

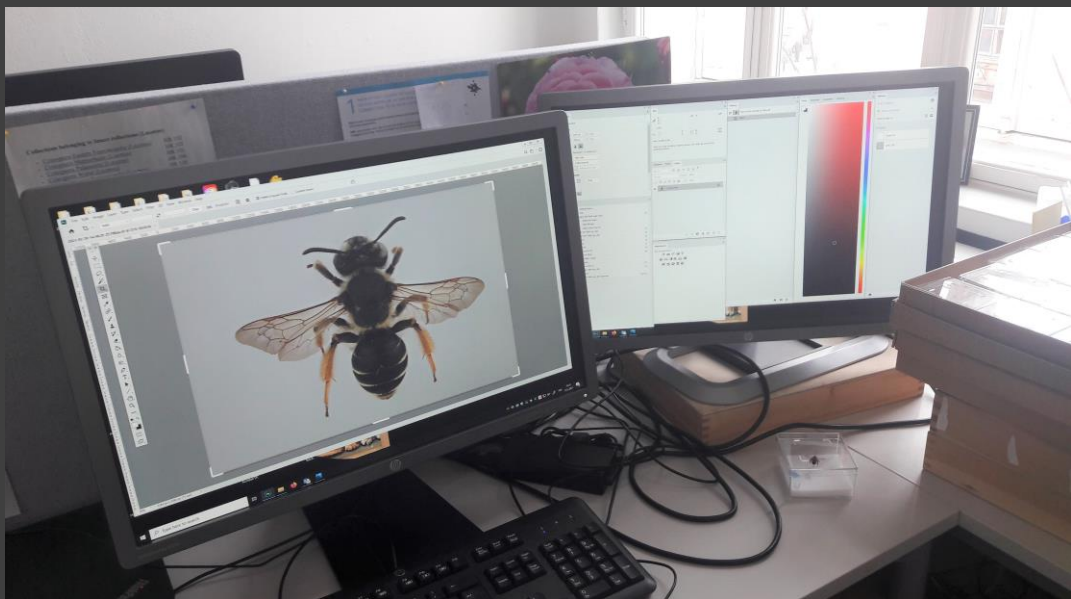


Digitizing bee collections at the Finnish Museum of Natural History

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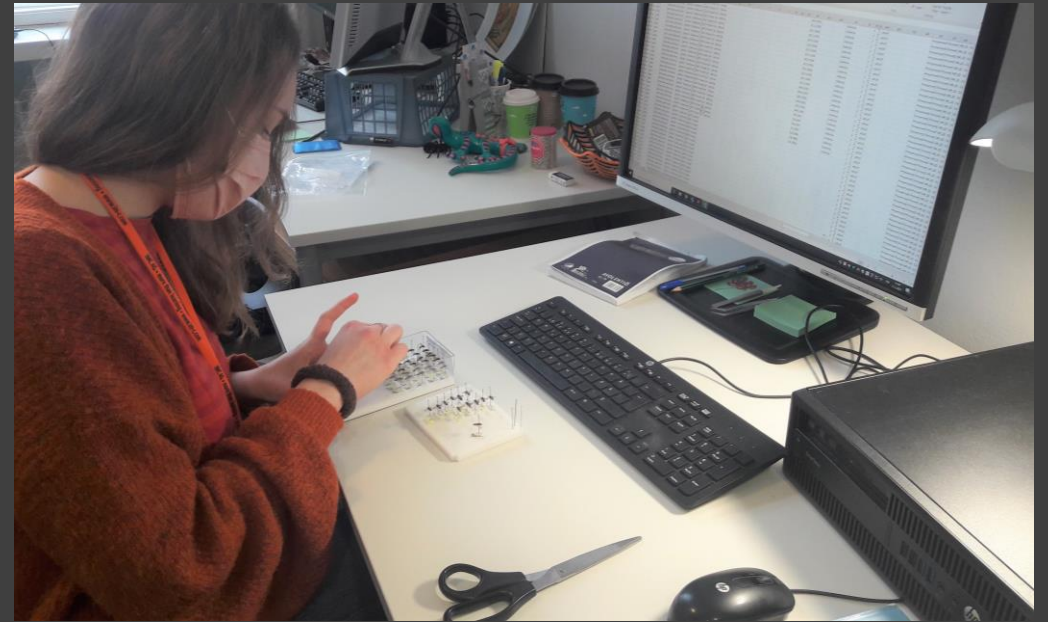
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Overview

- Digitizing started in 2007, but was mainly done in 2020-2021.
- Project funding from the Finnish Ministry of the Environment and SYNTHESYS+ Virtual Access.
- More than 112.000 specimens of 246 species were digitized. (Including 8000 specimens from Russian Fennoscandia.)
- Data available at FinBIF: <https://laji.fi/en/observation/species?target=MX.289375&collectionId=HR.22>



Some results

- Temporal distribution of data skewed to the 1950s and 1960s.
- Spatial distribution shows strong concentration to southern Finland.
- Three new species to Finland were discovered during the project.
- Assessment of long-term bee population trends in Finland will be published soon by the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE.
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