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Dear Taxonomist

CONSTRUCTING AN E-FLORA FOR SOUTH AFRICA BY 2020

The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) has committed, on behalf of South Africa, to compile a national Flora by 2020. As a result the e-Flora of South Africa project was initiated in 2013 with the aim to collect floristic information for all species within the country. Information will be published in an online, open access website hosted by SANBI and will also be shared with the World Flora Online (WFO) global initiative. This collaboration was established in reaction to the updated Targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation 2011-2020 (COP, 2010, <http://www.cbd.int/decision/cop/default.shtml?id=12283>).

The e-Flora of South Africa project is an ambitious one and to achieve this target, it was decided to harvest data from published literature. Sources will be included in the reference list and where information is used verbatim, a recommended attribution will be provided to the original publication. This project will offer taxonomists an ideal way to promote their taxonomic work without detracting value and impact from their original publication(s).

We invite you to participate in this exciting national project by giving SANBI permission to use your published work for which you are first or corresponding author. Please sign the agreement on the following page and return the letter to the e-Flora Coordinator (m.leroux@sanbi.org.za). If possible, also send electronic copies of your articles, preferably in WORD format or alternatively in PDF format.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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