



To the members of The Environment and Regional Planning Committee
of the Danish Folketing

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Dear members of The Environment and Regional Planning Committee,

The Global Biodiversity Facility (GBIF) is an international organisation with the overall mission to make scientific data about the world's biodiversity freely and universally accessible via the internet for science, for conservation and for a sustainable management of the world's biodiversity resources.

The GBIF Headquarters was located in Copenhagen in 2001 after an open competition among member countries of GBIF.

The GBIF Governing Board meets on 6-8 October 2009 in Copenhagen for its annual meeting with representatives from member countries.

GBIF has a tradition for combining its Board meeting with a one day scientific - policy related arrangement - our Science Symposium - which is open to the general public.

This year the theme has been selected in light of the upcoming very important COP meeting in Copenhagen in December, and is on

'Marine Biodiversity and Climate Change'

The GBIF Science Symposium will take place on 7th October at the Geocenter Denmark, Øster Voldgade 10, 1350 Copenhagen K.

*The preliminary programme for the symposium is available at:
<http://qb16.gbif.org/GBIF-science-symposium-09-Preliminary%20Programme.pdf>*

You are hereby cordially invited to the Science Symposium. Please use the following link <http://qb16.gbif.org/GB16req/stage0> and choose the box for free events to register for the symposium should it have your interest.

With kind regards

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