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What is BHL?

- **Consortium** of natural history and botanical libraries
- **Cooperate** to digitize and make accessible
- for **open access** and **responsible use**

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Global BHL

- Cooperative network
- Operating programs and projects
- Open access principles.

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BHL Africa

- BHL Global initiative
- **Network of** African institutes
- **Access** to biodiversity literature
- Guiding **principles and values**





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How BHL Africa come together?

- November 2011 in **Chicago**
- **JRS Foundation**
- BHL-Africa June **2012**
- **15th April 2013**

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What role does SANBI Libraries play in BHL Africa?

- **NEMBA**
- The **Biodiversity Information Management Directorate** (BIM)
- http://biodiversityadvisor.sanbi.org
- **SANBI Libraries**



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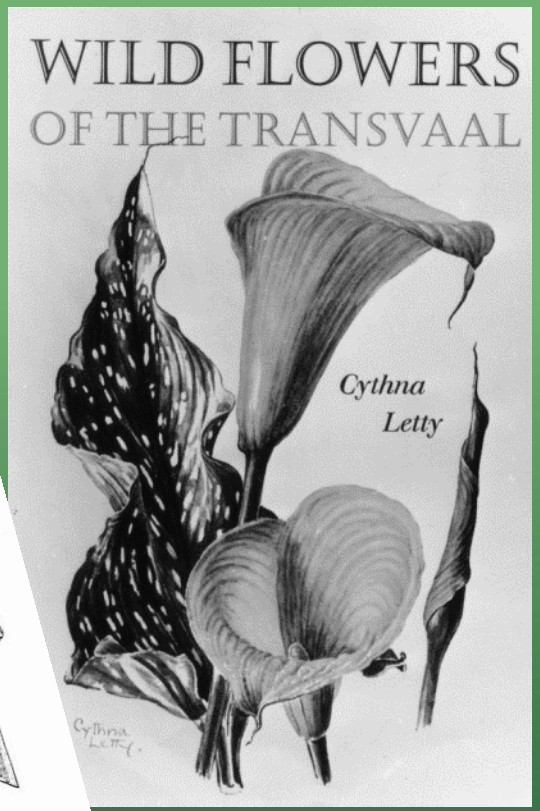

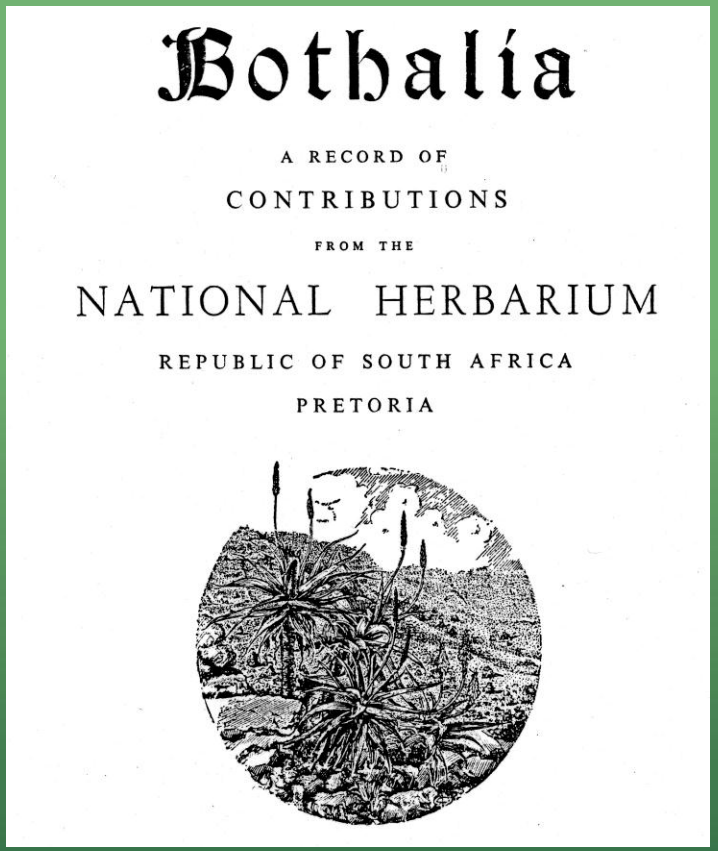

WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE

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Great challenge

- Funding
- Input of all stakeholders
- Training
- Preservation
- Copyright









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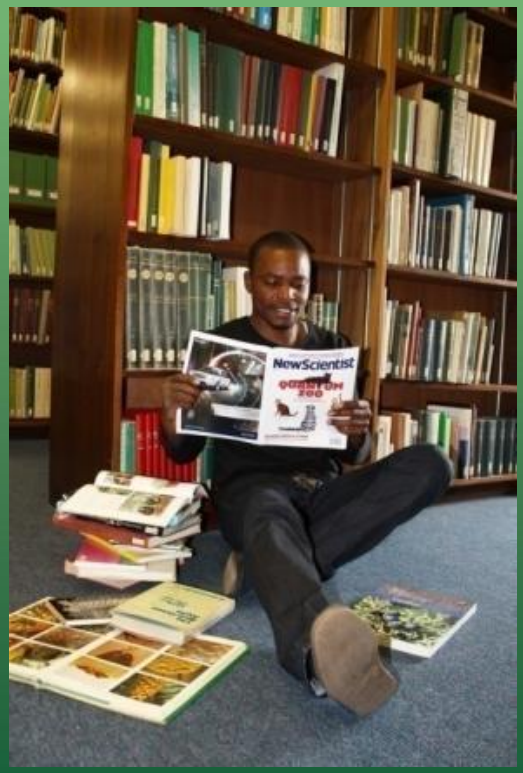
Benefits of participating in BHL Africa

- Easy access
- Improved visibility
- Capacity building
- Sharing information
- Archiving
- User communities



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The way forward.....

- Digitize heritage information
- Closed information
- African continent
- The BHL consortium
- Partnerships



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ANY QUESTIONS?

