

About us

The Bavarian Natural History Collections (Staatliche Naturwissenschaftliche Sammlungen Bayerns, SNSB) are a research institution for natural history in Bavaria. They encompass six State Collections (zoology, botany, paleontology and geology, mineralogy, anthropology and paleoanatomy), the Botanical Garden Munich-Nymphenburg and eight museums with public exhibitions in Munich, Bamberg, Bayreuth, Eichstätt and Nördlingen.

The SNSB research focuses on:

- past and present bio- and geodiversity and the evolution of animals and plants
- sustainable use of its collections as a research infrastructure
- development of integrative and interdisciplinary research approaches within the framework of the collections expansion
- reinforcement of innovative approaches and development of supporting methods in the field of bio- and geodiversity research
- Main focus on the two research areas: alpine systems and change of biosphere

The SNSB employ about 300 people including about 40 permanently employed scientists, as well as a large number of students, doctoral candidates and postdocs.

The exhibitions of the Bavarian Natural History Collections (including the Botanical Garden Muenchen-Nymphenburg) are visited by more than 700,000 people each year, making these collections one of the most important educational institutions of Bavaria. With its large, valuable scientific collections the SNSB are one of the most significant German research institutions in the field of Natural History. The SNSB scientific collections comprise over 30 million individual objects.