

Australia wishes to bring to the attention of delegates some particular advances made with respect to the development of relevant tools and methodologies in Australia.

I refer to the Atlas of Living Australia which is a spatially and taxonomically explicit aggregating infrastructure for biodiversity data and information – making it accessible and available via the internet

Available at [www.ala.org.au](http://www.ala.org.au)

The ALA has also developed a package of tools with which to analyse biodiversity data. These tools can be downloaded for your use on your datasets – not just applicable for the datasets within the ALA or for our national biodiversity information

Entry to information made accessible by the Atlas is via names of organisms – so we have developed a verifiable underpinning taxonomic basis for this facility.

Australia would like to share these experiences and applications with other countries.