

Education and Outreach (E&O)

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Background of iDigBio E&O, developed to:

Serve the ADBC community

Engage other stakeholders ("downstream users")
interested in digitization of natural history collections

Address and promote Broader Impact objectives



E&O Target Audiences & Stakeholders

 "In-reach"--Professional community—collection and digitation professionals

 "Outreach"-downstream users, anyone interested in using digitized data in iDigBio cloud; many potential audiences



Who we are—iDigBio E&O

Me, Director (as Co-PI)



Molly Phillips, Coordinator of E&O



Gil Nelson & Deb Paul, Workshops





- Austin Mast & Libby Ellwood, Citizen Science
- Betty Dunckel, Informal Ed







- E&O Working Group—you too
- Others, students, etc.



Activities: In-reach—Professional development

- More than 60 workshops so far
- Plan about 10 per year during Phase 2
- Upcoming workshops:
 - Digitization: fluid preserved vertebrates, vertebrate digitization 2, biodiversity imaging expo
 - Research: global change, phenology, ICE symposium... and more
- All members of TCNs and other stakeholders are eligible to participate



Inreach--Broader Impacts graduate seminar Fall 2016, (cyberneabled)





Outreach—E&O Working Group

- Coordination of E&O activities across ADBC stakeholders (primarily TCNs)
- Identification of common E&O themes
- Synergy with other NSF funded initiatives
- Upcoming for 2016
 - Breakout group at summit
 - WeDig Bio, year 2
 - Workshops with some E&O components



Informal education





amateur and professional paleontologists.

Butterfly Fest 2015

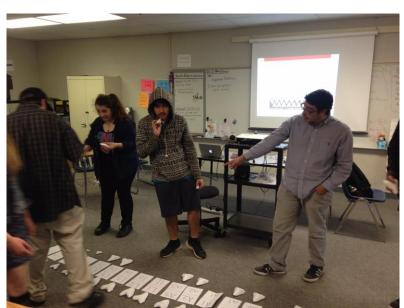
With your help, "we" need to have a national presence in ISE



Formal K-12 education



Digitized fossil field guide Miocene of Panama



3D-printed fossil shark teeth Delta Charter School, Santa Cruz CA



Broadening representation—moving forward

• 3 workshops during Phase 1 intended to engage underserved college students







Evaluation, Dr. Shari Ellis



- Conducts needs assessments and summative surveys.
- Systematically tracks activities, outputs, impacts, and ultimately outcomes of a broad range of iDigBio activities, including E&O.
- NSF reporting of evaluation activities



Connections and resources

- iDigBio newsletter
- iDigBio web site (www.idigbio.org)
- Facebook (facebook.com/iDigBio)



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