

The Botanical Collections of Belarus on the Internet

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To implement resolutions stated in the Convention of Biological Diversity and the National strategy and action plan for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity in the Republic of Belarus, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Protection in cooperation with Central Botanical Garden of NAS registers botanical collections of the country. The result of the joint effort is available at our web-site Botanical Collections of Belarus (<http://hbc.bas-net.by/bcb/>).

Structure and possibilities of the site: Collections' List - addresses, full descriptions, publications, contents of large and smaller collections of living plants and fossils (data is grouped according to collection type and its location on the territory of Belarus); Janitors - founders', caretakers' current curators' names, time if work with a particular collection; Exhibits - iconotheca; Search - having selected the necessary Latin or Russian name out of the list, the user gets collection' names in which appropriate specimens are maintained.

In September, 2001, the project represented 33 herbariums, 110 living vascular plants' collections, 5 microorganisms' and tissue cultures' collections, lists of 52 collections, including 10'000 plants' names belonging to 164 families, 114 genera, 7'750 species, subspecies, forms and sorts, about 43 publications and. It is suggested that the project data will be updated once a year.