

Museum für Naturkunde (MfN)

Leibniz Institute for Research on Evolution and Biodiversity



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WHO WE ARE

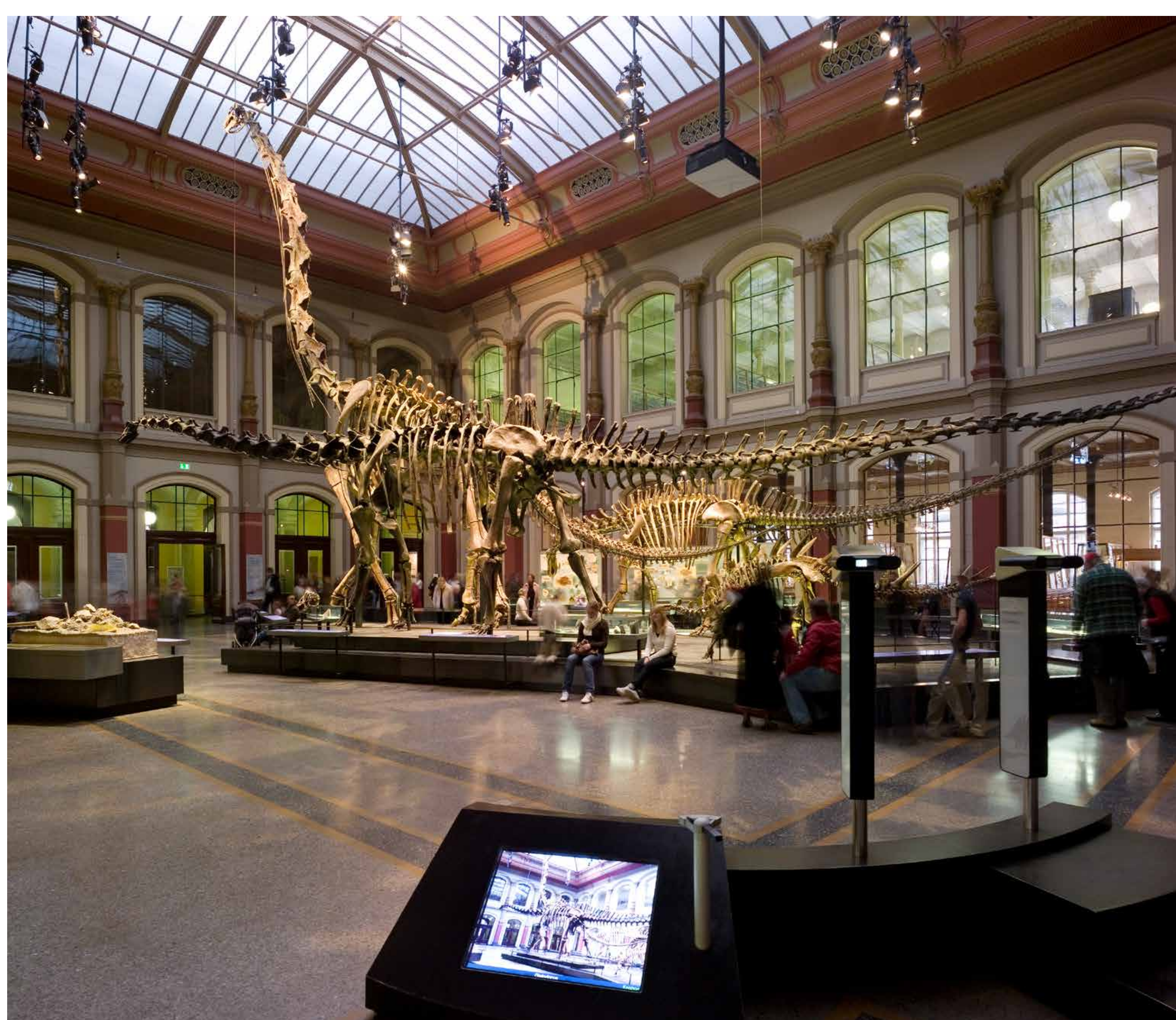
The Museum für Naturkunde (MfN) is as an independent foundation a member of the Leibniz Association, and remains affiliated with the Humboldt University Berlin. The research museum devotes itself to basic research and education in all fields of natural history focussing on biodiversity, evolution, and earth sciences. Facilities at the MfN comprise a variety of general and high-end laboratories (SEM, TEM, isotope analysis, 3D-CAD/visualization, etc.), a large scientific library (over 175,000 titles and 1,000 journals), and a recently upgraded ICT-infrastructure. It employs around 70 permanent scientific staff, houses collections with more than 30 million scientific specimens, and the museum exhibitions are seen by more than 500,000 visitors each year.

WHAT OUR EXPERIENCE IS

The MfN has considerable research experience and capacities in the areas of biodiversity discovery, recording, monitoring, assessment, and information management, as well as in providing policy advice and support. The MfN is involved in and taking up active roles in relevant national and international political processes, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), GBIF, DIVERSITAS, and IPBES.

WHAT WE DO IN EU BON

- » Administration and management of the consortium, target oriented implementation of the project goals
- » Facilitating collaboration between the coordinator, the individual consortium members, and the EC scientific and administrative units; communication within the consortium
- » Integration of taxonomic backbone data
- » Analysis and modelling the status and trends of biodiversity
- » Support the overall EU BON strategy and policy links



IN EU BON WE MAINLY CONTRIBUTE TO

- WP 1** Data sources: requirements, gap analysis and data mobilization
- WP 4** Link environment to biodiversity: analyses of patterns, processes and trends
- WP 7** Implementation of GEO BON: strategies and solutions at European and global levels
- WP 9 (Lead)** Consortium management and organization

WE ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN

- » CETAF
- » OpenUp!
- » SYNTHESYS
- » Fauna Europaea
- » ViBRANT
- » GBIF-D

Dr. Christoph Häuser



- » Coordinator of the EU BON Project
- » Leading the Office for International Cooperation and Project Coordination at the MfN Directorate.
- » Research interests: applications of information technology to taxonomy, biodiversity characterization and assessment; systematic entomology (Lepidoptera), evolutionary biology

Dr. Anke Hoffmann



- » Scientific coordinator for the EU BON project
- » Experienced in project management of several biodiversity projects
- » Research interests: Biodiversity of arid and rainforest ecosystems; Population ecology of small mammals

Dr. Katrin Vohland



- » Working at the science-policy interface
- » Involved in coordinating the national platform and forum for biodiversity research (NeFo)
- » Research interests: climate change and biodiversity, public engagement with science

Johannes Penner



- » Freelance consultant and research staff
- » Research interests: mainly interested in African amphibians and reptiles and macro-ecological questions, using a variety of statistical tools and environmental niche modelling