

Collaboration in BHL

*Inspiring Discovery through
Free Access to Biodiversity Knowledge*



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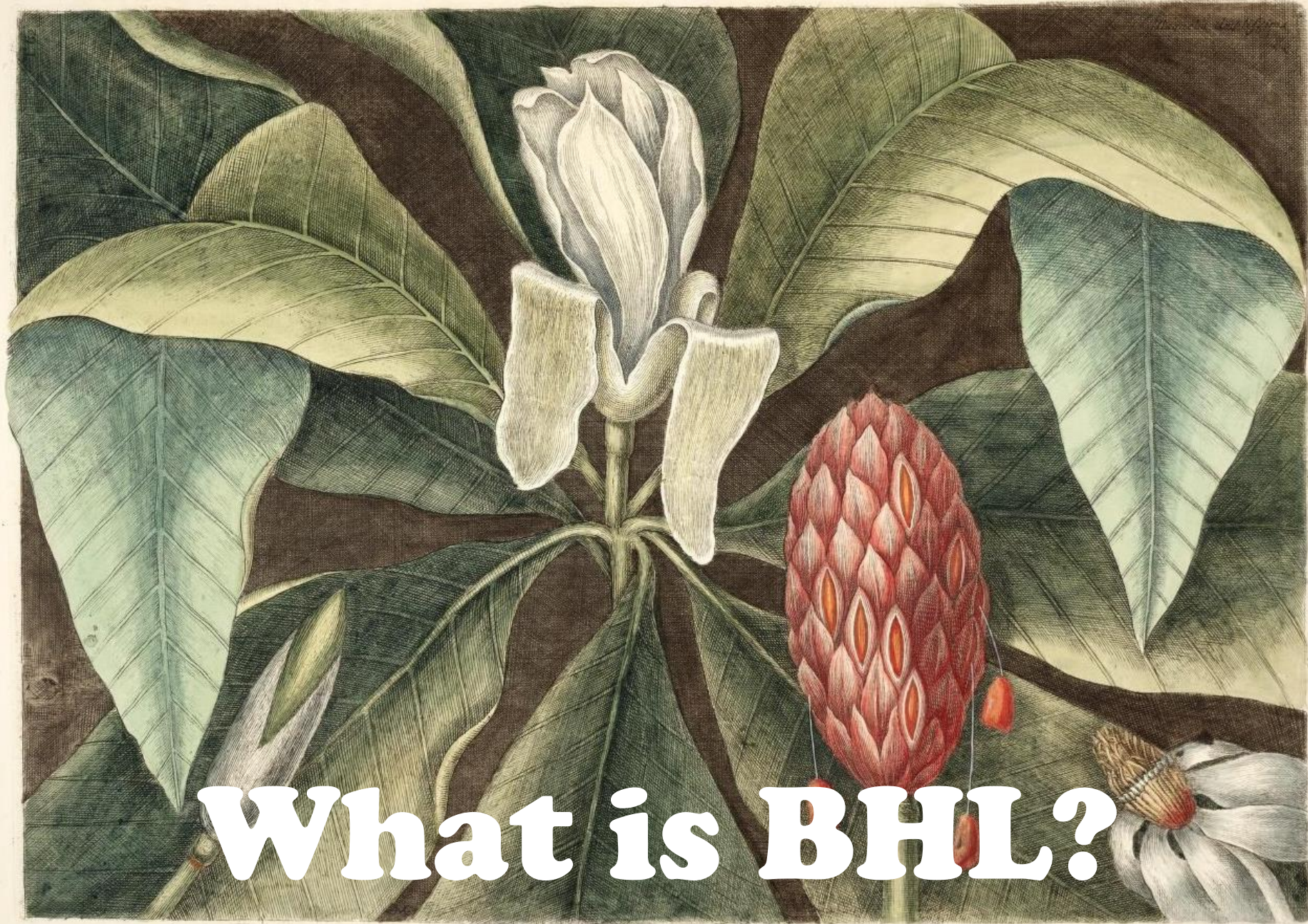


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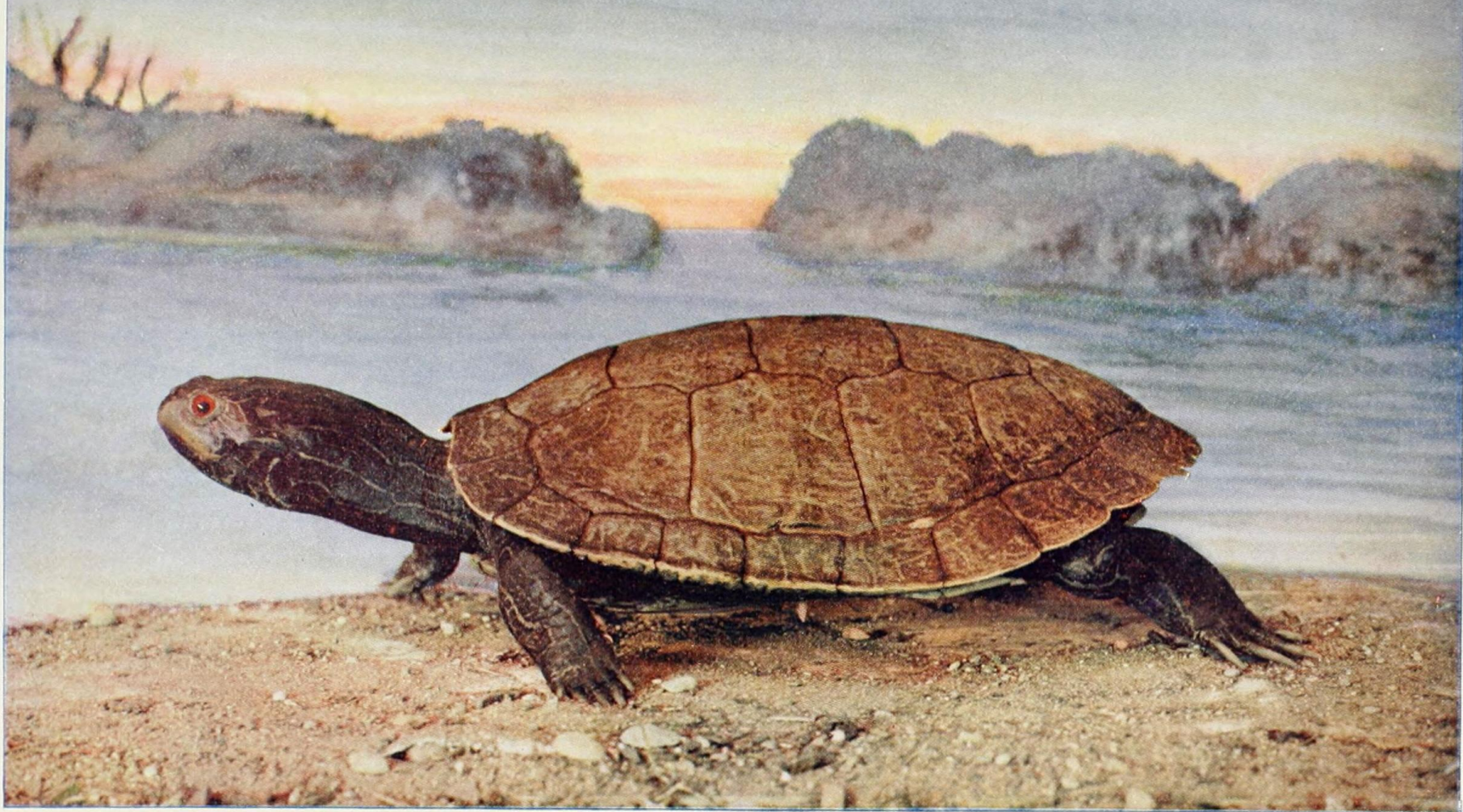
This presentation...

- What is BHL?
- Contributors
- The process
- UP → SANBI → BHL
- Final thoughts



What is BHL?

213 contributors



BHL staff

- BHL Executive Committee
- BHL Administration Staff
- BHL Governance Staff
- BHL Members
- BHL Affiliates
- BHL Global

Collaborating partners



IA



Biodiversity
Heritage
Library

BHL



SANBI

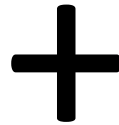
UP



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- Key values
 - Open access
 - Collaboration
 - Interoperability



The collaboration

- SANBI provides material
- UP provides equipment from IA
- UP digitizes the materials
- BHL harvests books from IA

Why collaborate?

Working together
=
common interests

Avoiding problem
solving in isolation

Challenges

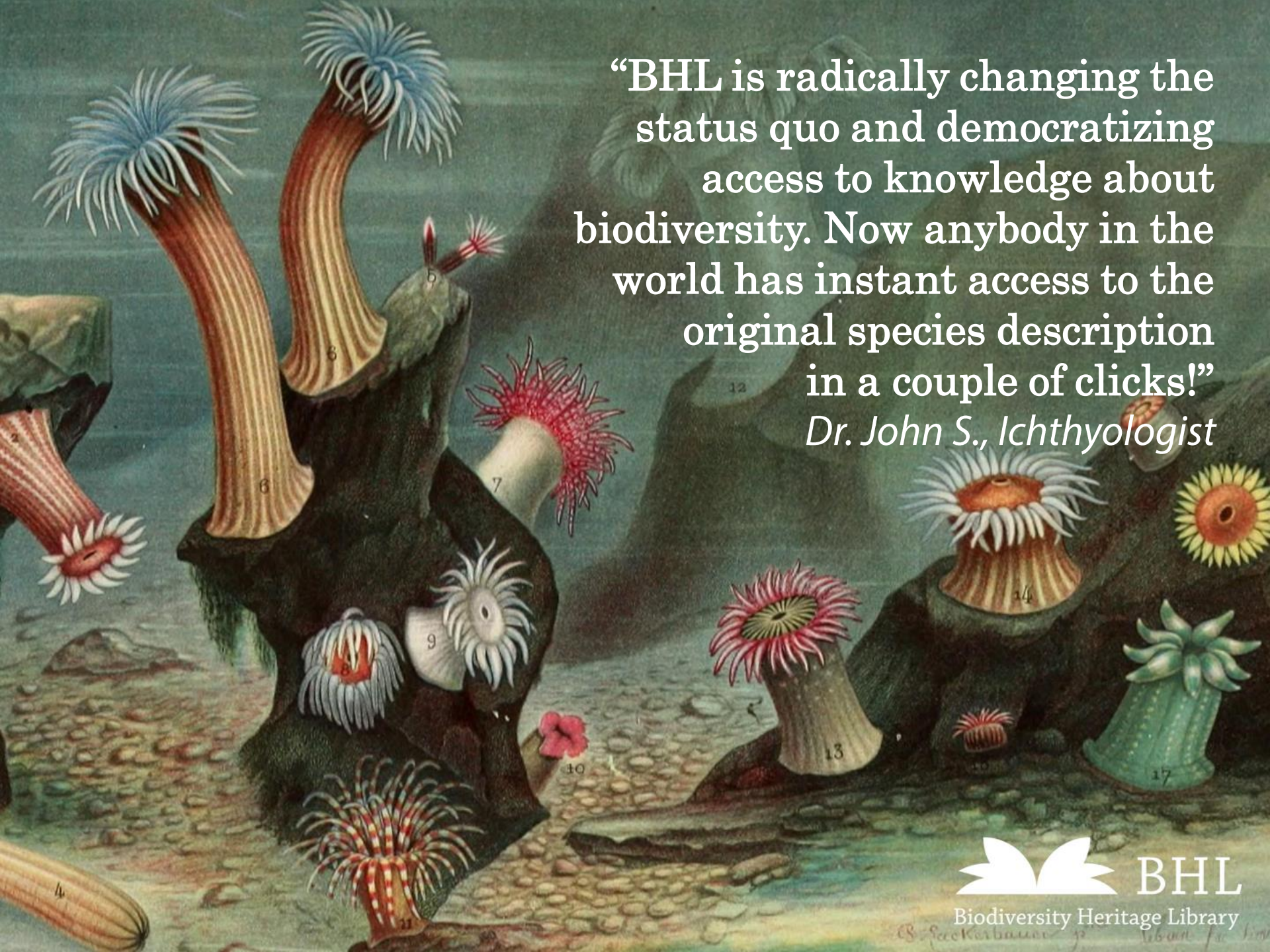


Field Museum of Natural History Library

Final thoughts

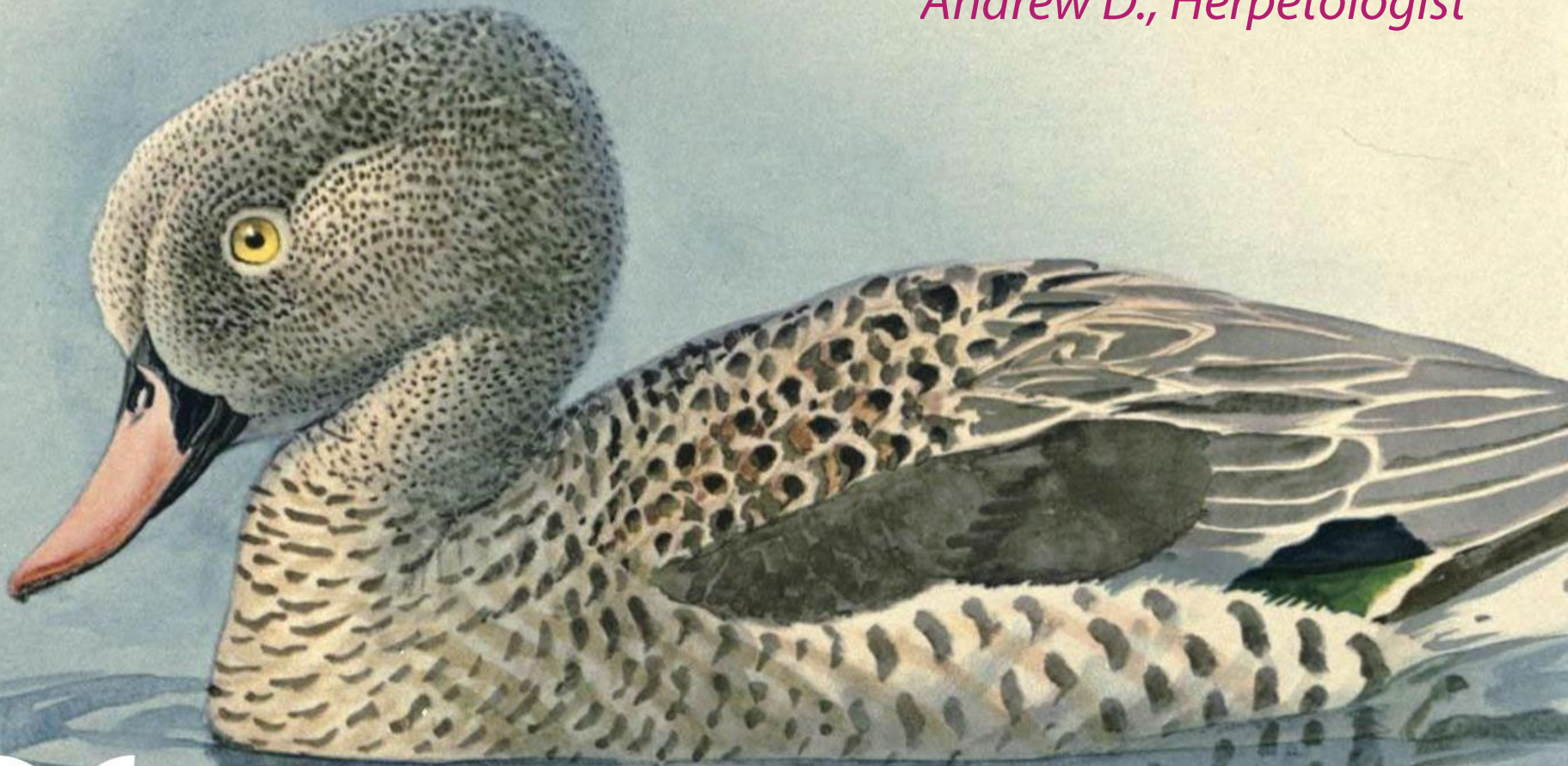
- You can get involved
<http://biodivlib.wikispaces.com/Interested+in+Membership%3F>
- Or contact Anne-Lise Fourie from SANBI
- Some quotes from BHL users to follow


“BHL is radically changing the status quo and democratizing access to knowledge about biodiversity. Now anybody in the world has instant access to the original species description in a couple of clicks!”
Dr. John S., Ichthyologist



"I think BHL is one of the most important and useful resources online right now. Judging by how often I use it, I'd say it has an impact on my research commensurate with that of Google Scholar or Web of Science."

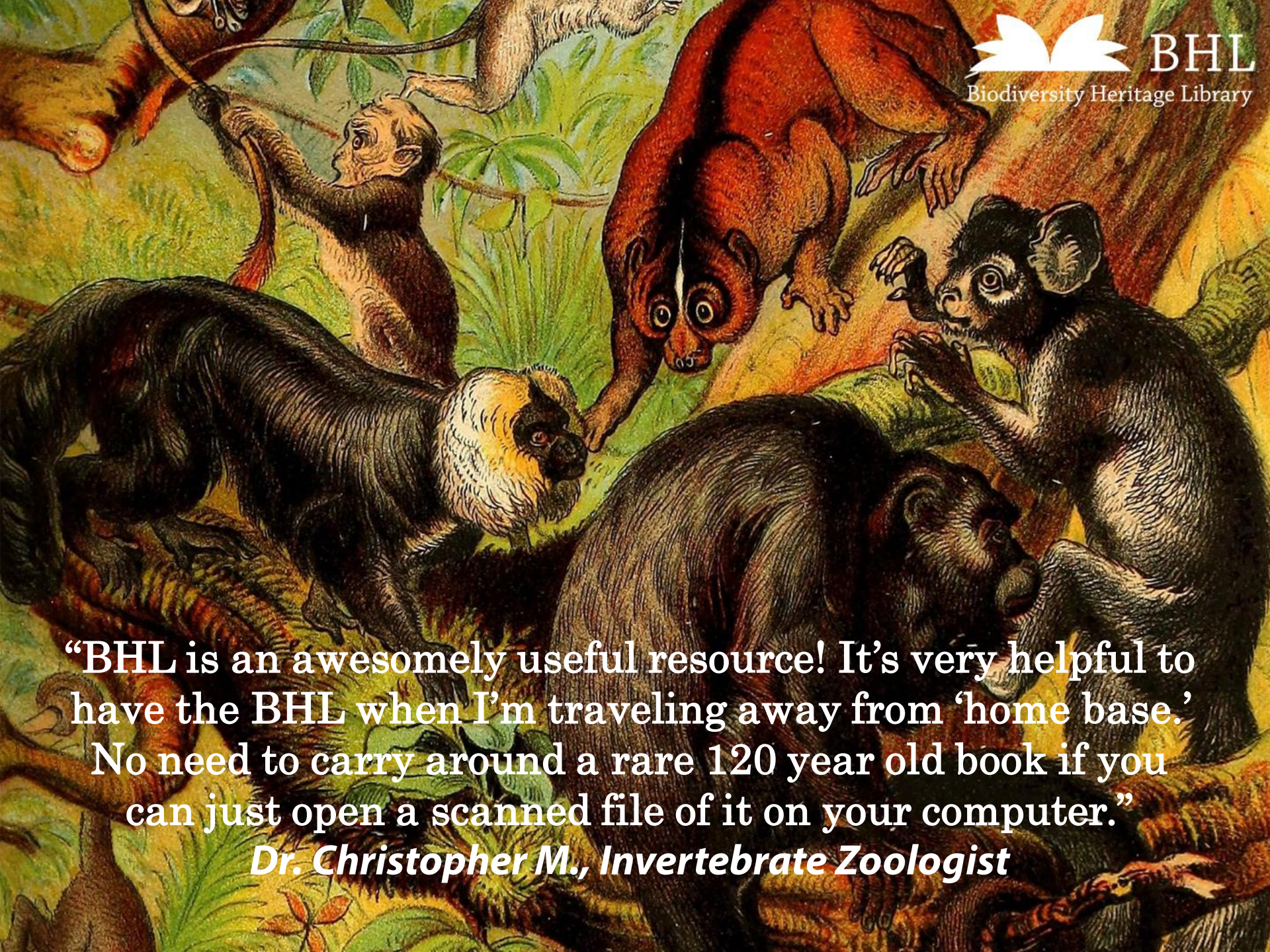
Andrew D., Herpetologist





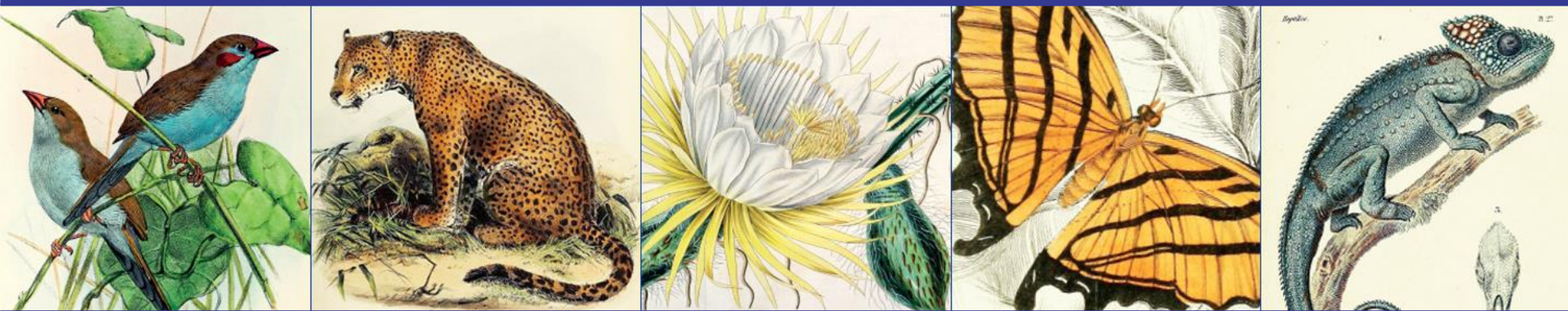
“BHL is a tremendous and extremely valuable resource. It has done an enormous amount to enhance the capacity of developing countries to undertake taxonomic research on their biota.”

Dr. Dai H., Malacologist



“BHL is an awesomely useful resource! It’s very helpful to have the BHL when I’m traveling away from ‘home base.’ No need to carry around a rare 120 year old book if you can just open a scanned file of it on your computer.”

Dr. Christopher M., Invertebrate Zoologist



QUESTIONS?

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