



SANBI and BHL Africa: preserving biodiversity literature





What is BHL?

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



Global BHL

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



BHL Africa

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



*How **BHL Africa** come together?*

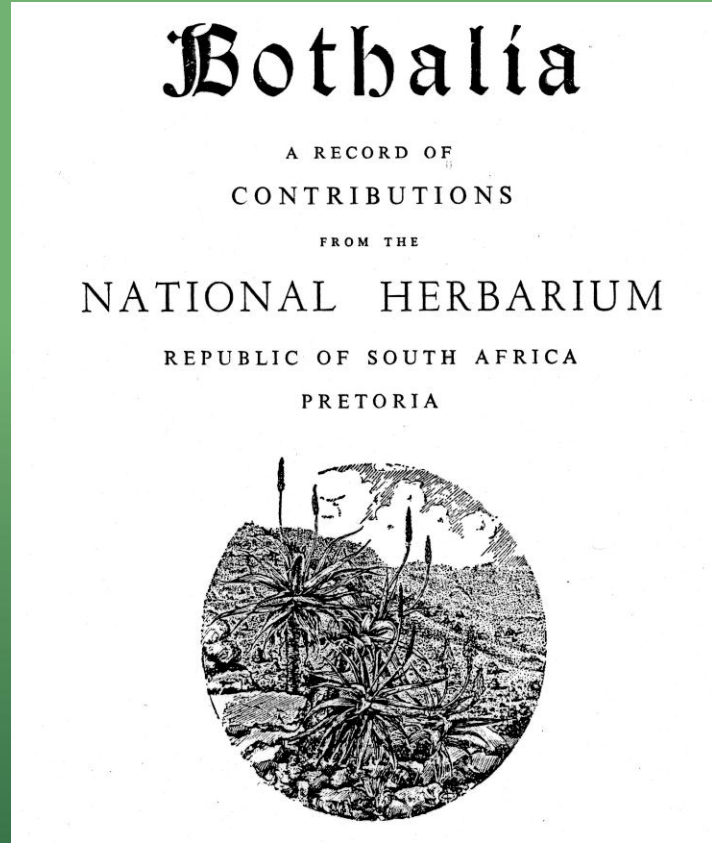
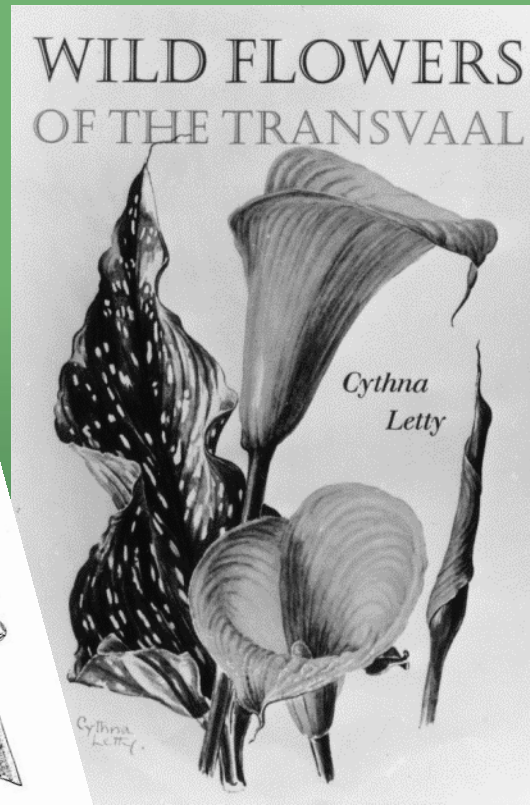
- November 2011 in **Chicago**
- **JRS Foundation**
- BHL-Africa June **2012**
- **15th April 2013**



What role does SANBI Libraries play in BHL Africa?

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





WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE





Great challenge

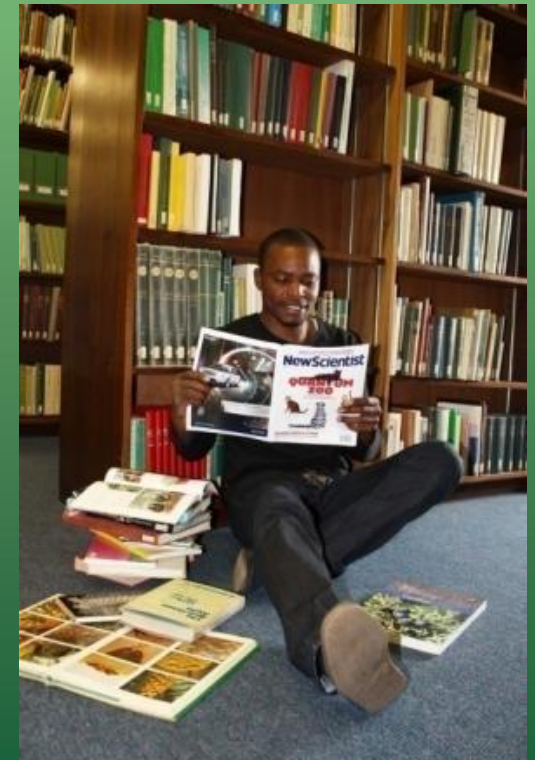
- Funding
- Input of all stakeholders
- Training
- Preservation
- Copyright





Benefits of participating in BHL Africa

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





The way forward.....

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





ANY QUESTIONS?

