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Dear Members of the GBIF Task Group

The Global Biodiversity Information Facility Secretariat would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to you for your participation and engagement as a member of the **GBIF Task Group on Data fitness for use in research on alien and invasive species**, which has performed its work from February to November 2016.

The contributions from this group have been key to help improving the fit of data on invasive alien species to the variety of significant uses required and requested by your research community. Your great work has been acknowledged by sharing the global news and the link to the final report [1, 2], however, I feel a need to further recognise your success by sending you this formal letter.

We sincerely hope that you found the experience of engaging in a GBIF Task Group both stimulating and enriching and that, as a result, we perhaps can count on you again in further initiatives related to alien and invasive species led by GBIF at various levels in the future. It is my great pleasure to recognise the ongoing efforts of the Task Group members in GRIIS, GEO BON and TDWG communities, as well as in your home countries and in the international research. Once again, many thanks for your participation and contribution.

[1] <http://www.gbif.org/newsroom/news/task-group-recommendations-on-alien-and-invasive-species>

[2] <http://www.gbif.org/resource/82958>

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donald Hobern".

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