

Resource Summary Report

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Biological Collections Ontology

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Resource Information

URL: <http://code.google.com/p/bco/>

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Description: Ontology developed as an application ontology as part of the Biocode Commons project whose goal is to support the interoperability of biodiversity data, including data on museum collections, environmental and metagenomic samples, and ecological surveys. It includes consideration of the distinctions between individuals, organisms, voucher specimens, lots, and samples the relations between these entities, and processes governing the creation and use of samples. Within scope as well are properties including collector, location, time, storage environment, containers, institution, and collection identifiers.

Abbreviations: BCO

Resource Type: controlled vocabulary, ontology, data or information resource

Defining Citation: [PMID:24595056](#)

Keywords: owl, interoperability, biodiversity, museum collection, environmental sample, metagenomic sample, ecological survey

Availability: Free, Available for download, Freely available

Resource Name: Biological Collections Ontology

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Alternate IDs: nlx_157333

Alternate URLs: <http://purl.obolibrary.org/obo/bco.owl>,
<http://purl.bioontology.org/ontology/BCO>

License: New BSD License (code)

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Biological Collections Ontology.

No alerts have been found for Biological Collections Ontology.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We have not found any literature mentions for this resource.