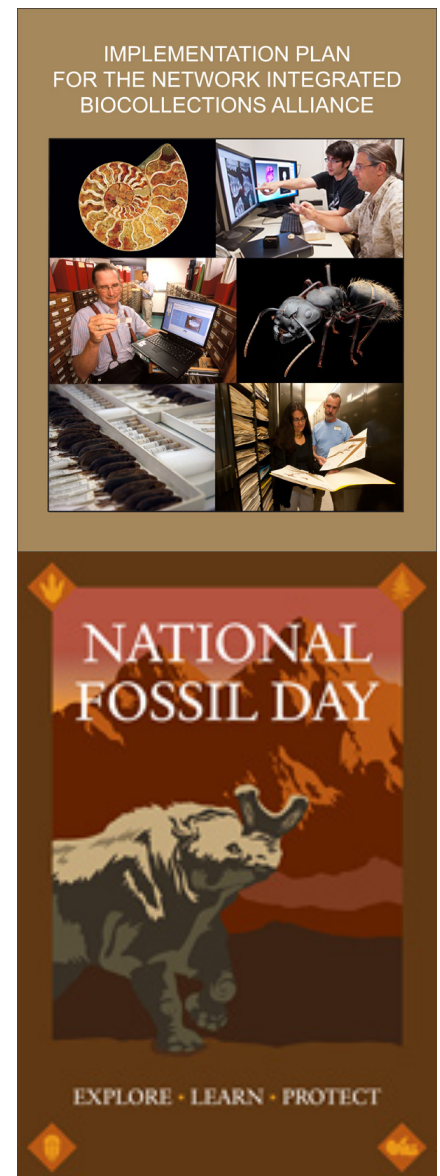




## Natural Science Collections Alliance 2013 Accomplishments

- Sponsored a symposium with iDigBio on digitization and dissemination of natural history data. The event was held at the 2013 Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC) annual meeting.
- Joined with SPNHC and the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) to submit a Research Coordination Network grant to the National Science Foundation. If funded, the grant would enable the three organizations to build a biocollections community that is able to fully implement and achieve the goals of the Network Integrated Biocollections Alliance.
- Provided testimony to House and Senate Appropriations Committees in support of increased funding for research, curation, and digitization of natural history collections from the National Science Foundation and the Department of the Interior.
- Sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Biological Sciences Congressional District Visits event. Several NSC Alliance member organizations participated.
- Joined as a Partner to the National Park Service for National Fossil Day. In connection with the event, NSC Alliance released an issue brief on the value of fossils in research.
- In collaboration with numerous other scientific organizations, NSC Alliance pushed for increased funding for basic research and fought against overly prescriptive policies that would interfere with the peer review process.





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- Collaborated with AIBS and SPNHC to provide comments to the federal government about digitization of natural history collections as part of 'big data.'
- Rallied the collections community to influence pressing science policy issues, including the threat of budget sequestration to federal research funding.
- Participated in the USGS Coalition, an alliance of more than 70 organizations dedicated to the continued vitality of the US Geological Survey and its programs.
- Provided regular policy and news updates via the NSC Alliance Washington Report. The newsletter is now freely available. Subscribe at <http://nscalliance.org/>.
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