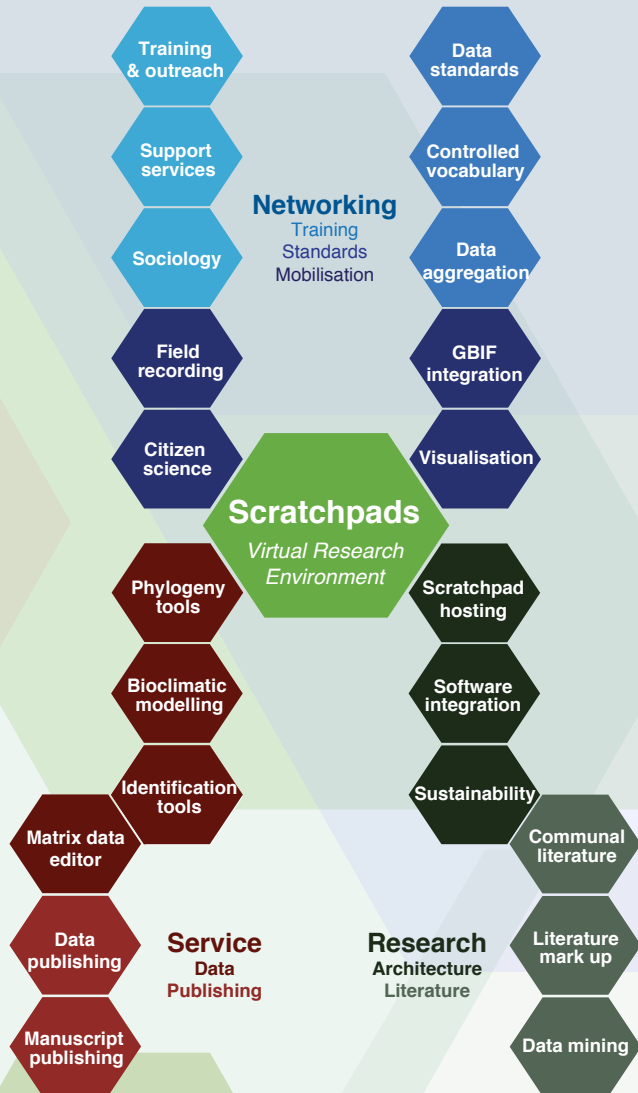


# ViBRANT *activities*



## Who is doing it?

Natural History Museum (UK)  
 Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (EL)  
 Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (BE)  
 Oxford e-Research Centre (UK)  
 Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL)  
 Julius Kühn-Institut (DE)  
 Museum für Naturkunde (DE)  
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 Vizzuality (ES)  
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## Get connected... Join or start a Scratchpad!

<http://scratchpads.eu>

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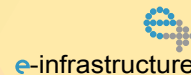
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## Supporting biodiversity research communities

Providing a more integrated and effective framework for those managing biodiversity data on the Web

### ViBRANT in a nutshell

- A virtual research environment ([Scratchpads](#)) where users can safely store, share and manage their research information.
- [Analytical services](#) for users to build identification keys and phylogenetic trees.
- A [publication platform](#) for users to automatically compile biodiversity science manuscripts from their Scratchpad.
- A [portal](#) for users to centrally access publicly accessible biodiversity research information and literature.
- [Training, support](#) and [sociological studies](#), extending the use of these tools in the research community.
- A standards compliant open source [technical architecture](#) that can be sustained by the biodiversity research community.

## Connecting people

ViBRANT connects people studying biodiversity regardless of their location. Each community website (Scratchpad) contains tools & services so that the data are shared to study biodiversity in all its different facets.



## Connecting science

ViBRANT bridges the gap between the producers and consumers of taxonomic information, providing the tools for professional and citizen scientists to help explain and predict the distribution of life on Earth.



## Connecting data

Information about biodiversity is scattered in a myriad of different places. ViBRANT helps defragment this information providing a window on the natural world that can be filtered according to user needs.



Scratchpads: a social networking tool to build, share & publish information on the diversity of life...