

# EDIT Workshop ,ATBI+M fieldwork methods Manual'



Las Palmas de Gran Canaria  
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The "European Distributed Institute of Taxonomy" (EDIT) is an initiative of 27 European, North American and Russian institutions to build a network in "Taxonomy for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Research" ([www.e-taxonomy.eu](http://www.e-taxonomy.eu)).

EDIT aims to strengthen the input of taxonomic expertise for biodiversity conservation, and coordinates the participation of taxonomists and experts in ATBI+M projects (All Taxa and Biodiversity Inventories + Monitoring). ATBI+M are large-scale field efforts to record, identify, and document the entire biodiversity in given conservation areas, and will form the basis for monitoring biodiversity changes over time.

At present, two European ATBI+M sites are fully operational with excellent opportunities for inventory and monitoring field work (National Park Mercantour/Alpi Marittime (France/Italy) and Gemer (Slovakia). Outside Europe, a first ATBI+M site will be started in Tanzania (Udzungwa Mountains NP) soon (please see [www.atbi.eu](http://www.atbi.eu) for further details).

## Workshop scope

EDIT WP7 will support the production of a manual with individual chapters on suitable fieldwork methods for all ATBI+M sites. This manual shall be a valuable source of information to various parties wishing to pursue research on ATBI+M sites, including professional taxonomists, students, national park staff and others interested.

Fieldwork on ATBI+M sites Mercantour/Alpi Marittime



## Call for papers

We invite manuscripts for the manual addressing methodologies, technologies and case studies on e.g. the following topics (including review papers):

Birds & mammals surveys; Bioacoustics; Caves; Collection of large biodiversity inventories; Electronic data recording in the field; DNA Collection & Preservation; GPS & Georeferencing; Light trapping; Malaise & flight interception; Limnology; Litter & soil sampling; Marine sampling; Photographic documentation in the field; Vegetation recording techniques.

Guidelines for authors will be available once we have a confirmed number of chapters.

## Venue – how to get there & financial support

The meeting will be held in Jardín Botánico Canario "Viera y Clavijo", Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

We will reserve accommodation in a hotel in Las Palmas for you and reimburse the costs. We will also organise your flight to Gran Canaria. More details will be available once your participation is confirmed.

## Workshop schedule

Sat (24): Arrival, Icebreaker (evening)

Sun-Tue: Introduction of ATBI+M sites by National Park representatives and of manual's scope by WP7.

Authors will present a methodology, within their taxonomic specialties, relevant to the ATBI+M sites (15min PowerPoint presentation).

Presentations will be discussed afterwards (max. 15min), and we will ask you to prepare a manuscript.

Wed (28): Field trip (Optional) or Departure.

## Important deadlines

12 Jan 2008: Abstract submission

24-28 Jan 09: Workshop; Presentations & Paper discussion

30 Apr 2009: Manuscript submission, peer-review

01 July 2009: Revised manuscripts due

30 Sep 2009: Manual in print

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