World Register of Marine Species
Steering Committee meeting

2-4 May 2023

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Day schedule:

- Day 1 + 2 – 2-3 May
  - 9h – 12h30
  - 13h30 – 17h
  - Meeting dinner (day 1)

- Day 3 – 4th May
  - 9h – 12h30
  - 13h30 – 15h30

Tuesday May 2nd

9h00 – 10h30

- Opening of the SC meeting (Shane - Chris)
- General information and notifications (Leen)
- Approval of agenda – any items to be added (Shane/All)
- Action points from previous meetings (Shane)
- DMT reporting (Leen)
- Distribution working group
    - General update (Serge)
    - Distribution standardisation & compilation in WoRMS (Dias Bakeev, DMT)

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee/tea break

11h00 – 12h30

- Distribution working group continued.
- Images working group
    - General update (Gustav)

12h30 – 13h30 Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

- Improvement/changes of taxonomic information in WoRMS
    - Correction to scope of "Unaccepted>junior objective synonym" - can also apply when original name is different from original name of accepted taxon.
    - Ability to link family-group names to the original name because often it is useful to know at what rank a name was established.

15h00 – 15h30 Coffee/tea break

15h30 – 17h00

- Improvement/changes of taxonomic information in WoRMS (continued)
    - When a type taxon is selected by subsequent designation, can we include the ability to attach a reference?
    - Linking type data so that it displays not only for the basionym and accepted name but also for superseded combinations.

Option to continue until 17h30

Dinner at 19h, Oostende city (restaurant to be confirmed)

Wednesday May 3rd

9h00 – 10h30

- Renier names and what names we want in WoRMS (Chris)
- Update on the temporary names (summary about Tammy's manuscript by DMT).

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee/tea break

11h00 – 12h30

- Name matching and other global databases.

12h30 – 13h30 Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

- Environmental data
    - Zonation and bathymetric traits for marine taxa; altitude indication for terrestrial/freshwater taxa.
    - Possibility of aggregating fields checked at one taxonomic level to auto-populate at the higher levels, e.g. aggregating species environmental data to auto-populate fields for the genus etc.

15h00 – 15h30 Coffee/tea break

15h30 – 17h00

- Environmental data (continued).

Option to continue until 17h30

Thursday May 4th

9h00 – 10h30

- Focus for the next few years – taxonomic gaps and list of 13 priorities.
- Plan for the revised magnitude paper – Global Marine Biodiversity paper – version 2 (status, who?)

10h30 – 11h00 Coffee/tea break

11h00 – 12h30

- Aphia branding (DMT)
- WoRMS and the UN Ocean Decade (DMT)
- Short evaluations (DMT – all)
    - Top 10 (new committee, obtained outreach, etc.)
    - WoRMS 15 years
    - LifeWatch grants for workshops.

12h30 – 13h30 Lunch

13h30 – 15h00

- Next SC meetings
    - Virtual meeting – December
    - Physical meeting - timing (May/June) & location

- Wrap-up and summary of discussions (*Shane / Chris*)
    - Listing of action points *(Leen Vandepitte)*
    - Closure of SC meeting (*Shane*)

15h00 – 15h30 Official closing & goodbyes, with a coffee/tea

Option to stay until 17h30