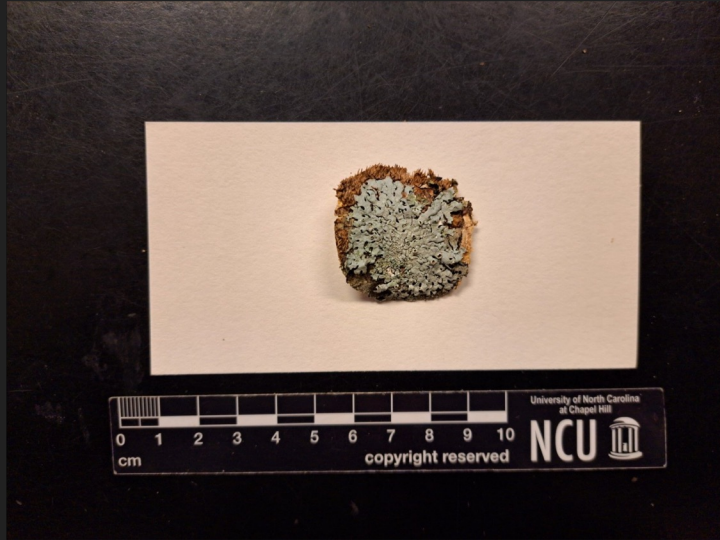


# AI digitisation overview

# AI digitisation

How to get from specimen...



...to published record, using AI

A screenshot of a GBIF occurrence record for *Hypotrachyna livida* (Taylor) Hale. The browser address bar shows "gbif.org/occurrence/4601...". The page header includes "OCCURRENCE | 16 JANUARY 2024". The title is "*Hypotrachyna livida* (Taylor) Hale" with the subtext "Collected in United States of America". The taxonomic classification is "Fungi > Ascomycota > Lecanoromycetes > Lecanorales > Parmeliaceae > Hypotrachyna". The "DETAILS" section lists: "Species: Hypotrachyna livida (Taylor) Hale", "Location: North America > United States of America", "Basis of record: Preserved specimen", "Dataset: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Herbarium: Lichens", "Publisher: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Herbarium (NCU)", "Reference: https://lichenportal.org/portal/collections/indivi...", and "Issues: Continent derived from coordinates (Identified data invalid)". Below the text is a map of the United States with a blue location pin in the Southeastern region.

# 1. Use AI (OCR) to get text from image



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T378

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Salix thicket along stream  
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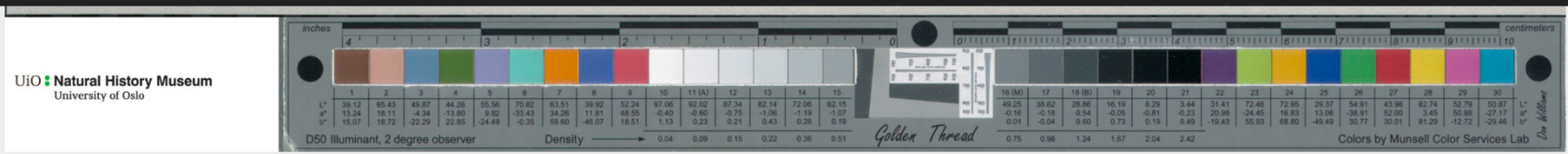
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# Unfortunately, OCR text also includes other non-label text

41230 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 L\* 39.12 65.43 49.87 44.26 55.56 70.82 63.51 39.92 52.24 97.06 13.24 18.11 -  
 4.34 -33.43 34.26 11.81 48.55 -0.40 18.72 -22.29 -0.35 59.60 -46.07 18.51 1.13 a\* -13.80 9.82 22.85 -  
 24.49 b" 15.07 D50 Illuminant, 2 degree observer Density 0.04 11 (A) 92.02 -0.60 0.23 0.09 12 13 87.34  
 82.14 -0.75 -1.06 0.21 0.43 0.15 0.22 14 15 72.06 62.15 -1.19 -1.07 0.19 0.28 0.51 TeH"III W 0.36 O  
 84899-8 # # # # 41230 Leucobrym juniperorden 600 200 300 B-66378 700400 800 500 850 550 Golden  
 Thread Reg. 29.04. 2016 16 (M) 17 49.25 38.62 -0.16 -0.18 0.01 -0.04 0.75 0.98 18 (B) 28.86 0.54 0.60  
 1.24 19 16.19 -0.05 0.73 1.67 20 8.29 -0.81 0.19 2.04 21 3.44 -0.23 0.49 2.42 22 23 72.46 24 72.95 25  
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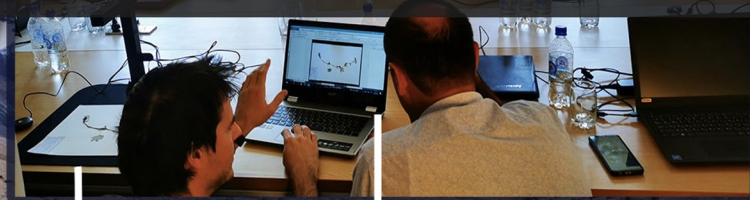
## 2. Send OCR text to a LLM to extract structured data

Occurrence			
Term	Interpreted	Original	Remarks
Catalogue number	674639	674639	
Occurrence ID	urn:catalog:O:V:674639	urn:catalog:O:V:674639	
Occurrence status	PRESENT		Inferred
Recorded by	Bjørn Petter Løfall Bernhard Kløw Askedalen	Bjørn Petter Løfall   Bernhard Kløw Askedalen	Altered
Recorded by ID	 <a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7744-342X">https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7744-342X</a>	<a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9645-3394">https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9645-3394</a>   <a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7744-342X">https://orcid.org/0000-0002-7744-342X</a>	
	 <a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9645-3394">https://orcid.org/0000-0001-9645-3394</a>		
Event			
Term	Interpreted	Original	Remarks
Day	2	2	
Month	7	7	
Year	2021	2021	
End day of year	183		Inferred
Event date	2021-07-02		Inferred
Habitat	Åpen jordvannsmyr	Åpen jordvannsmyr	
Start day of year	183		Inferred
Identification			
Term	Interpreted	Original	Remarks
Date identified	2021-07-02T00:00:00	2021-07-02	Altered
Identified by	Bjørn Petter Løfall Bernhard Kløw Askedalen	Bjørn Petter Løfall   Bernhard Kløw Askedalen	Altered
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# CASE STUDY:



# TAJIKISTAN



STEPS - 1: SCAN

2: Upload



IRIS Pro document scanners: €300



(See: <https://min.io>)



A python app listens to create events on the bucket



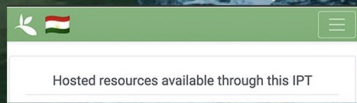
Google Vision API

parses handwritten and printed text in image - some mistakes but generally good, even with handwritten cyrillic



Google Translate API for the Russian translation (original and translation are stored verbatim in `dwc:dynamicProperties`)

A simple parser splits out obvious label information (scientific name, altitude, etc). This is output into a `dwc` stored on the bucket



IPT set up to publish automatically from source file on bucket

# Uzbekistan

They publish and host their own images, publishing happens manually.

- Step 1: Host images
- Step 2: Generate list of images and send to telegram bot
- Step 3: Receive back Darwin Core and check it
- Step 4: Upload to IPT

The screenshot shows a Telegram chat interface on a web browser. The browser address bar displays 'web.telegram.org/k/#-4219341915'. The chat is titled 'Uzbek image job DEV' and has 4 members. The chat history includes:

- A message from 'Ieva' dated May 23.
- A message from 'Uzbek image job DEV' dated May 23: 'ge job DEV ✓✓ May 23 sh Alieva if you need any hel...'
- A message from 'Ieva' dated May 7: 'he new status is: ENABLED. ...'
- A message from 'Image Processing Job Bot' dated Apr 29: 'ge Processing Job ... essing Job Bot: Error - pleas...'
- A message from 'Iaxmudjanov Ibroxi...' dated Apr 26: 'n! We found out already from...'
- A message from 'Image Processing Job Bot' dated Apr 26: 'e/+9\_Pq7Iuv\_IZiNjI6'.

The chat messages from 'Image Processing Job Bot' include:

- 'Image Processing Job Bot Batch job for Image To DwC Service - started - Thank you for using this batch job to get AI transcriptions for images uploaded. 10:59 ✓'
- 'Image Processing Job Bot Batch job for Image To DwC Service - file processing begun - We have begun processing your files. You should receive a results file within 24 hours. 10:59 ✓'
- 'Image Processing Job Bot Batch job for Image To DwC Service - complete - Please download and then delete your batch file from <https://storage.gbif-no.sigma2.no/misc/ai-transcribed-bot-output/output-2024-05-21-112004.xlsx>. Please remember to delete your file after download. 13:20 ✓'

The chat interface also shows a file named 'test.txt' (233 B) and a message '/process' sent at 10:59. The bottom of the screen shows a 'Message' input field with a microphone icon.



# NHM @ UiO

Mainly used for quality checking or in an ad hoc way to speed up digitisation

[https://gbif-norway.github.io/label-classification-gpt/python-interactive/code/github\\_pages/index-uio.html](https://gbif-norway.github.io/label-classification-gpt/python-interactive/code/github_pages/index-uio.html)

E.g. Bjørn Petter sends a prepared dataset for QA or a series of catalog numbers

We run it through OCR + LLMs, and send it back to him

He checks it

# Complications

- Image hosting
- Data publication via the IPT or another system
- Do we encourage manual verification of each record? How much should get checked?
- Rerunning with newer models

# Workflows

Every workflow will differ, but common factors:

- A dedicated programmer
  - Optional pipeline 1: Method to extract list of images/catalogue numbers for processing
  - Pipeline 2: Images in, OCR out
  - Pipeline 3: OCR in, DwC out
  - Optional pipeline 4: DwC to publication platform
- Image hosting
- Some data publication platform (probably an IPT)

# Ways of improving this

- Every time we run a specimen image through OCR, we are basically creating information which can be considered as an “annotation” to the specimen
- Every time we run that OCR through an LLM to extract structured data, we are creating another machine annotation

Wouldn't it be cool if we had a system where we could see each other's annotations and add to them/suggest corrections?

## DiSSCo annotation system (and over to Sam on Zoom)

- Specimens in Europe are covered by DiSSCo:
  - The DiSSCo RI aims to create a new business model for one European collection that digitally unifies all European natural science assets under common access, curation, policies and practices
- DiSSCo is building a framework - a data model - to capture annotations alongside specimen data and ensure FAIRness.
  - Aims to accommodate commenting, editing, and data improvement
- <https://uio.zoom.us/j/4769565894?pwd=TWg5L05vZnJNbWl1R3lyZ3R2Zk13Zz09>

<https://dissco.tech/2024/01/14/the-data-model-behind-disscos-annotation-service/>