## DNA barcoding and FinBIF

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The need for identification of species and the taxonomic impediment

- The particular role of species
  - Everybody has an idea of 'species'
  - Central in all biological research
  - Central in legislation
  - Central in nature conservation
  - Central in food industry
  - Central for our own survival

The need to be able to delimit and identify species















# Are we currently able to read our biodiversity? The taxonomic impediment

- 10-50 M species globally
- <2 M species described so far</p>
- Limited and biased expertise
- Most groups too difficult to delimit/identify by traditional means (example: gall midges 6K described vs. 2M estimated)
- The situation in Finland better because of many species experts and lower number of species
- Still, many important groups lack experts or are not manageable without genetic tools



#### Solution: DNA barcoding

See Society

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#### **Biological identifications through DNA barcodes**

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Although much biological research depends upon species diagnoses, taxonomic expertise is collapsing. We are convinced that the sole prospect for a sustainable identification capability lies in the construction of systems that employ DNA sequences as taxon 'barcodes'. We establish that the mitochondrial gene cytochrome c oxidase I (COI) can serve as the core of a global bioidentification system for animals. First, we demonstrate that COI profiles, derived from the low-density sampling of higher taxonomic categories, ordinarily assign newly analysed taxa to the appropriate phylum or order. Second, we demonstrate that species-level assignments can be obtained by creating comprehensive COI profiles. A model COI profile, based upon the analysis of a single individual from each of 200 closely allied species of lepidopterans, was 100% successful in correctly identifying subsequent specimens. When fully developed, a COI identification system will provide a reliable, cost-effective and accessible solution to the current problem of species identification. Its assembly will also generate important new insights into the diversification of life and the rules of molecular evolution.



Keywords: molecular taxonomy; mitochondrial DNA; animals; insects; sequence diversity; evolution





## Canadian scientist's mission: Barcode every single species on earth

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# **DNA barcode** is a short standard region of the genome used to identify organisms into species



In animals, the barcode is 658 bp fragment of COI gene

## Benefits of DNA barcoding

- Works for fragments
- A single and same character used for all species
- Works for all stages of life
- Unmasks look-alikes
- Reduces ambiguity
- Speeds up species discovery and taxonomy
- Enables automatization of identification

#### MOLECULAR ECOLOGY RESOURCES

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### DNA barcode-based delineation of putative species: efficient start for taxonomic workflows

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#### Do DNA barcodes work?

Yes, they do!









Redwing

Fieldfare

Bumblebee Hon

Honey bee





## Huge potential of metabarcoding





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#### Revealing secret liaisons: DNA barcoding changes our understanding of food webs

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SHORT COMMUNICATION

#### Effective detection of indoor fungi by metabarcoding

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

WILEY Ecology and Evolution

Pellets of proof: First glimpse of the dietary composition of adult odonates as revealed by metabarcoding of feces

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## The scientific breakthrough of DNA barcoding





# To enable identification by DNA barcodes, we must build a **reference library:**

• International (iBOL) and national (FinBOL) efforts





5,739,959 Specimens with Barcodes 267,086 Species with Barcodes The primary storage for DNA barcodes and associated metadata is the BOLD database (www.boldsystems.org)



- BOLD specimen page contains full collection and taxonomic data of each record, including photographs of voucher specimens
- BOLD sequence page contains full sequence information of each record, including sequences, trace files and laboratory information report

## Finnish Barcode of Life and FinBIF

• Launch 2011

#### Several funders

- Finnish Cultural Foundation
- Kone foundation
- University of Oulu
- Ministry of the Environment
- International Barcode of Life project
- At present: Academy of Finland/FinBIF





KONEEN SÄÄTIÖ





Overview of barcoding progress in Finland (numbers based on collected in Finland or stored in Finnish Institutions)

- Specimens: 104,438
- Specimens with Sequences: 90,597
- Specimens with BINs: 75,097
- Distinct BINs: **16,799**











### DNA barcoding and FinBIF

- Each species page in FinBIF will include data of associated Finnish (and foreign?) DNA barcodes
- FinBOL data will be uploaded to Kotka. Records on Kotka database will include links to the associated BOLD records
- A tool to search for DNA barcoding data (available in BOLD) of Finnish species (and higher categories?)



# Imagine...

a world in which you can know the name of



#### This is the world that iBOL will build



International Barcode of Life Project Assembling the DNA barcode library of life