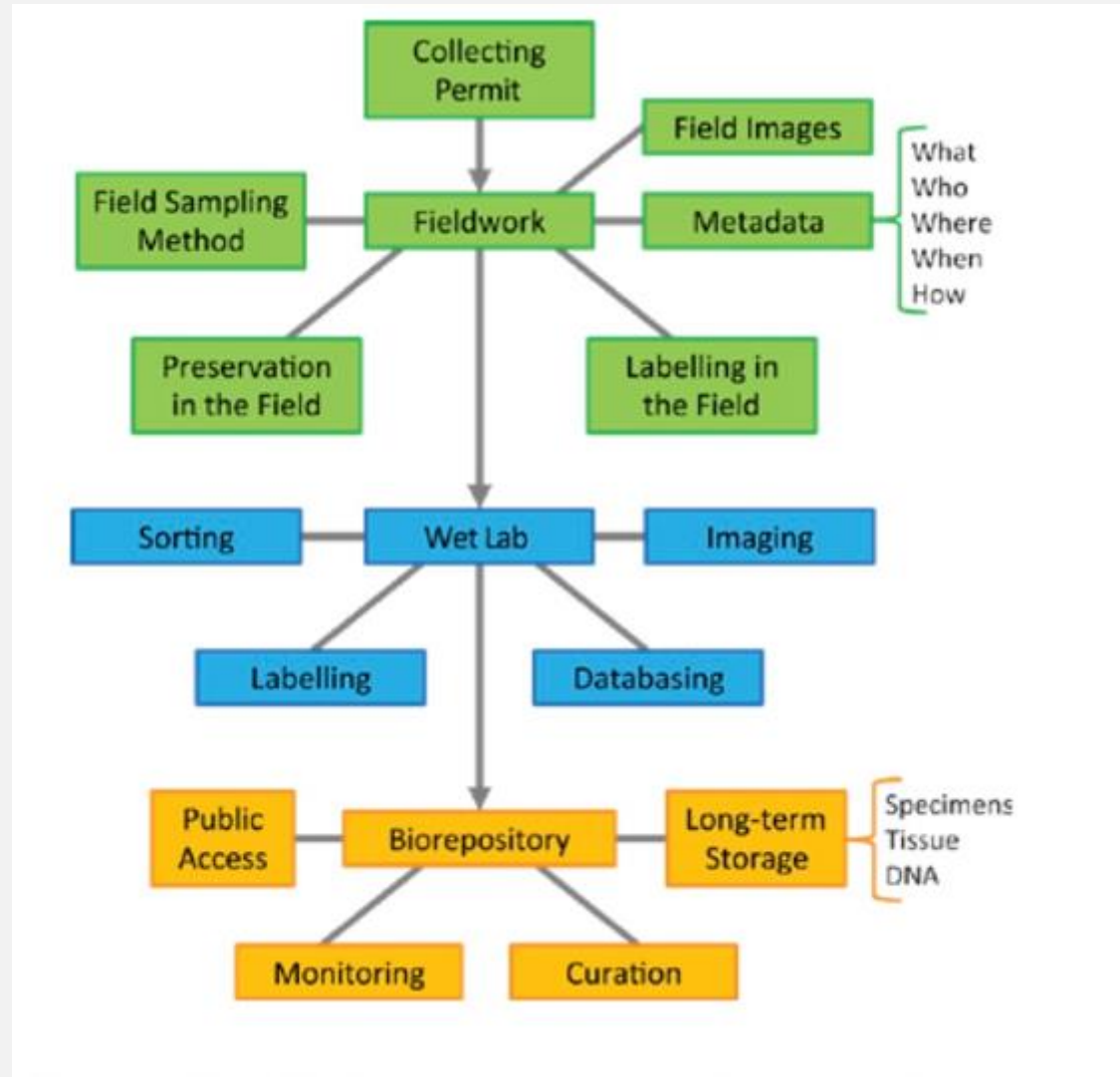
3. Species identification using molecular methods: from collection to analyses



1. Collecting plant samples for molecular analysis

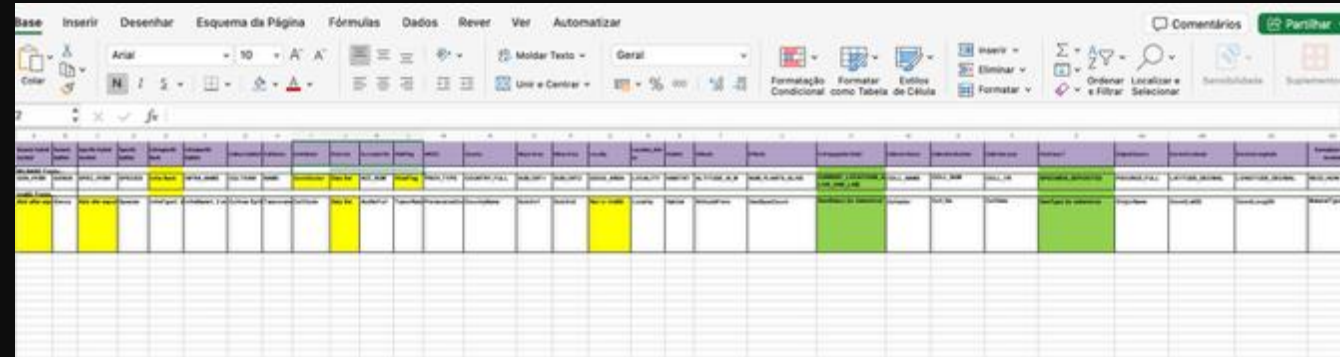
Planning the collection

Field notebook, hand lens,
GPS device or smartphone,
measuring tape, plant press



Registering plant collection information

- **ID:** Unique identifier for each entry.
- **Scientific Name:** Latin name of the species.
- **Common Name:** Commonly used name.
- **Family:** Botanical family (e.g., Fabaceae, Rosaceae).
- **Category:** Type of plant (Tree, Shrub, Herb, Vine, Grass, etc.).
- **Location:** Where the plant was found (GPS coordinate, plot number, or habitat type).
- **Abundance:** Rare, Occasional, Common, Abundant.
- **Health Status:** Healthy, Fair, Poor, Dead.
- **Date Observed:** Date the observation was recorded.
- **Notes:** Additional observations (e.g., flowering, pests, invasive species).



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet with a ribbon at the top containing tabs like 'Base', 'Inserir', 'Desenhar', etc. The spreadsheet itself has a grid of cells, with some cells highlighted in yellow and others in green, indicating different data categories or statuses.

Sheet Name: Flora Inventory									
ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Category	Location	Abundance	Health Status	Date Observed	Notes
1	Quercus alba	White Oak	Fagaceae	Tree	Plot A	Common	Healthy	2025-05-20	Mature tree
2	Rosa carolina	Carolina Rose	Rosaceae	Shrub	Plot B	Rare	Fair	2025-05-20	Flowering

1. Collecting plant samples for molecular analysis

A- Preservation in the field



B- Voucher specimen

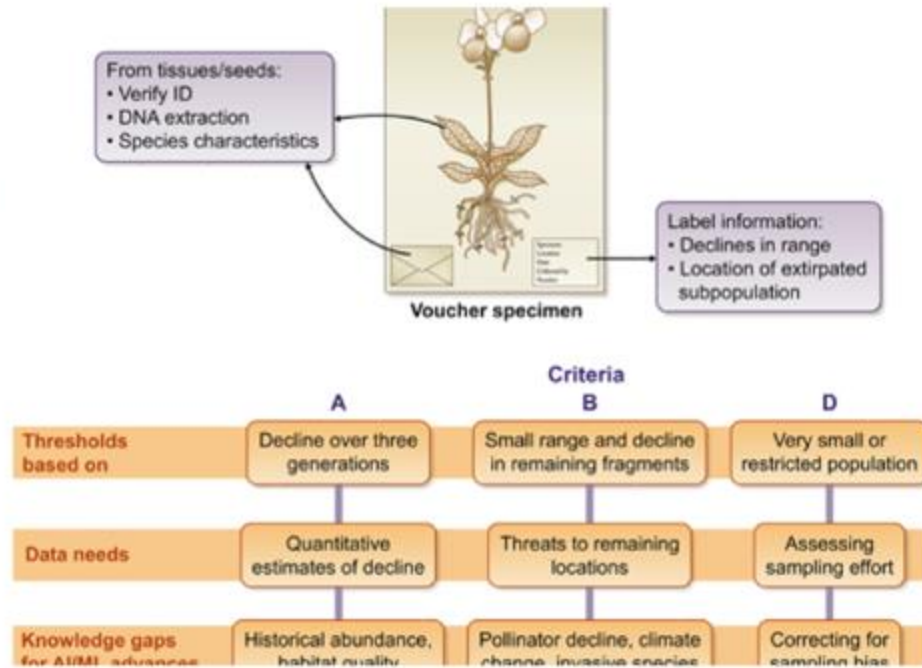


• Importance of voucher specimen

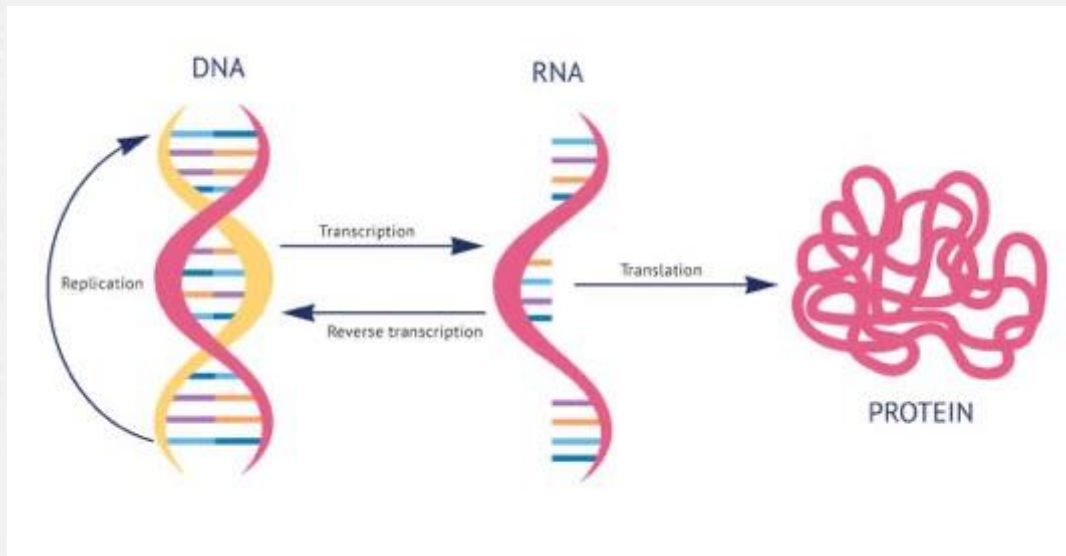
① What to protect?

② What to protect against?

③ • Vulnerable
• Endangered
• Critically endangered

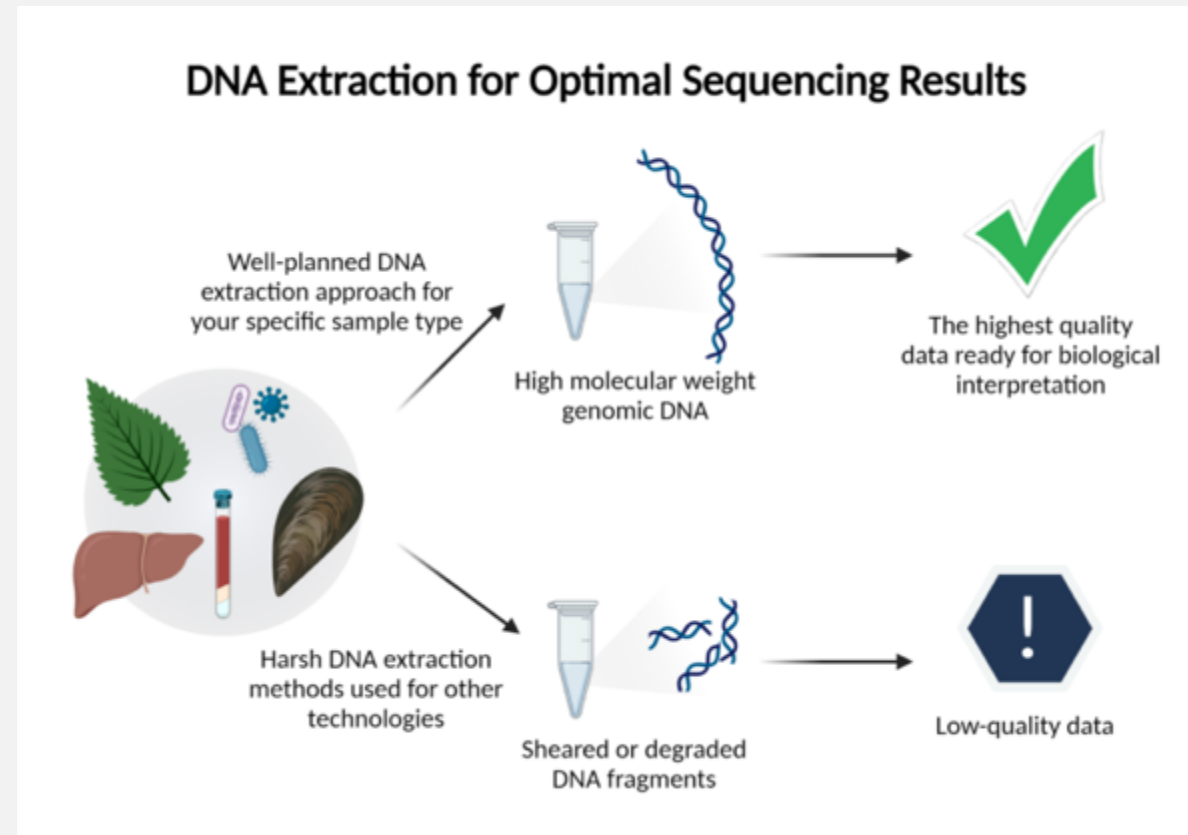


Genomic DNA as the key molecule



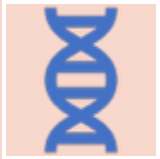
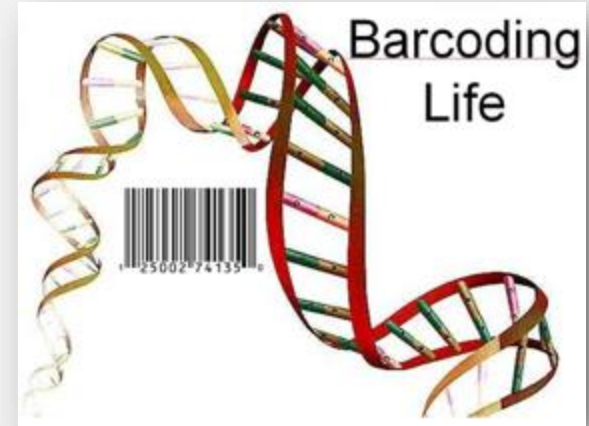
DNA e RNA são ácidos nucleicos que possuem diferentes estruturas e funções.

Enquanto o DNA é responsável por armazenar as informações genéticas dos seres vivos, o RNA atua na produção de proteínas





DNA barcoding



DNA barcoding is the use of short DNA sequence or sequences in a standardize locus (or loci) as a species identification tool.

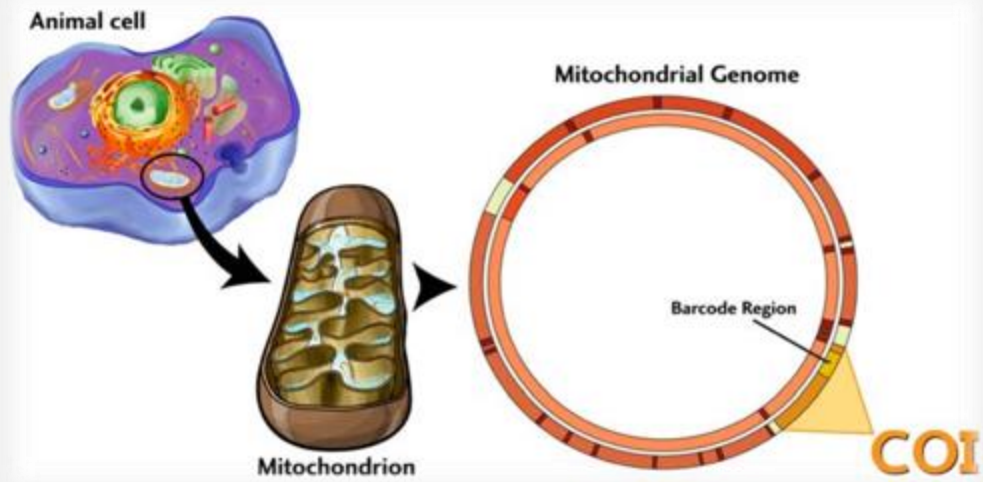


Applications:

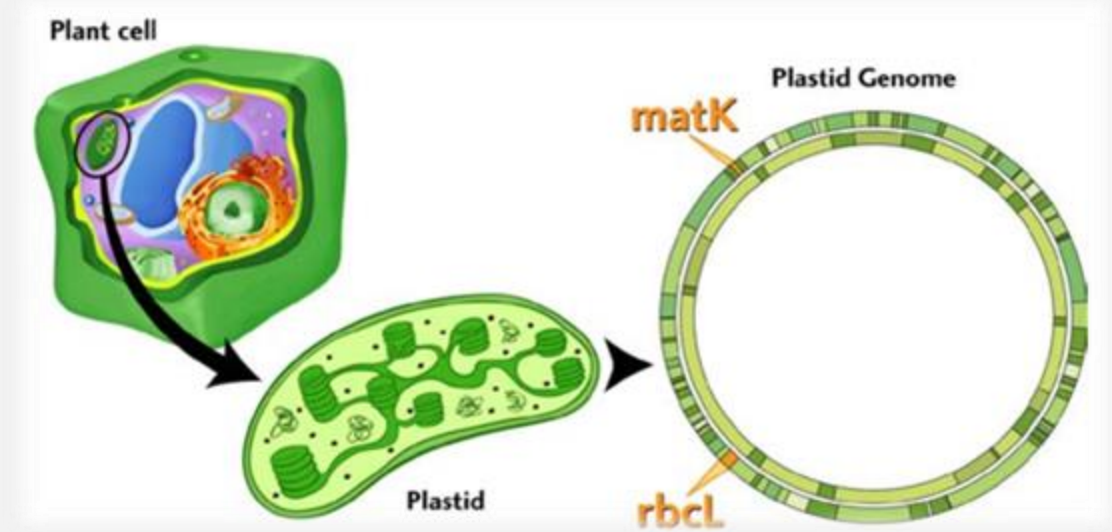
- Ecological surveys
- Identification of cryptic species (two or more distinct species classified as a single species)
- Identify and characterize species (abundant or rare, native or invasive)

Barcode regions

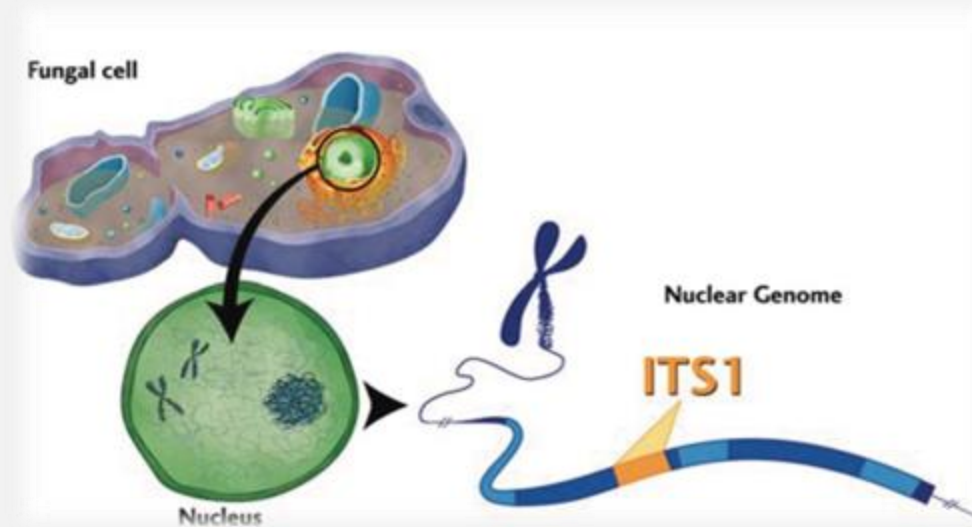
For animals



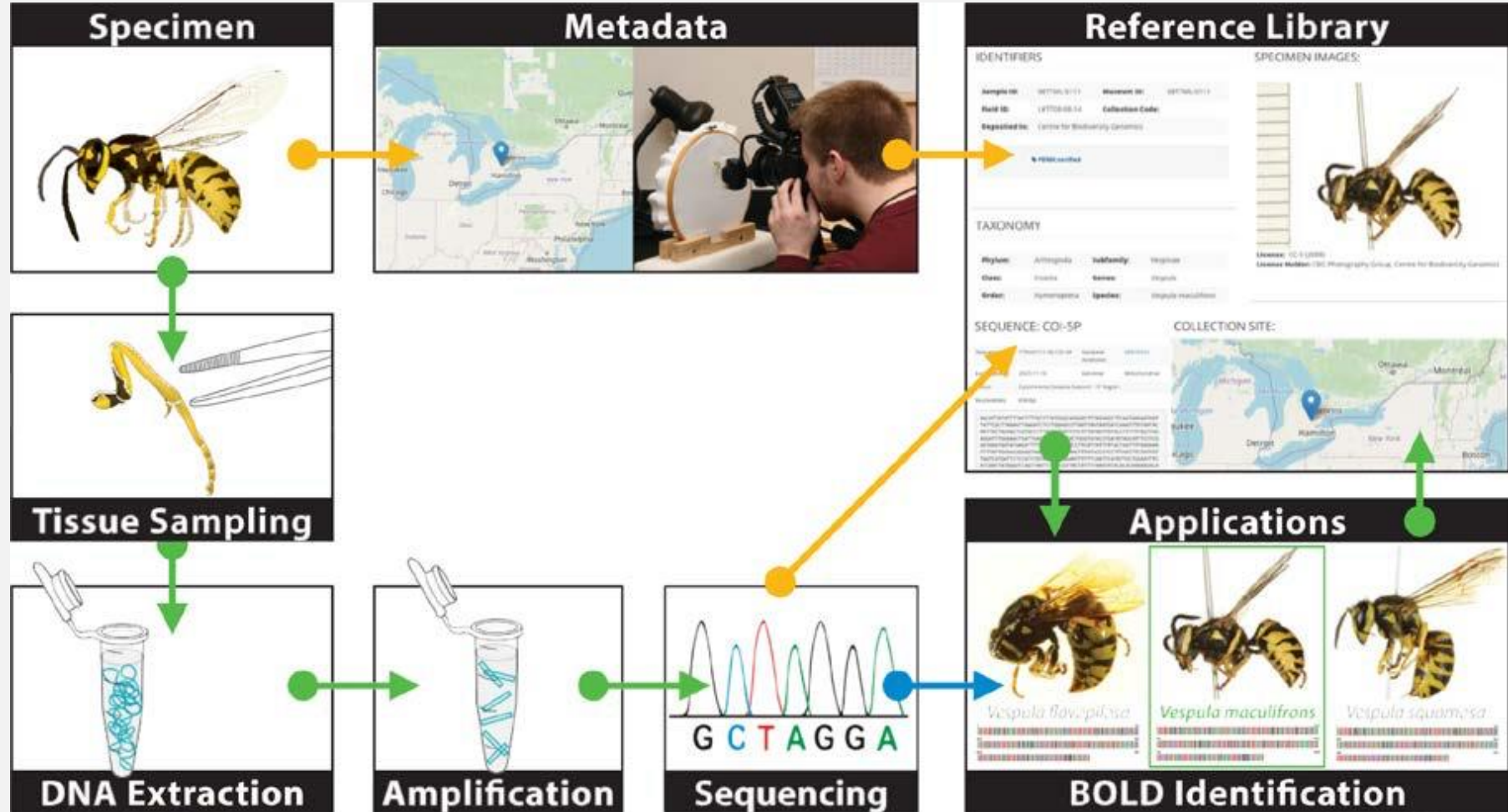
For plants



For fungi



2. Barcode Pipeline



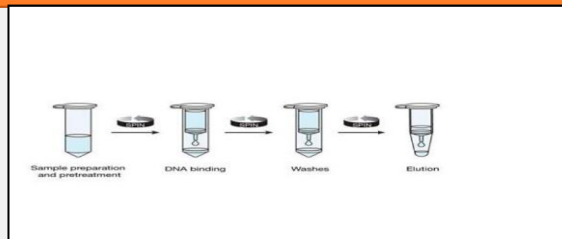
Four Barcoding components

1. Specimens: Natural history museums, herbaria, zoos, aquaria, frozen tissue collections, seed banks, type culture collections and other repositories of biological materials are treasure troves of identified specimens.



2. Laboratory Analysis: Laboratory protocols can be followed to obtain DNA barcode sequences from these specimens.

DNA Extraction



Amplification and Sequencing of DNA Barcode

PCR amplification and electrophoresis



Barcode sequencing



Plant DNA Barcode markers



- Polymorphic DNA region
- Conserved regions for easy amplification
- Sequence length suitable for sequencing

No unique barcode marker!

Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) Plant Working Group,” proposed two “core barcode” the plastid *rbcL* and *matK* (Hollingworth et al., 2009 PNAS), the internal transcribed spacers of nuclear ribosomal DNA (nrDNA ITS, De-Zhu Li et al., 2011 PNAS).

Nuclear genes usually evolve too rapidly to distinguish between the same species, but chloroplast genes evolve at a slower rate, allowing differences to occur in the DNA code between species.

Barcode markers

Plastidial markers

rbcL

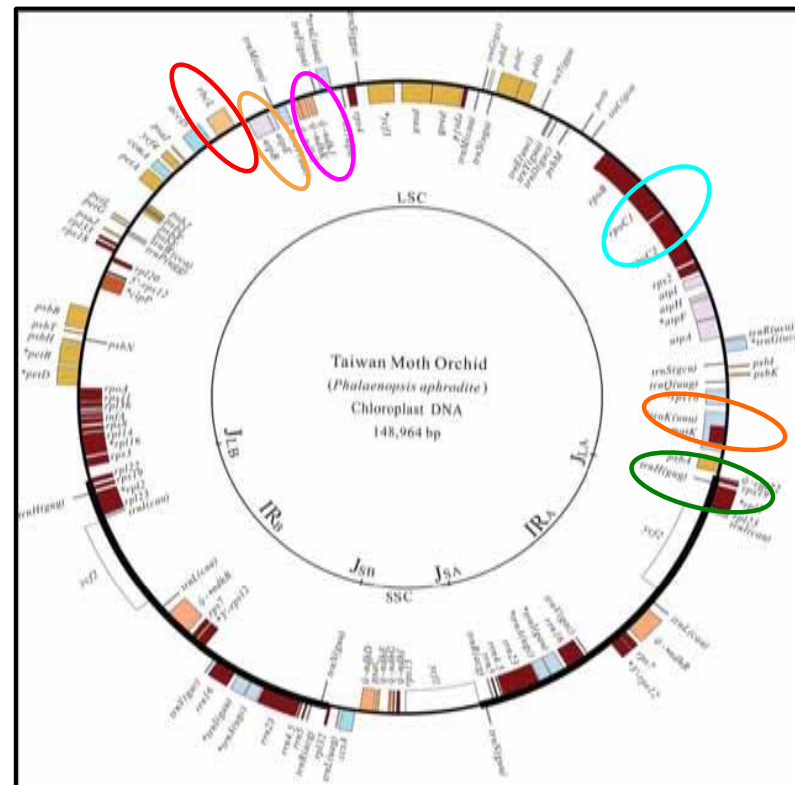
atpB

rpoC1

ndhJ

trnH-psbA

matK



Nuclear markers

Internal transcribed spacers of nuclear ribosomal DNA (nrDNA ITS) yields a good resolving power



Three major problems

- 1- Fungal contamination
- 2- Paralogous gene copies
- 3- Difficult to amplify/sequence

Plant barcode markers: *matk+rbcL*, nrDNA ITS

Four Barcoding components

3. Database construction of a public reference library of species identifiers which could be used to assign unknown specimens to known species. There are currently two main barcode databases that fill this role:

1. International Nucleotide Sequence Database Collaborative

GenBank, the Nucleotide Sequence Database of the EMBL in Europe, and the DNA Data Bank of Japan. - CBOL's data standards for barcode records.



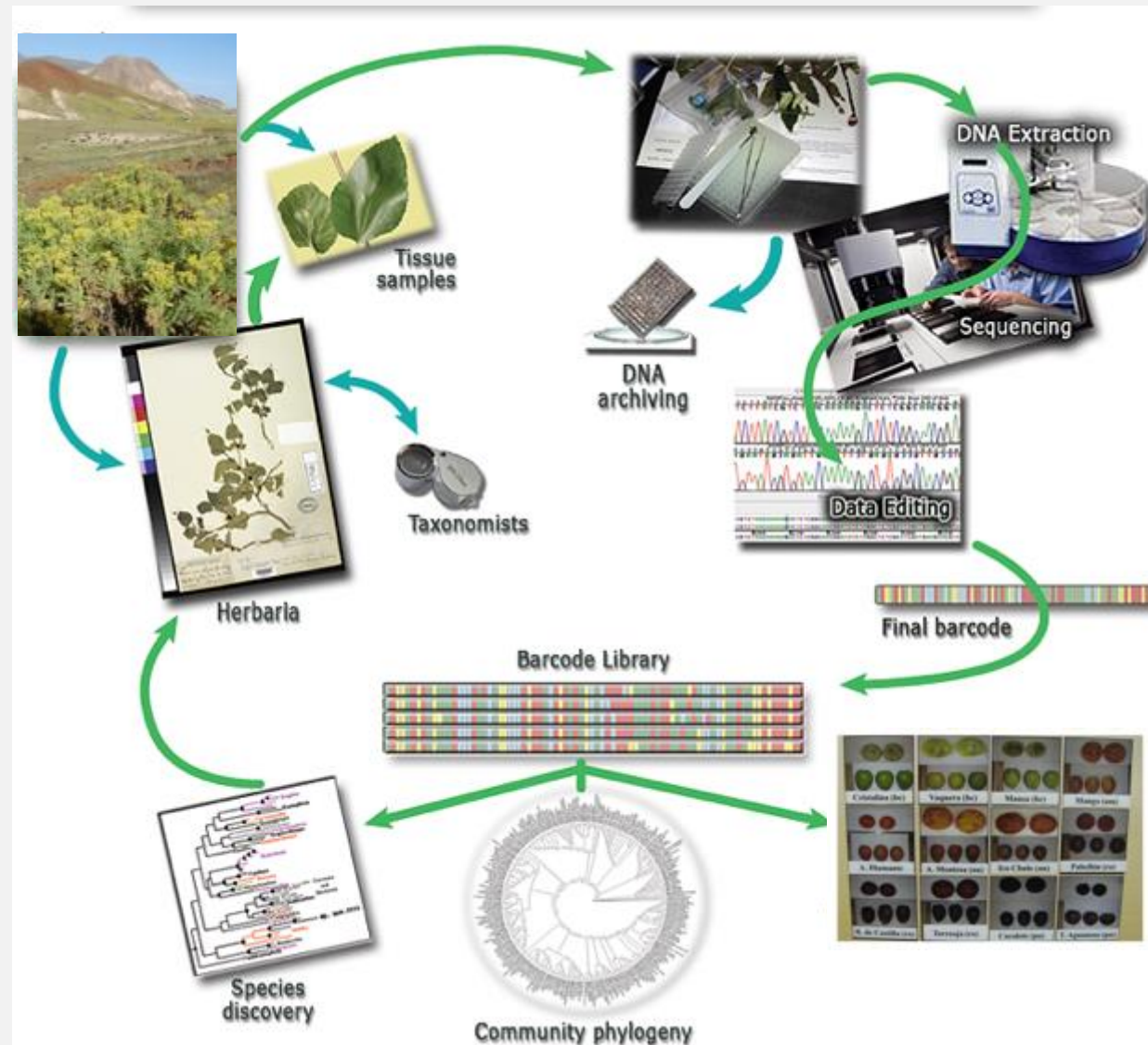
<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>

2. Barcode of Life Database (BOLD) created and is maintained by University of Guelph in Ontario.



<https://www.boldsystems.org/>

Plant DNA barcode cycle



Agri-Food Canada

Agroalimentaire Canada

DNA BARCODING



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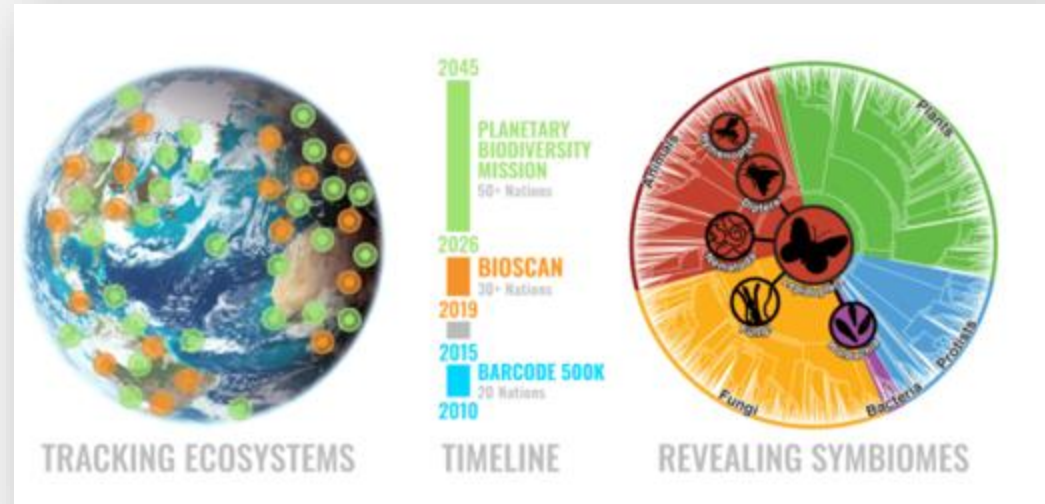
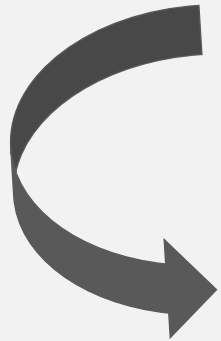


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Four Barcoding components

4. Data Analysis: Specimens are identified by finding the closest matching reference record in the database. CBOL's Data Analysis Working Group



Consortium for the Barcode of Life (CBOL) is an international initiative devoted to developing DNA barcoding as a global standard for the identification of biological species.



Major Sequence Repositories

GenBank or NCBI (all known nucleotide and protein sequences)

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Web/Genbank/

Ensembl (all known nucleotide and protein sequences)

www.ensembl.org/index.html

TIGR Gene Indices (non-redundant, gene oriented clusters)

www.tigr.org/tdb/tdb.html

Gene Expression

BodyMap (Human and mouse gene expression data)

bodymap.ims.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Gene Identification and Structure

EID (Protein-coding, intron-containing genes)

mcb.harvard.edu/gilbert/EID/

Exint (Exon-intron structure of eukaryotic genes)

intron.bic.nus.edu.sg/exint/extint.html

TRRD (Regulatory regions of eukaryotic genes)

www.mgs.bionet.nsc.re/mgs/dbases/trrd4/

Sequence Databases

3. Acquire a DNA barcoding sequence

1. DNA extraction



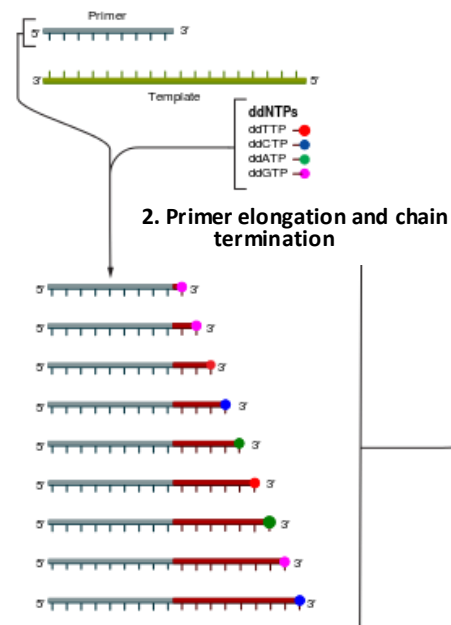
1. Reaction mixture:

- Primer and DNA template
- DNA polymerase
- ddNTPs with fluorochromes
- dNTPs

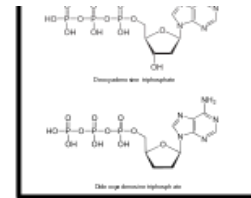


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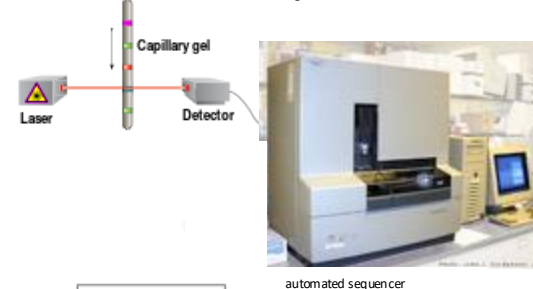
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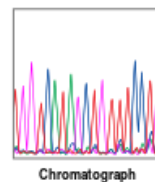
2. Primer elongation and chain termination



3. Capillary gel electrophoresis separation of DNA fragments



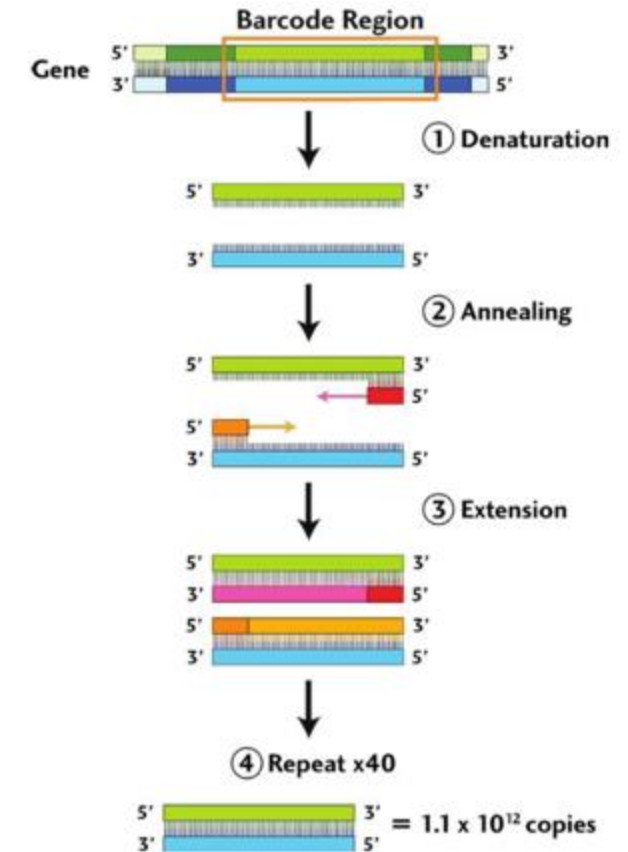
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Chromatogram

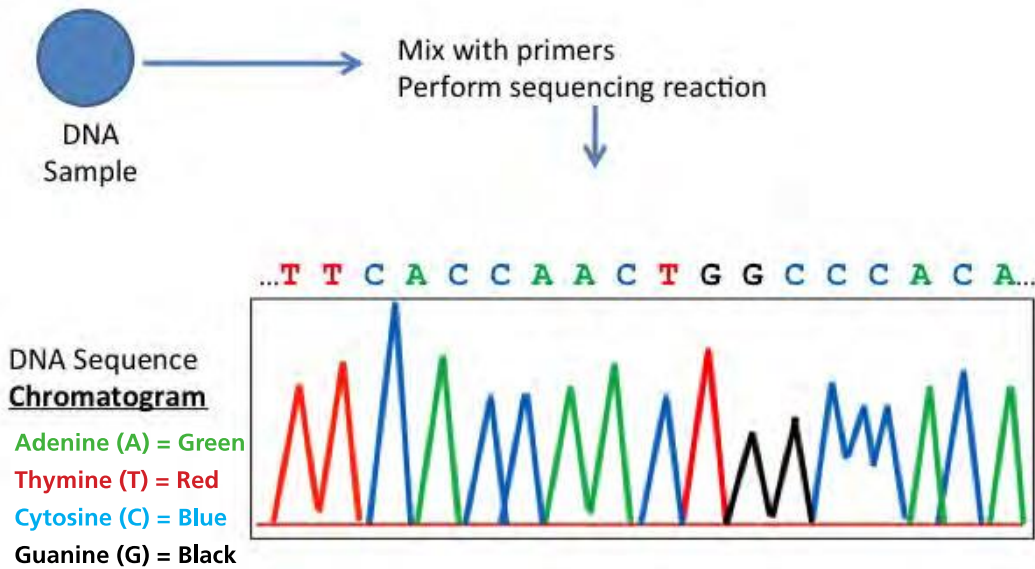
4. Laser detection of fluorochromes and computational sequence analysis

2. Barcode Region amplification by PCR

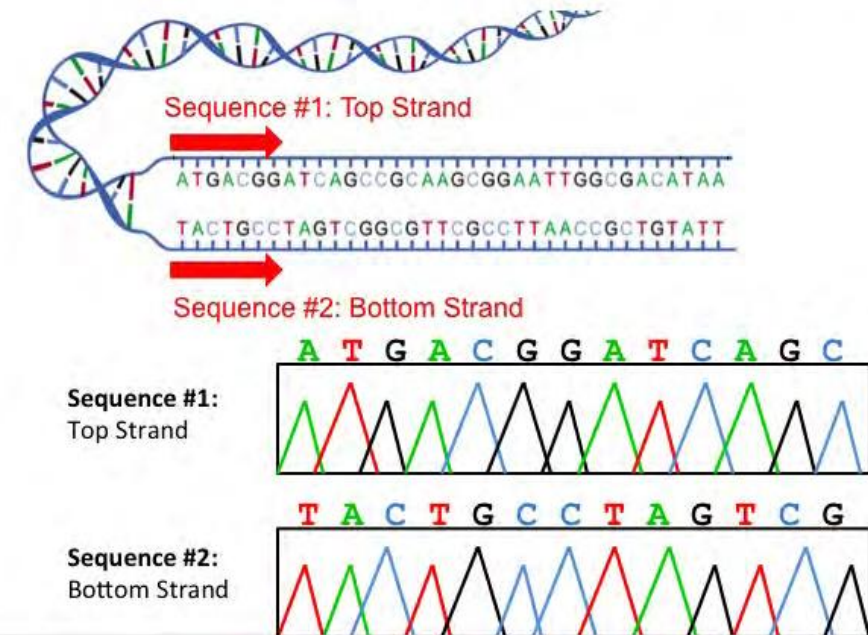


3. Acquire a Barcode sequence

Overview of DNA Sequencing



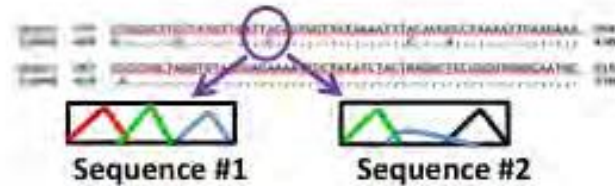
Sequence Both Strands of DNA



Analyzing DNA Sequences

Sequence #1:
Top Strand
A T G A C G G A T C A G C
T A C T G C C T A G T C G

Sequence #2:
Bottom Strand

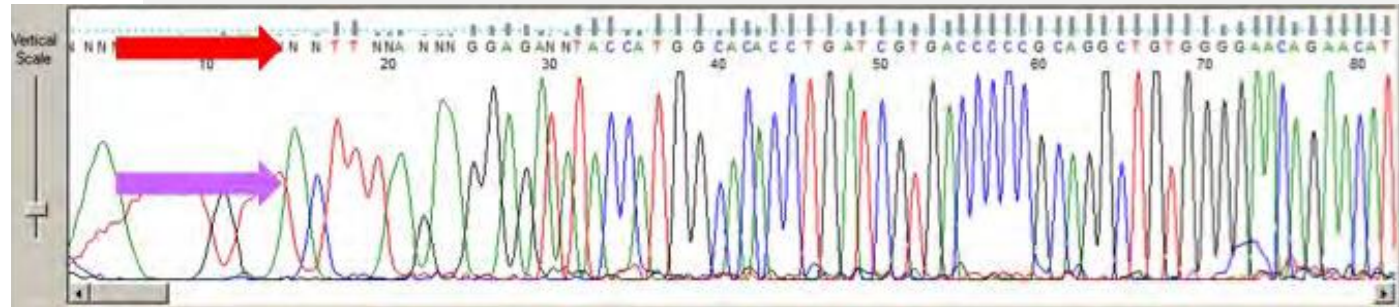
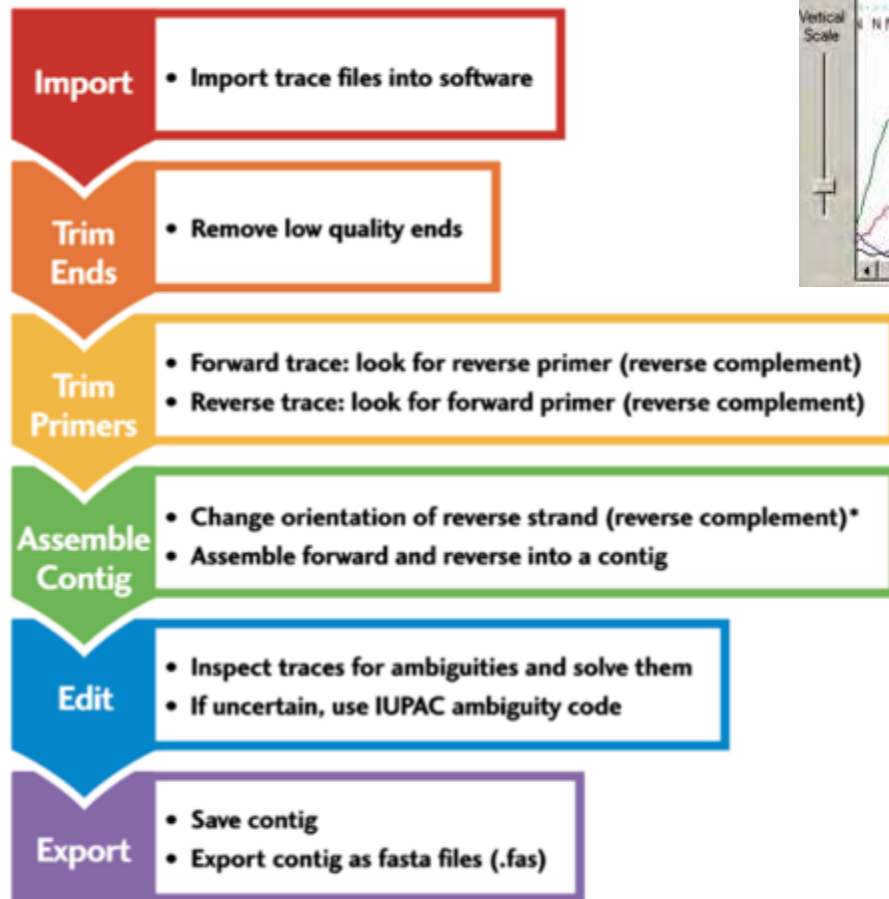


ATGCCGTAA
M P STOP



1. Obtain two chromatograms for each sample.
2. Align the sequences with BLAST.
3. Visualize the chromatograms using FinchTV. Compare BLAST alignments against base calls in chromatogram.
4. Review any differences and determine which base is most likely correct.
5. Edit and trim the DNA sequence using quality data.
6. Translate the sequence to check for stop codons.
7. Use BLAST to identify origin of sequence.
8. Use BOLD to confirm identity and make phylogenetic tree.

3. Viewing and analysing sequences



FASTA format

FASTA format is used to represent either nucleotide or peptide sequences. The first line is a comment line, beginning with ">" and describing the sequence. All the following lines are the sequence, in plain text.

Example DNA sequence in FASTA format:

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>gi|23423|ref|NM_23542.0| Homo sapiens protein
ATGAATCGATACGATAGCTAGCTATCGATGCA
GATCAGAGAGGGGCTTTAGCTAGCTAAGCTAG
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4. Building a consensus



BioEdit 7.2 Free

BioEdit is a biological sequence alignment editor

1

Import forward
and reverse
sequences
(.abi files)

2

Reverse
complement
reverse strand
and align both
strands

3

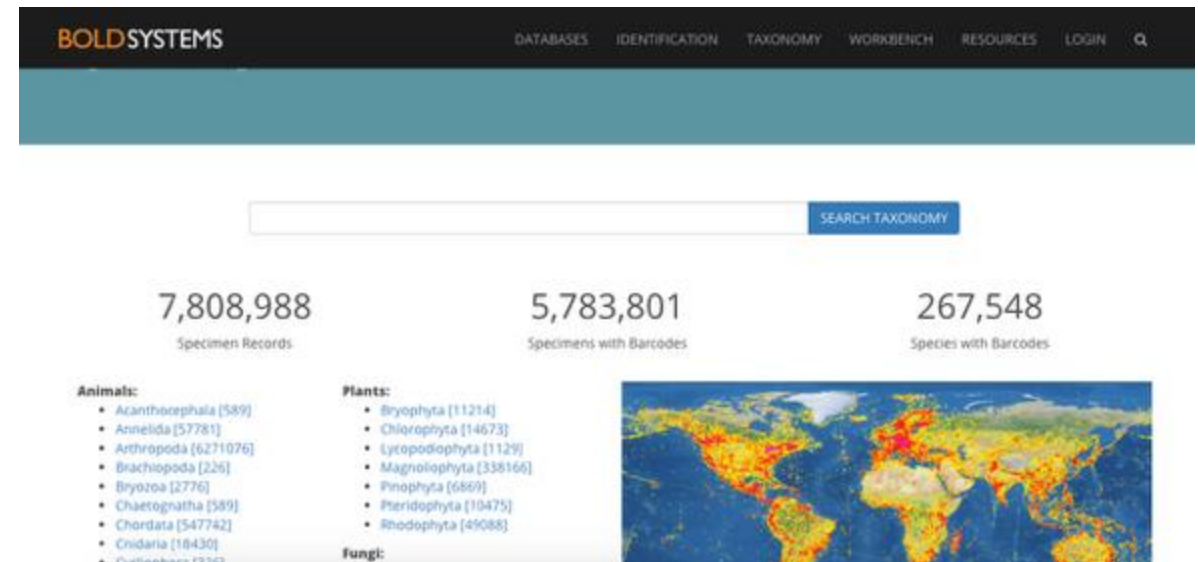
Create
consensus and
analyze
mismatches and
chromatograms
(save as .fas file)

The screenshot displays the BioEdit 7.2 Sequence Alignment Editor interface. The main window shows a sequence alignment file named 'C:\Dokumente und Einstellungen\schoenian\Eigene Dateien\Alignments\Bra85_May09.bio'. The alignment is displayed in a table format with columns for sequence identifiers and sequence data. The 'consensus' sequence is highlighted in blue. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Sequence, Alignment, View, Accessory Application, RNA, World Wide Web, Options, Window, Help) and a toolbar with various editing and analysis tools. A 'Nucleotide' menu is open, showing options like 'Reverse Complement', 'Base composition', and 'Translate'. The bottom of the window shows a chromatogram plot.

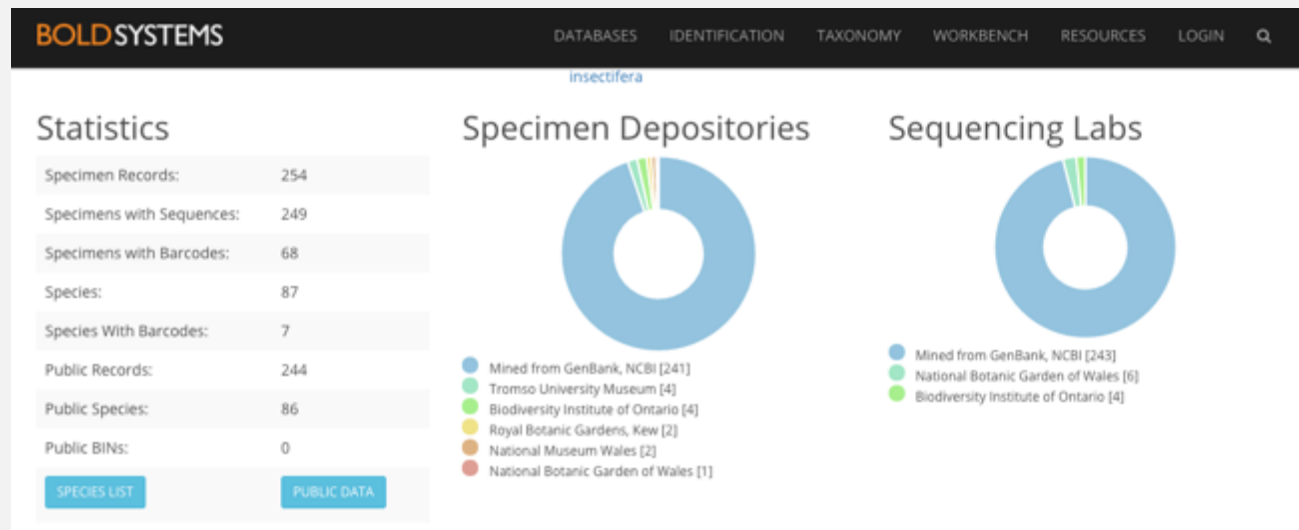
Bold database

Databases

Barcode Records for Fungi , Protists, Plants and Animals
834.5Kspecimens, 69.6K species, 2.1K institutions : 5.1K users



Example of BOLD information



BOLD SYSTEMS DATABASES IDENTIFICATION TAXONOMY WORKBENCH RESOURCES LOGIN

TAXONOMY BROWSER: *Ophrys*

Genus: *Ophrys*

Magnoliophyta / Liliopsida / Asparagales / Orchidaceae / *Ophrys*

Taxon Description (Wikipedia)

The genus ***Ophrys*** is a large group of orchids from the alliance Orchis in the subtribe Orchidinae. They are widespread across much of Europe, North Africa, the Canary Islands, and the Middle East as far east as Turkmenistan. [http://apps.kew.org/wcsp/name/detail.do?name_id=140696 Kew World Checklist of Selected Plant Families] These plants are remarkable in that they successfully reproduce through pseudocopulation, that is, their flowers mimic female insects to such a degree that amorous males are fooled into mating with the flowers, thereby pollinating them. There are many natural hybrids. They are referred to as the "**bee orchids**" due to the flowers of some species resemblance to the furry bodies of bees and other insects. Their scientific... [full article at Wikipedia](#)

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- Barcode of Life Database (BOLD)
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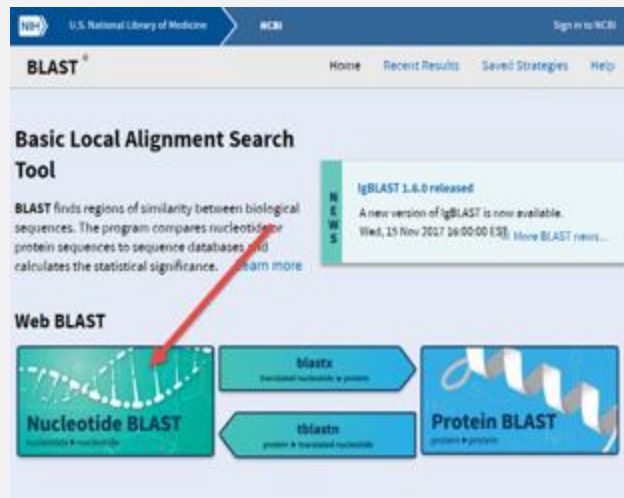


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Comparing our DNA sequence with database for species identification

BLAST (Basic Local Alignment Search Tool) is an online search tool provided by NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information). It allows you to “find regions of similarity between biological sequences” (nucleotide or protein).



This screenshot shows the 'Standard Nucleotide BLAST' search interface. The 'Enter Query Sequence' section has a text area containing a DNA sequence: `>COLFF759-13
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TITLE Direct Submission

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Patterns of genetic diversity in three plant lineages endemic to the Cape Verde Islands

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Species diversity and richness

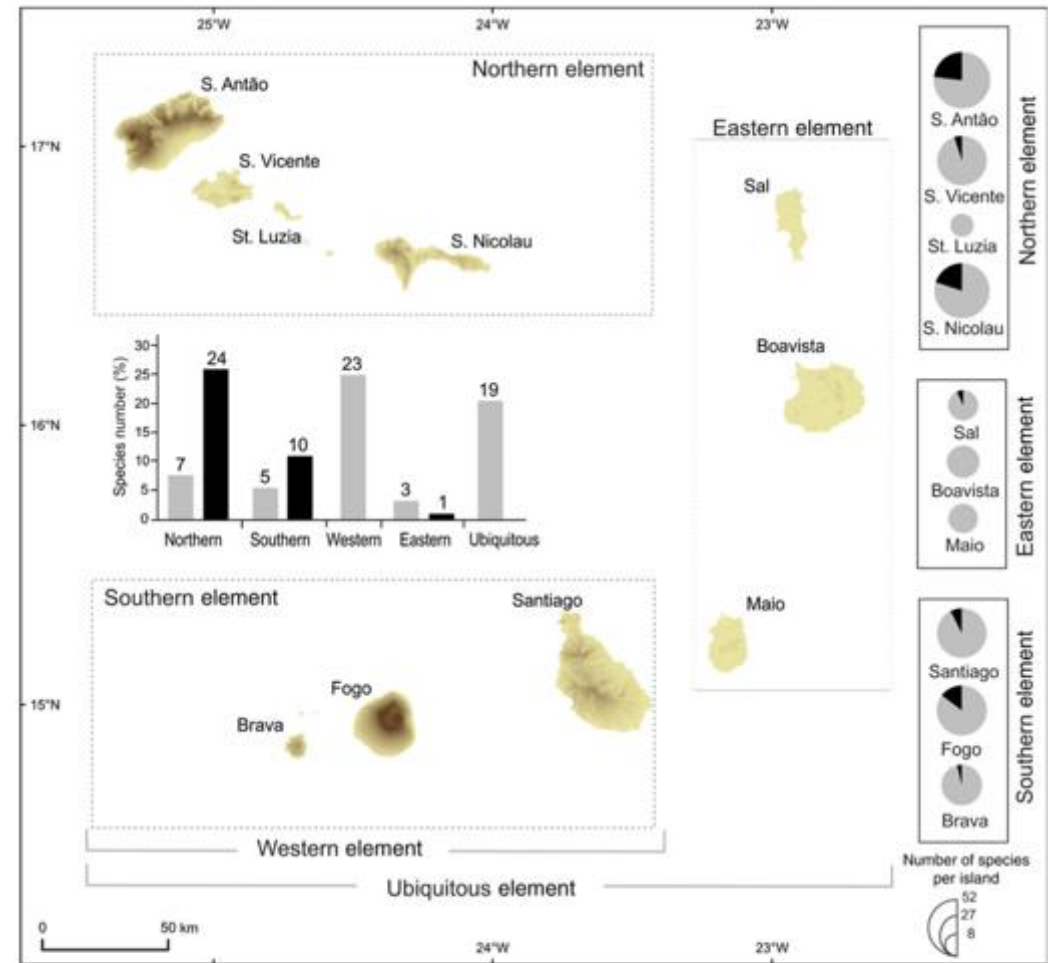
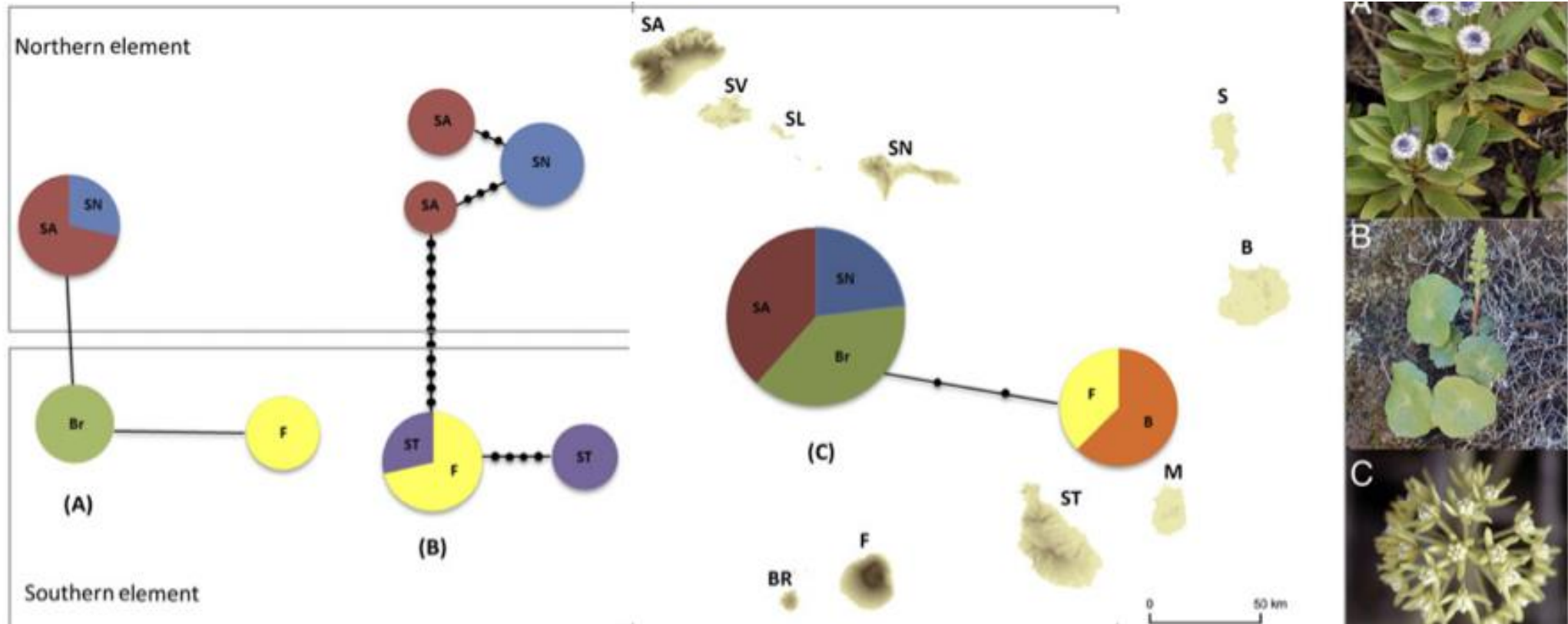


Figure 1. Relationship between the vascular endemic species of Cape Verde and their distribution within the five distributional elements: northern (i.e. Santo Antão, São Vicente, Santa Luzia and São Nicolau), southern (i.e. Santiago, Fogo and Brava), western (including species simultaneously present in northern and southern islands), eastern (i.e. Maio, Sal and Boavista) and ubiquitous (including species present in both western and eastern islands). The distribution of multi-island endemics—MIEs (grey) and single-island endemics—SIEs (black) in each island (right); and within the five distributional elements (bar graph in the centre; the number of taxa is placed above each bar).



Molecular data supporting
species identification and
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- Potential new species disclosed by molecular data?
- Reverse taxonomy assessment and diversity analyses

Application to wild useful plants

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