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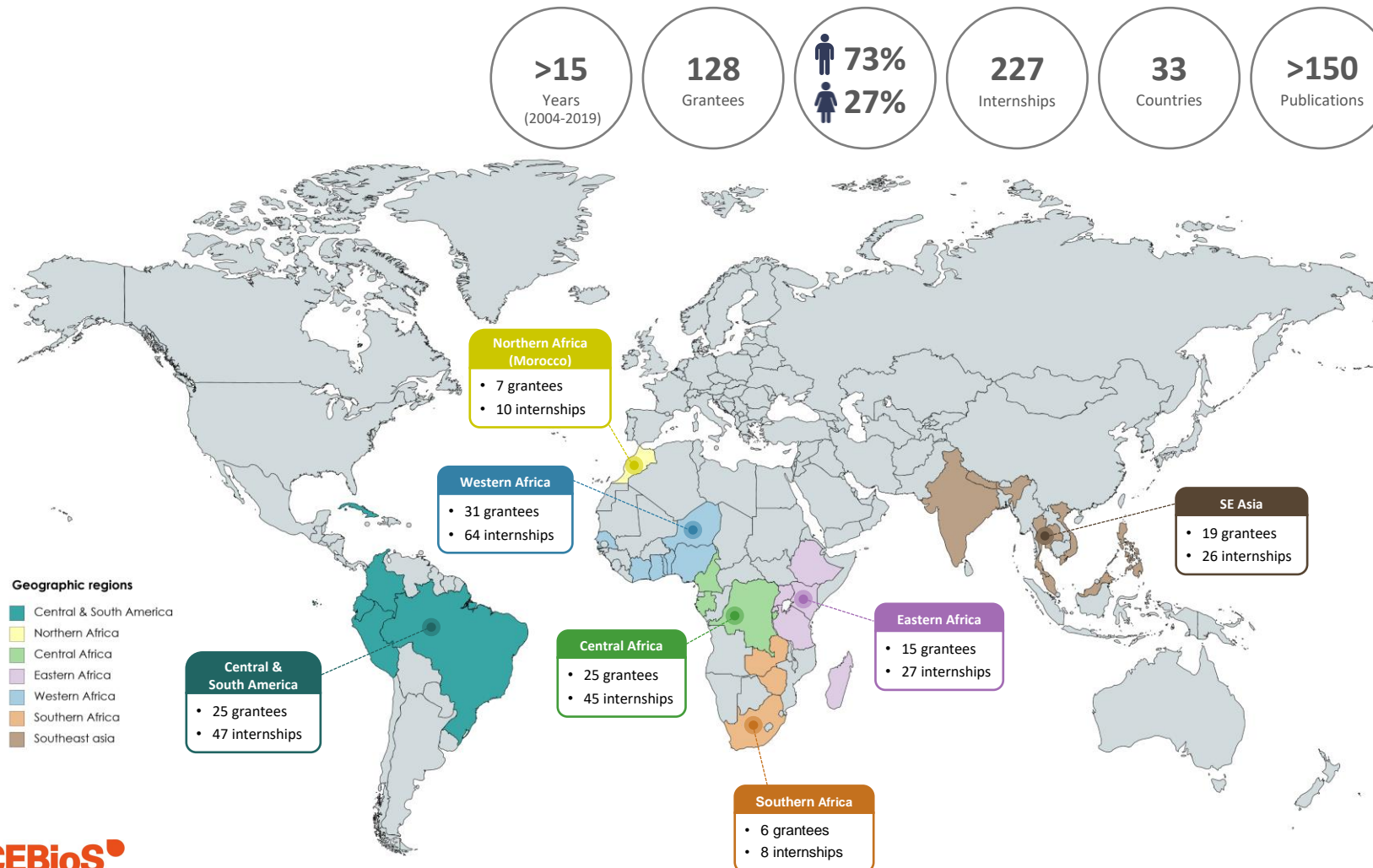
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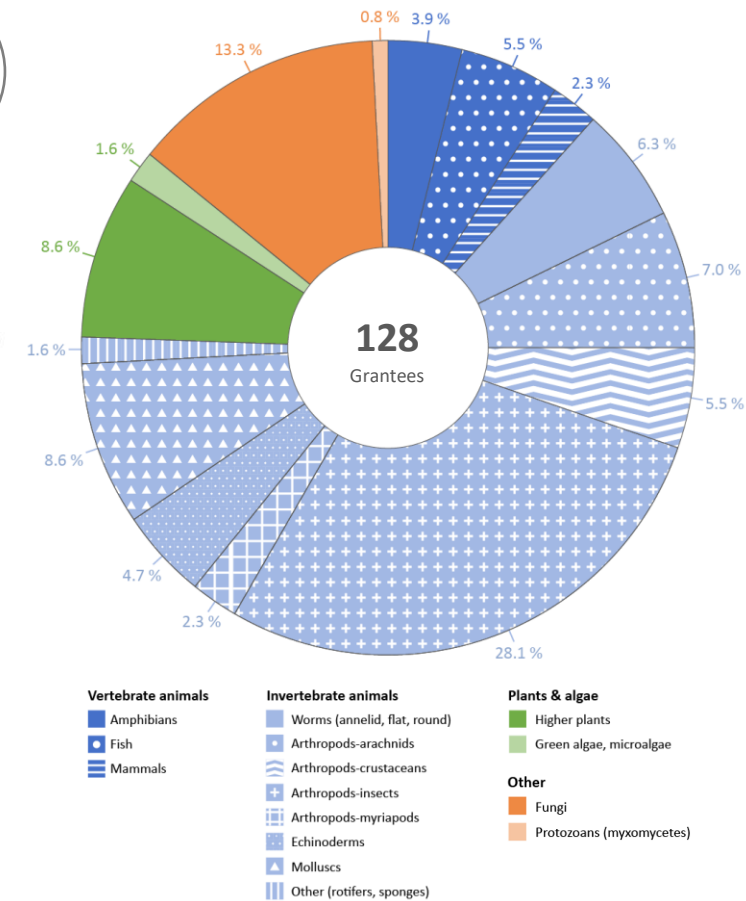
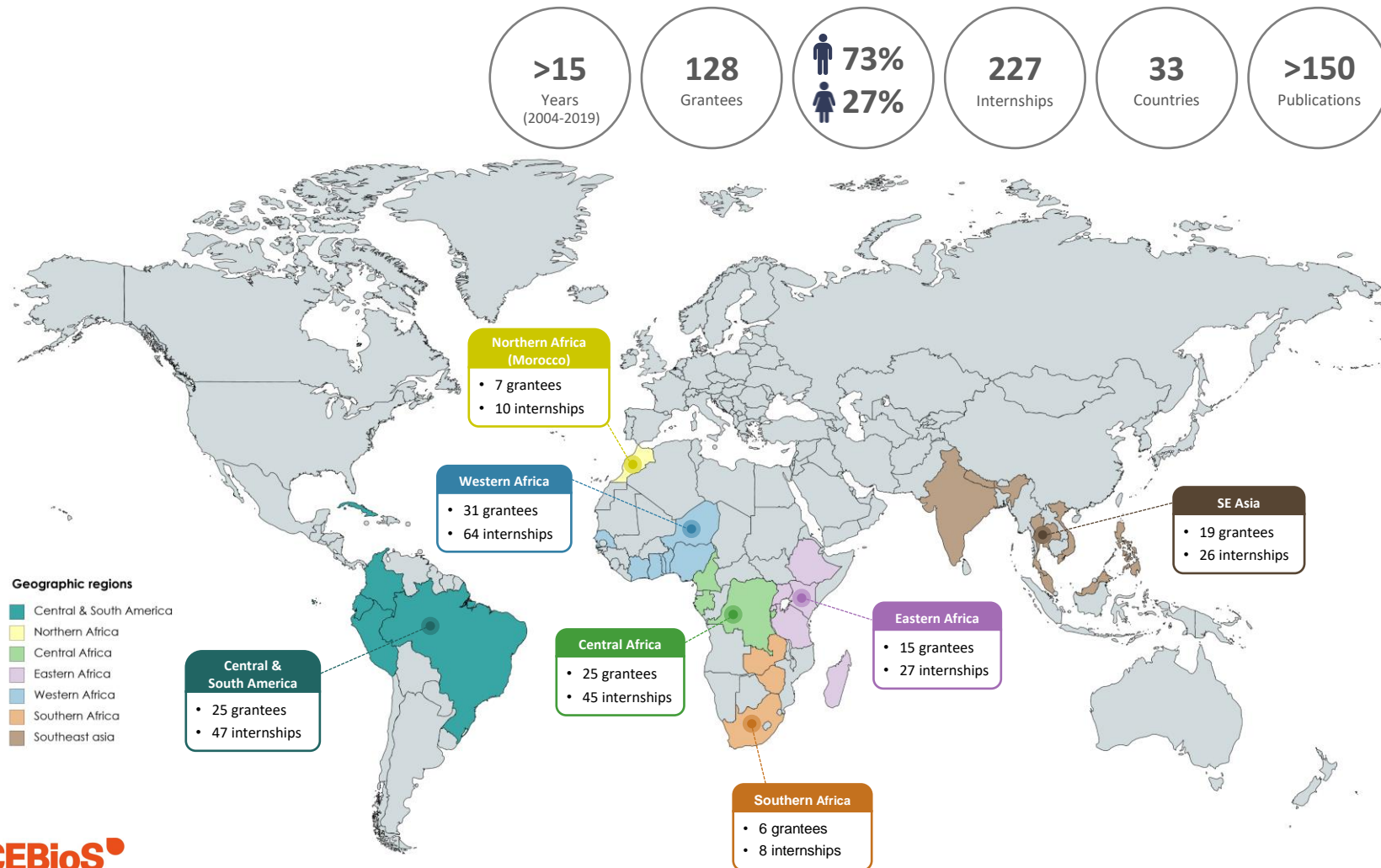
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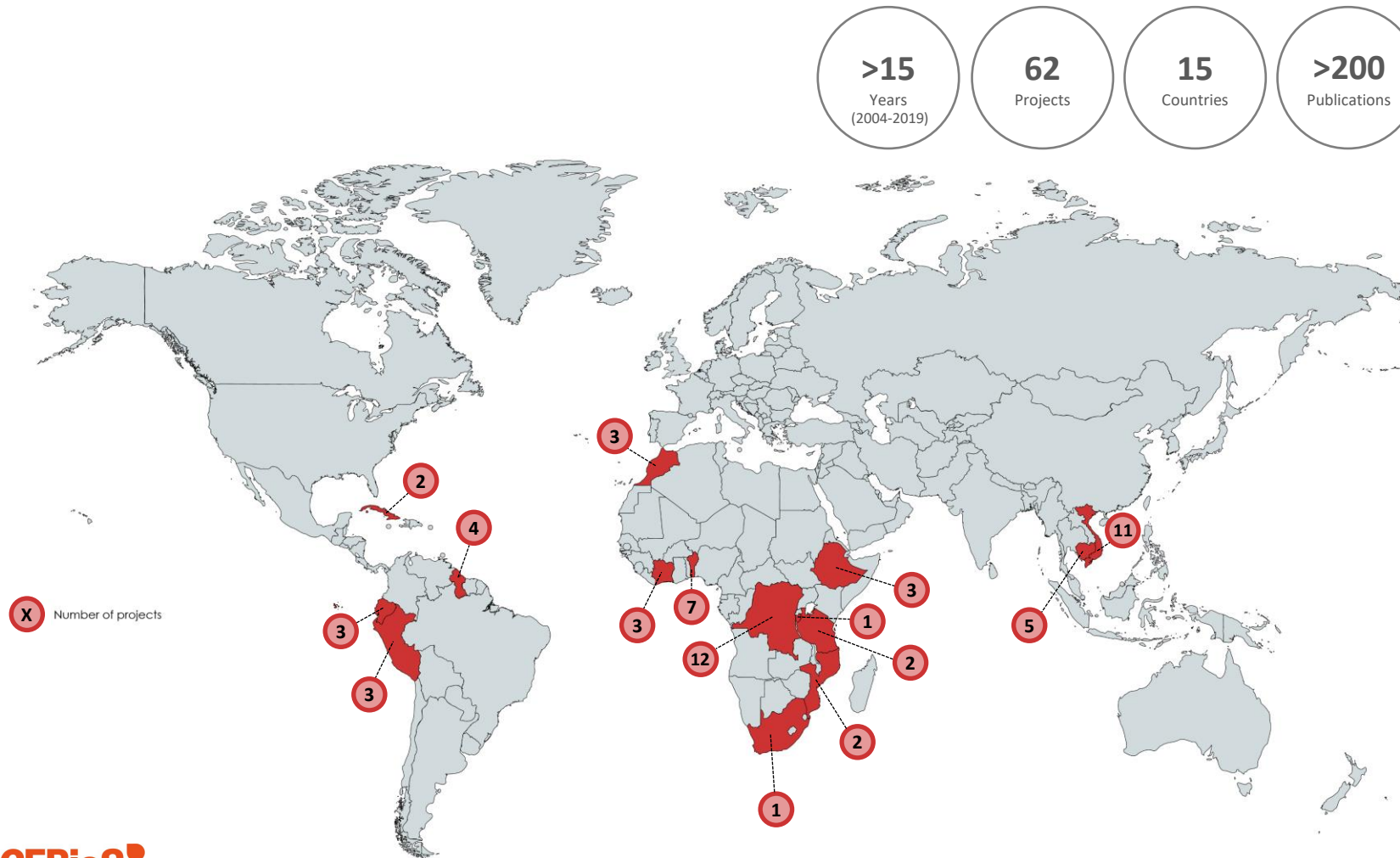
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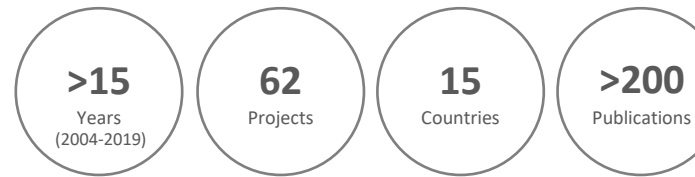
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First record of the cicadas genus *Orientopsaltria* Kato, 1944 (Hemiptera: Cicadidae) from Vietnam, with description of one new species

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Collecting bees on Mount Meru in Tanzania and the discovery of a new cleptoparasitic species of *Lasioglossum* (Hymenoptera: Apoidea: Halictidae)

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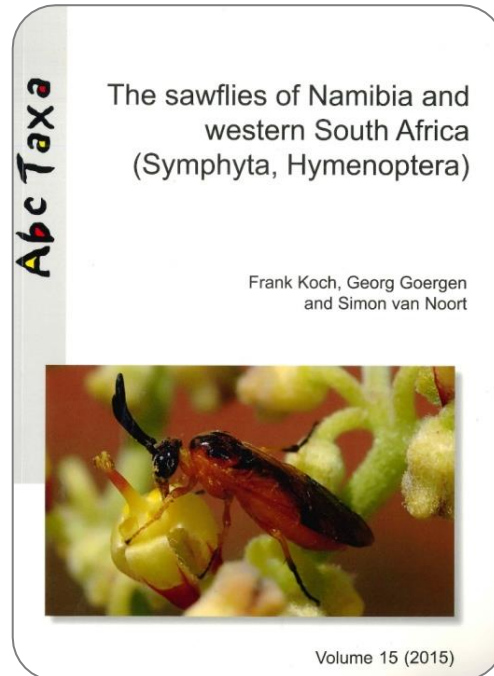
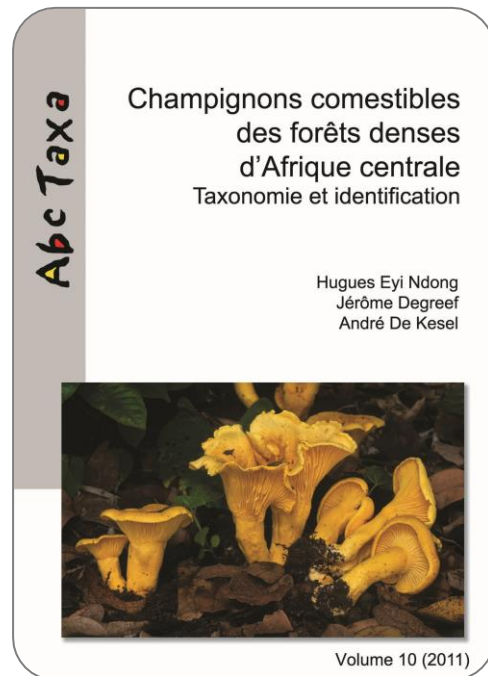
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1.3 Knowledge transfer via free publications

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<http://www.abctaxa.be/>



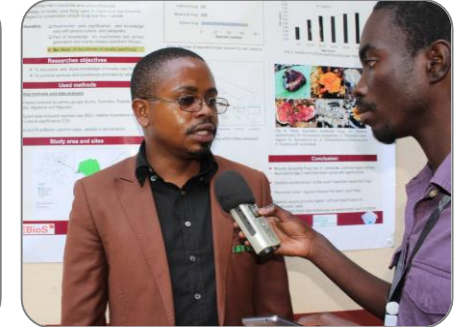
Series of peer-reviewed manuals dedicated to:

- Capacity building in zoological & botanical taxonomy
- Collection management
- Good practices in taxonomic and curatorial research

1 to 2 Volumes a year
→ Volume 20 is out now!

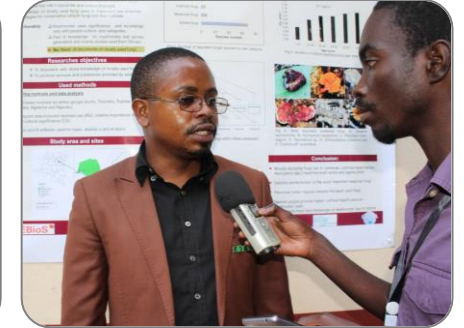
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4. Assisting GTI alumni in writing **Policy Briefs**, aimed at **decision makers** in their countries
5. Organizing **uptake meetings** (first one took place in **2017** in Vietnam)



Policy Brief Vietnam



http://www.taxonomy.be/gti_calls/grants_awarded/grants-rbins-2014/constant-and-grootaert-vietnam/policy-brief-vietnam

3. Some priorities for the post-2020 period

1. Addressing the need for **long-term capacity development outcomes and sustainable funding of human and institutional taxonomic capacities** in the Long-Term Strategic Framework for Capacity Development beyond 2020
2. Establishing/strengthening **networks and partnerships for cooperation in taxonomy** (mobilizing capacities and sharing knowledge, expertise, technologies and financial resources; e.g., joint training courses)
3. Further investing in easy access to and the generation/use/analysis of **digital information** (e.g., digitized collections) and more specifically **digital sequence information (DSI)**
4. Increasing the applicability of molecular classification and identification techniques, such as **DNA barcoding and metagenomics** (context DSI, integrative taxonomy)
5. Enhancing the interface between taxonomic/biosystematics research and policy (**science-policy interface**) to support **informed decision-making processes**
6. Integrating a **gender perspective** (towards a gender-responsive post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework)

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