

# Biodiversity Data Model

## Data Model User Group

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A data model for the conservation of biodiversity is under development in cooperation with NatureServe, formerly known as ABI. NatureServe is affiliated with the Nature Conservancy.

This modeling process involves the creation of a GIS model to support the wealth of information that has already been documented and classified. A number of conservation organizations have contributed to the process. A conceptual model is being designed to serve as a framework for publishing conservation data from multiple organizations.

## User Forums

Visit the [Esri data model discussion forum](#) to share your ideas, thoughts, and questions with other users.

## Downloads - Design Templates

The Design Templates are the result of the community-based design process. The general concepts and terms for this discipline are described here. Tools and examples to create a template data model are also included for advanced users.

- [Design Template](#) Visio, MS Access - zip format, 1893 kb
- [Conceptual Design](#) - gif format, 264 kb

## User Community

Visit the NatureServe site at [NatureServe](#).