

# **Global Biotic Interactions**

A Catalyst for Integrating Existing Species-Interaction Datasets

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### Sea otter lunch

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Flower

**Honey Bee** 

Global Biotic Interactions (GloBI) is a collaborative, open source, open data project that makes existing species-interaction datasets easier to discover and use.

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Sea otter

# a brief history

2011 - Jorrit meets Jim at Texas A&M College Station for . Ecological Integration Symposium.

## 2013 - Encyclopedia of Life Rubenstein Fellowship / . GloBI / GoMexSI born

2014 - Jorrit, Jim and Chris publish GloBI paper

<many citations, workshops, conferences, integrations later>

2019 - GloBI <> Terrestrial Parasite Tracker TCN



# in a nutshell

1. Existing openly accessible species interaction datasets in **any data format** are **registered** using https://globalbioticinteractions.org/contribute

2. **GIoBI** continually and automatically **indexes and links** most recent species interaction datasets.

3. **Users discover, access and improve** datasets via GloBI's many integrations, search pages, data archives or APIs.





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Example query: What do sea otters (Enhydra lutris) eat? or What do honey bees (Apis) pollinate?

What kind of organisms	do Tamias	get parasitized by   according to
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Some chipmunk (Tamias sp.) biotic associations **provided by Arctos** as indexed and linked by GloBI on 26 September 2019

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Simplified internal data model used by GloBI to integrate interaction data.



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## it takes a village to keep and share a record

**Data Mobilizers** 

#### **Data Providers**



#### **Data Integration**







#### **Ontology & Standards Communities**

Taxonomists

Ecologists OBO Foundry





#### **Data Users**



## linking all the things

Bidirectional links include Encyclopedia of Life, Gulf of Mexico Species Interactions, NCBI Taxonomy, World Register of Marine Species, iNaturalist, Fishbase and SeaLifeBase.

Outgoing links include UBERON (body parts, life stage, physiological state), EnvO, GeoNames, CMECS, FEOW, MEOW, TEOW, doi.org, ITIS, Open Tree of Life, NBN and ALA.

Link services include Global Names and CrossRef.





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"The advantage, and at the same time the difficulty, of ecological work is that it attempts to provide conceptions which can link up into some complete scheme the colossal store of facts about natural history which has accumulated up to date in this rather haphazard manner. [...] Until more organised information about the subject is available, it is only possible to give a few instances of some of the more clear-cut niches which happen to have been worked out."

Charles Elton, 1927, Animal Ecology.