

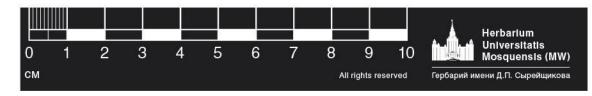


## Moscow Digital Herbarium and the National Depository Bank of Live Systems Initiative (Russia)

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#### Moscow University Herbarium (MW)

- Founded ca. 1780
- The second largest herbarium in Russia
- Six staff members (science & technical)
- Part of the National Depository Bank of Live Systems initiative (launched by the Moscow University)
- No international loans due to custom regulations



#### Specimen Total

• 1,011,253 specimens (as of Nov 2016)

including:

- 924,167 vascular plants
- 77,086 bryophytes
- ca. 10,000 lichens

Statistics update is available once a year.

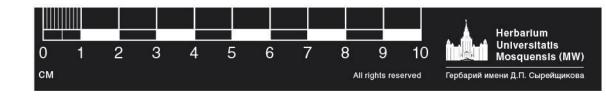




#### Specimen Ranking



- 61<sup>th</sup> in the world
- 24<sup>th</sup> among university herbaria
- 2<sup>nd</sup> in Russia (after Komarov Institute)



#### Collection Growth

 Mean annual increase in 2005-2016 was 15,100 specimens

 In 2016, we added 22,013 specimens (expeditions, old collections, gifts, exchange, etc.)



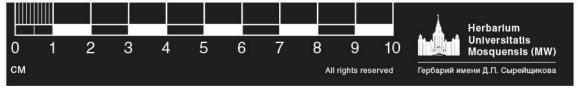


#### **Taxonomic Outline**

- 39,323 species (excl. historic collections)
  - including:
- 37,100 vascular plants
- 2,223 bryophytes

Types of ca. 3,000 taxa are curated separately (4,620 specimens).



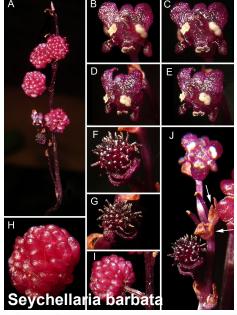


## Plant Taxonomy in the Moscow University

60 new species of vascular plants were described by the Moscow University staff members in 2012-2016:

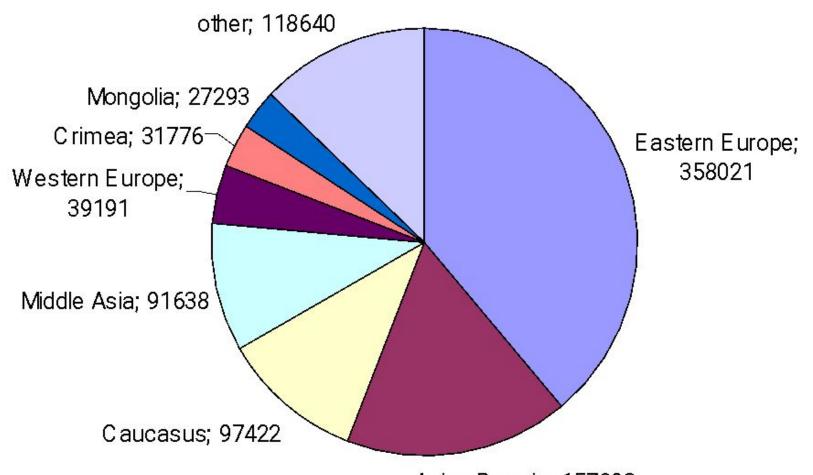
- Apiaceae: 15 species (M. Pimenov, E. Kljuykov, D. Lyskov et al.)
- Amaranthaceae s. l.: 11 species (A. Sukhorukov)
- Asparagaceae: 10 species (N. Vislobokov et al.)
- Amaryllidaceae s. l.: 9 species (A. Seregin)
- Apocynaceae: 2 species (Y. Alexeev)
- Cucurbitaceae: 2 species (M. Nuraliev)
- Polygonaceae: 2 species (O. Yurtseva)
- Thismiaceae: 2 species (M. Nuraliev)
- Molluginaceae: 2 species (A. Sukhorukov)
- Asteraceae, Centrolepidaceae, Lophiocarpaceae, Orchidaceae,

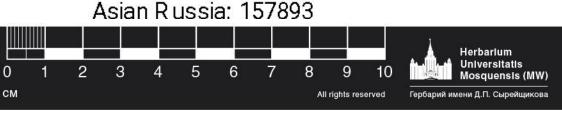
Triuridaceae: 1 species





#### Geographical Scope: Vascular Plants

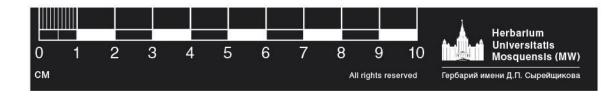




#### Moscow University Project

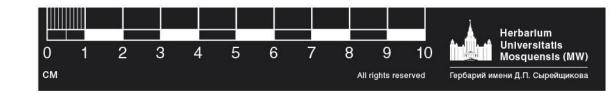
Moscow University have received 750,000,000
RUR (ca. 10,910,000 Euro) for foundation of the
National Depository Bank of Live Systems
from Russian Science Foundation.

- 4-year project (2015-2018).
- Five branches: 1) Plants; 2) Animals; 3) Fungi & Microbes; 4) Human Material; 5) Bioinformatics.



#### Moscow University Project: Plants

- 125,000,000 RUR (ca. 1,820,000 Euro) for plant studies (collections, new labs, expeditions, extra salary, etc.) in 2015-2018.
- The largest grant in the history of Russian botany.
- 24% for the Moscow University Herbarium (MW) for digitisation, databasing and management.



#### Digitisation as a World Trend



Leiden (Netherlands)

New York (USA)



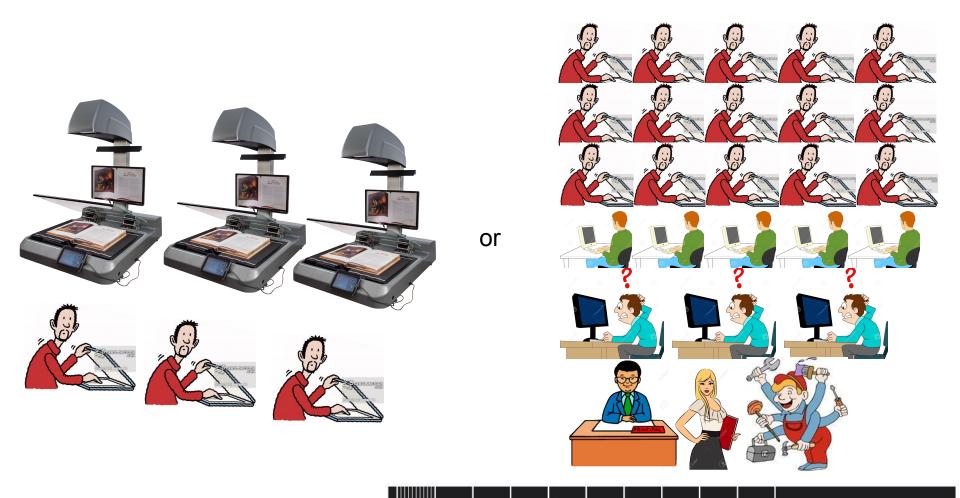
Paris (France)

Herbarlum

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## Equipment or Services?



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#### Herbarium Budget in 2015-2016

#### Contract with a commercial partner:

11,850,000 RUR

 (ca. 172,360 Euro) for digitisation of 786K
 specimens (or 15.08 RUR per specimen)





#### Extra Funding in 2015-2016

#### Development of the web portal:

• 2,500,000 RUR (ca. 36,400 Euro)

## Additional herbarium facilities (cupboards):

 4,800,000 RUR (ca. 69,800 Euro) for the additional space to preserve ca. 192K new specimens



## Digitisation: Imaging as the First Step

Only imaging at 300 dpi TIFF (JPG copy)

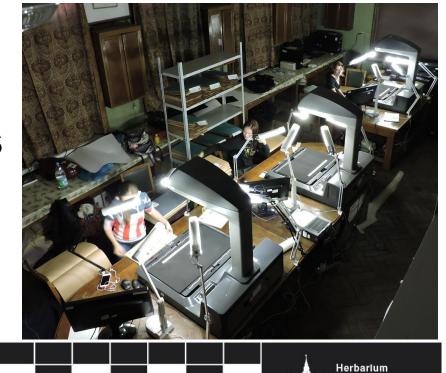
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name, area code)

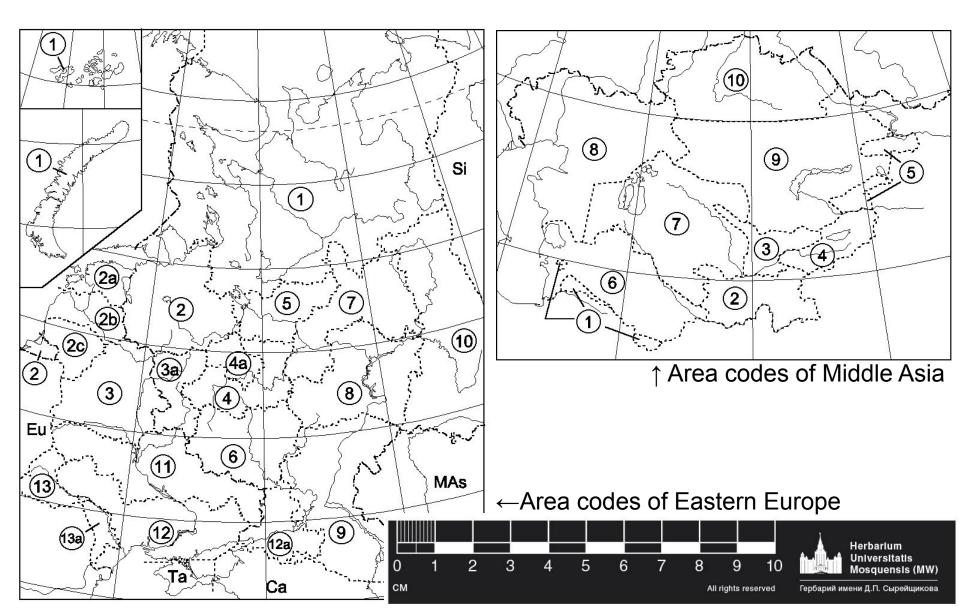
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#### Area Codes from Folders



#### Metadata Production

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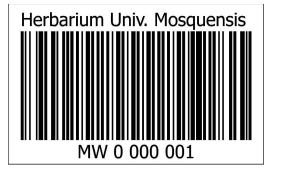
Table showing presence of 11 specimens of *Limonium* dichroanthum (Rupr.) Ikonn.-Gal. from M3 geographical area (Western Tian Shan).

#### Barcodes as an Accurate Counter

#### **Eastern European collections:**

- 338,940 specimens before barcoding
- 352,720 specimens after barcoding
- 13,780 increase (+4.07%)







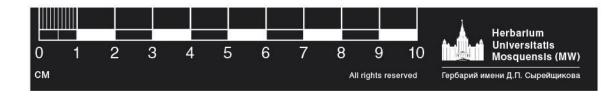
## Metadata Example



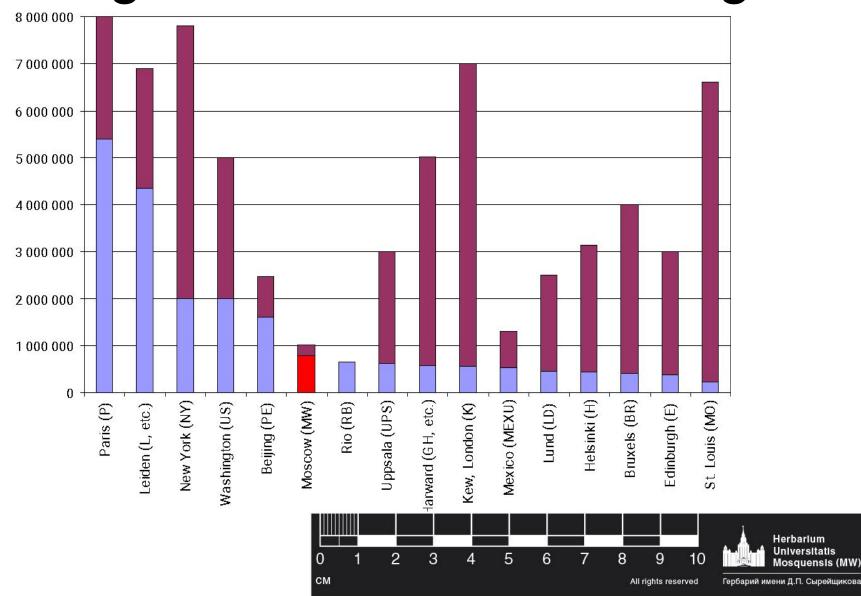
#### **Current Digitisation Rate**

• **785,844** specimens (77.7%) are scanned and available online including:

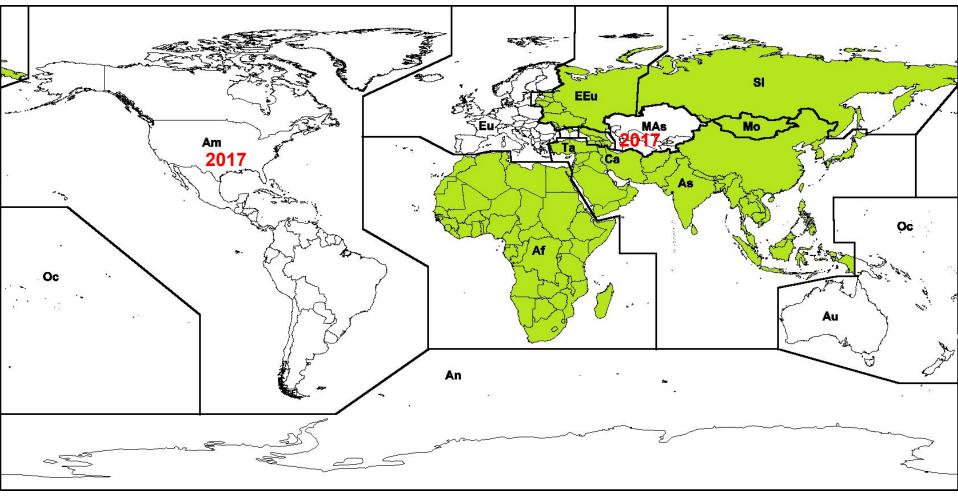
- 708,209 specimens of vascular plants (300 dpi)
- 4,632 type specimens of vascular plants (600 dpi)
- 72,997 labels of bryophytes

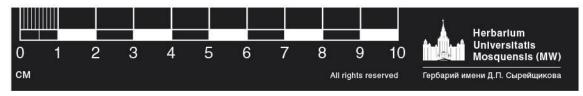


#### Digital Collections Ranking



## **Current Digitisation Coverage**





### Digitisation: Quick Geotagging

- Country names were used as geotags
- 756K specimens were geotagged using existing country names from folders
- 30K specimens were geotagged manually in 2017





#### Asian Resources: 301K Specimens

Russia 157,200 specimens

Middle Asian countries 94,100

Mongolia 27,300

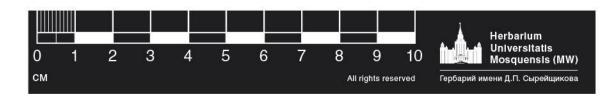
• PR of China 3,940

Vietnam 3,880

• Turkey 2,440

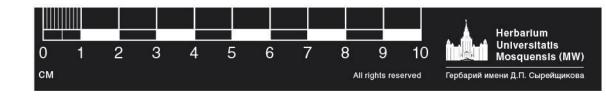
• India 1,680

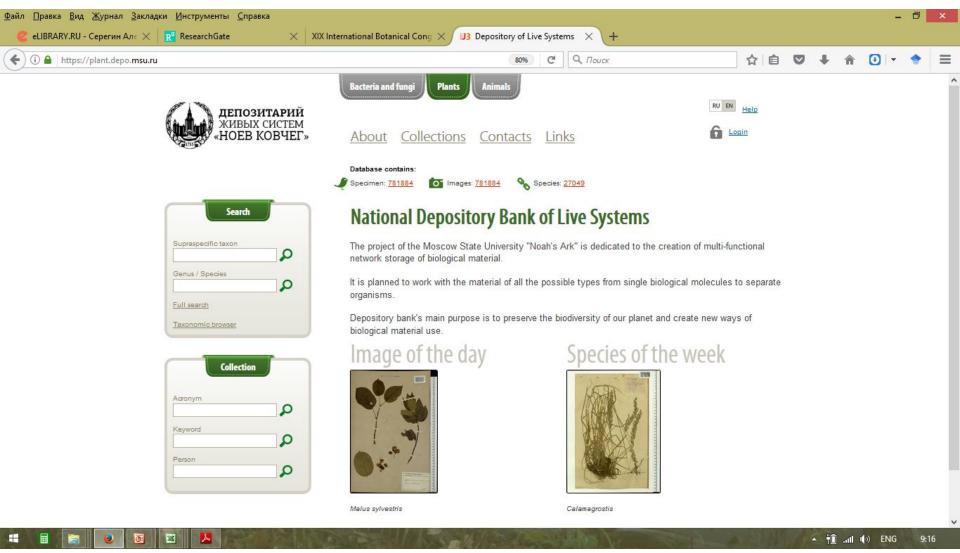
Japan 1,620

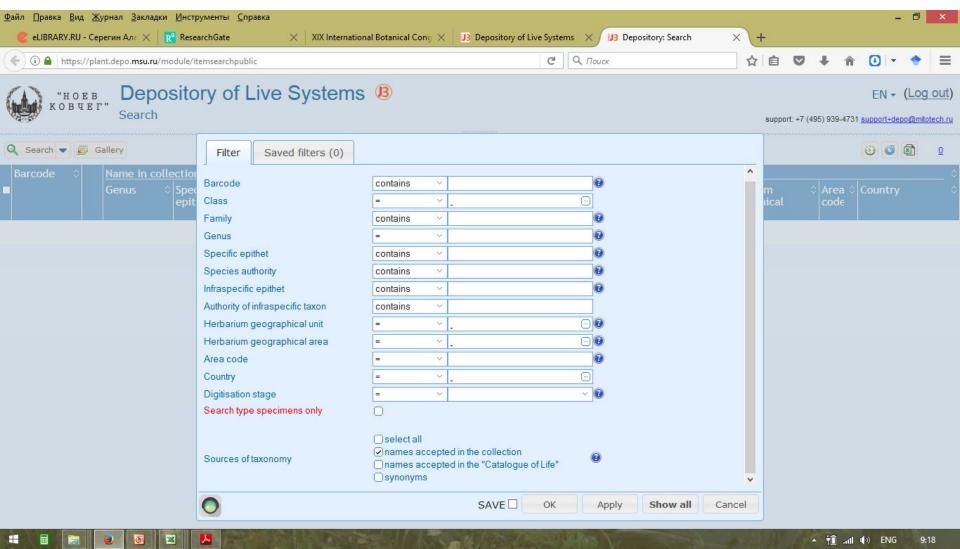


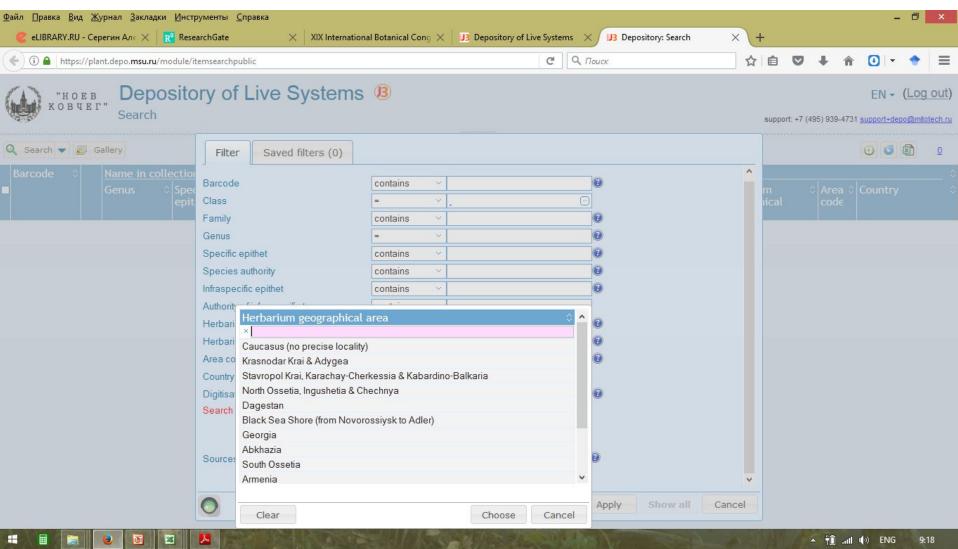
#### Online Access

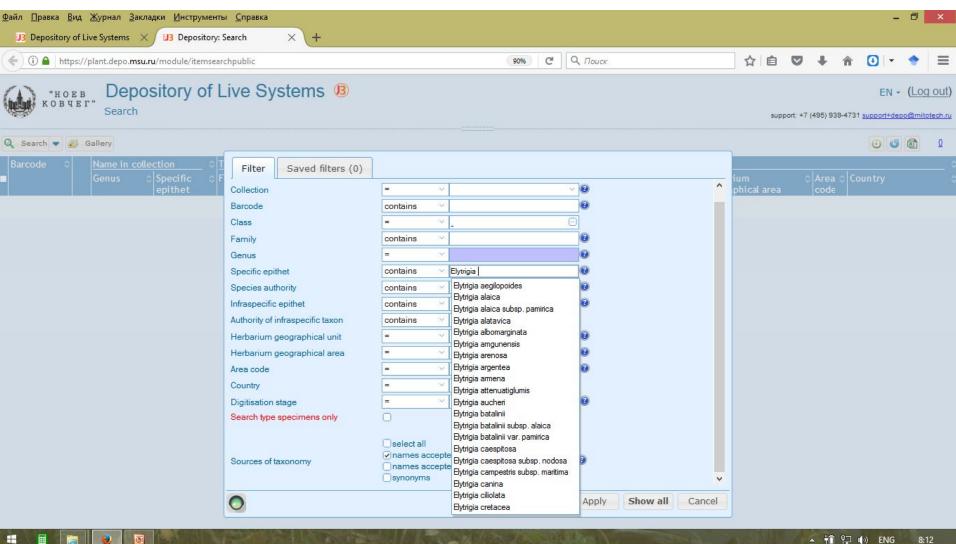
- http://plant.depo.msu.ru/ (public access)
- Russian / English versions
- 786K specimens at 300 dpi (JPG)
- Automatic linking of the collection names with Catalogue of Life taxonomy
- No label data at the moment
- No geographical coordinates

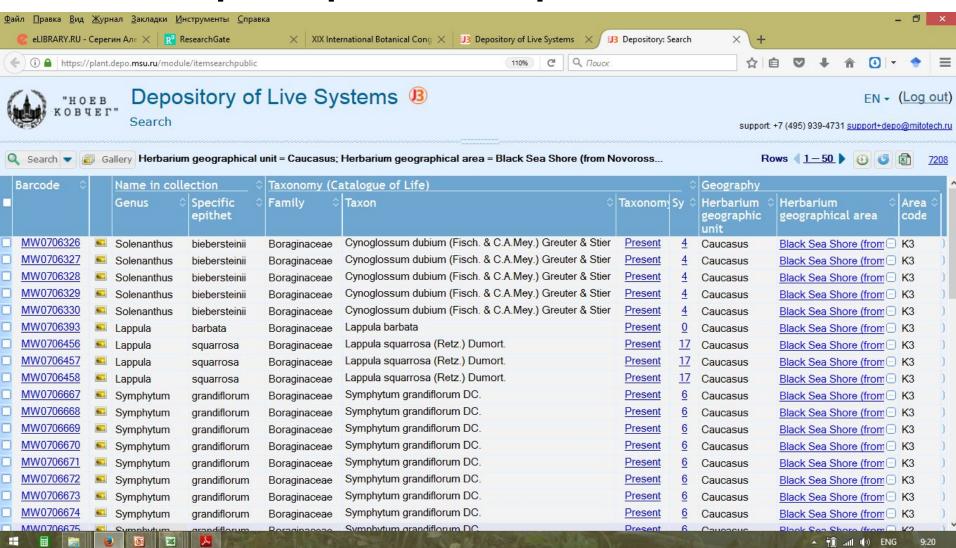


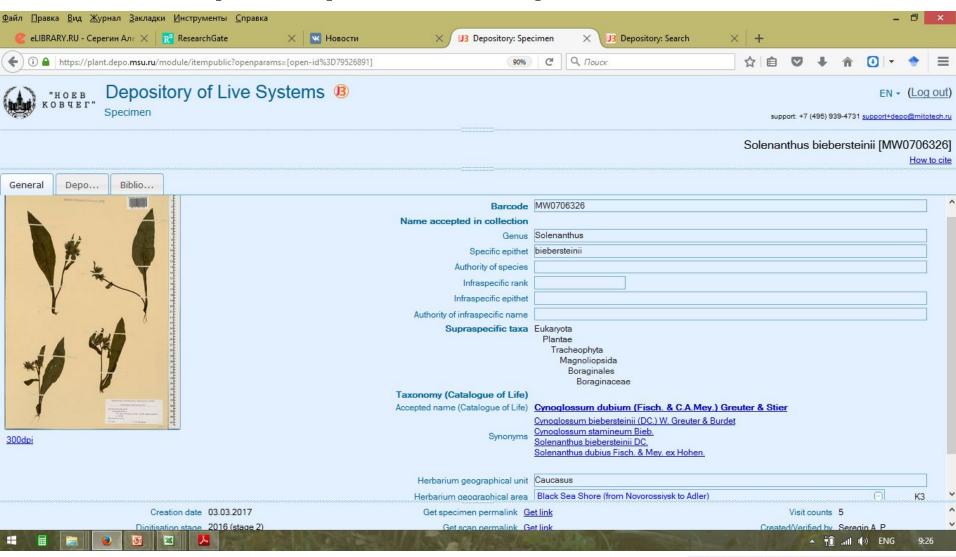


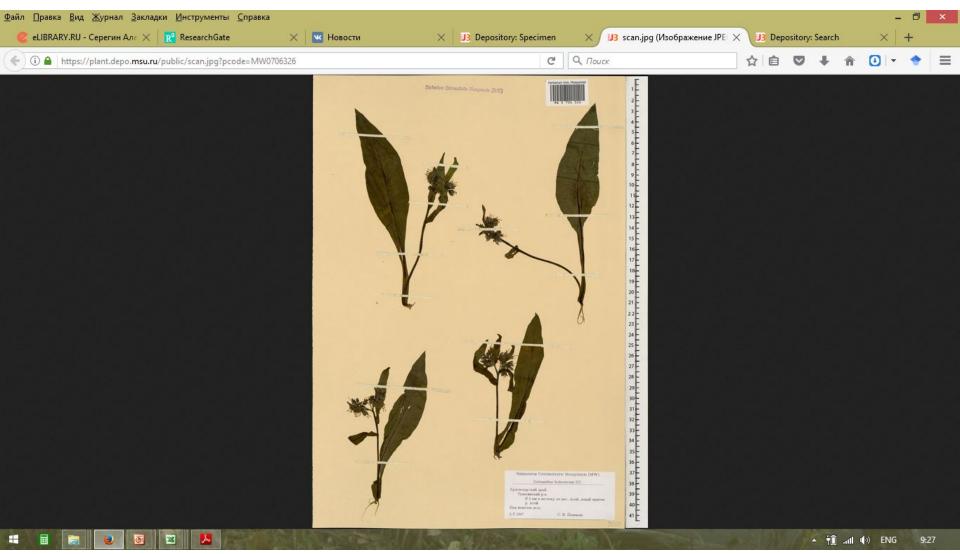


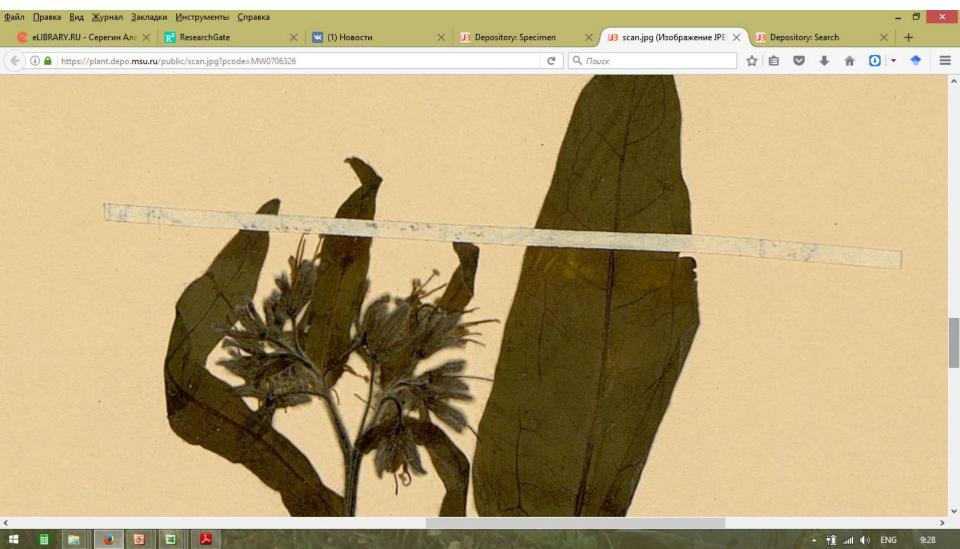


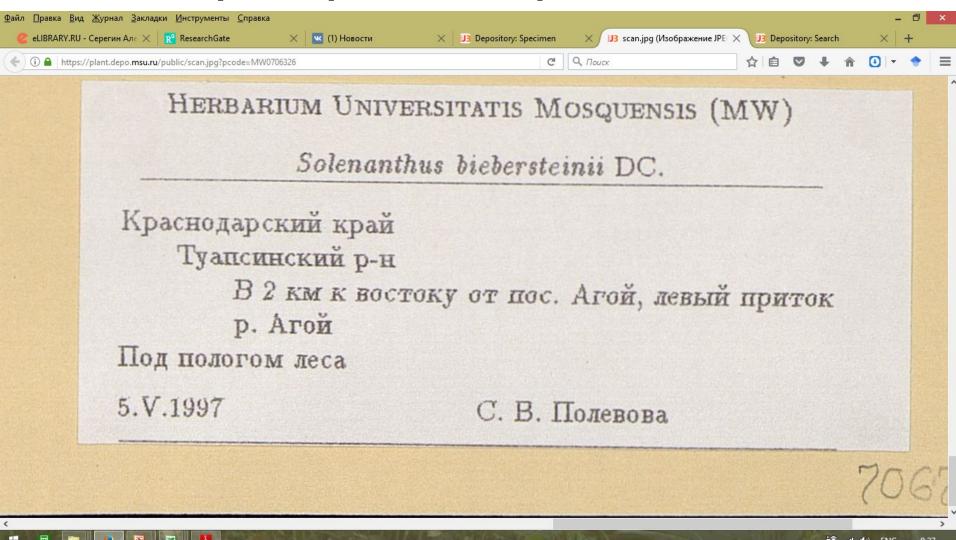


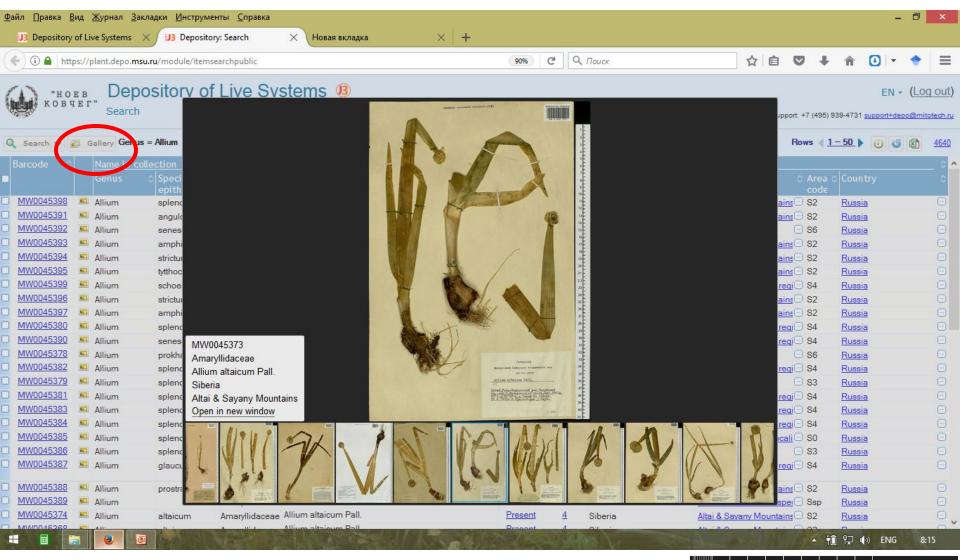






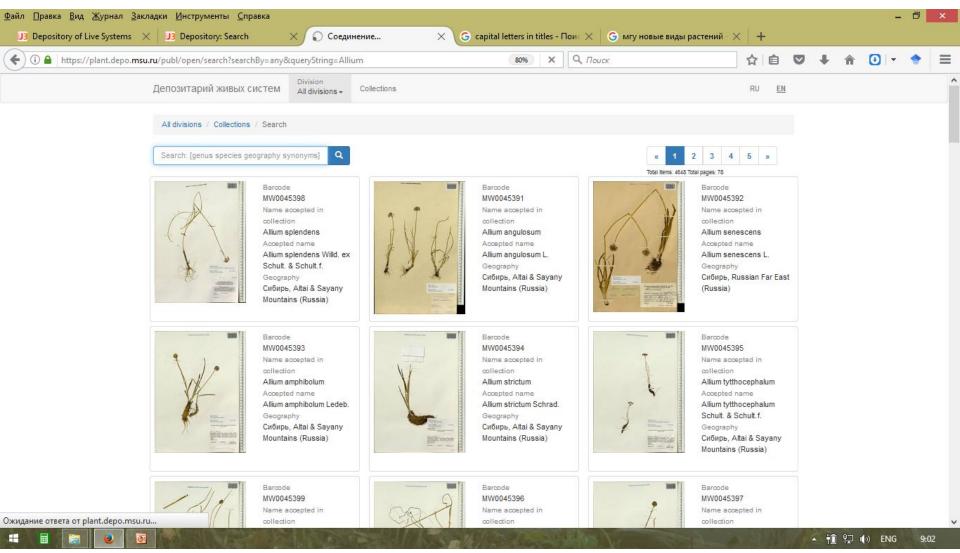


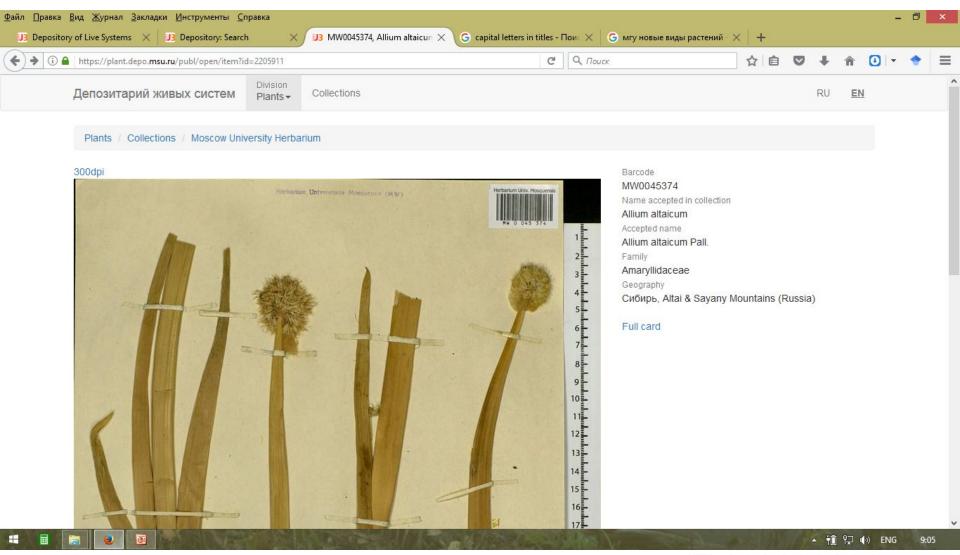






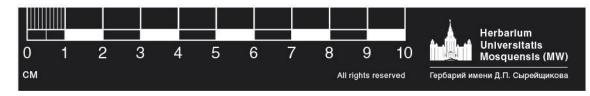
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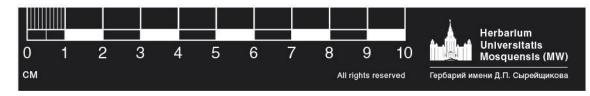
## Digitisation: Label Capturing as the Second Step

- 45,000 labels will be databased in 2017:
   Caucasus and the Crimea
- Contract with highly trained commercial partner
- Single-label specimens only
- Original label language (no translation)
- 24 RUR (0.4 USD) per label



## Digitisation: Georeferencing as the Third Step

- 3,000 specimens were georeferenced in 2017
- A single highly-trained freelancer
- N, E coordinates
- 10 RUR (0.18 USD) per specimen
- Gazetteer with standard localities as a result



#### PR and Promotion

Four appearances on federal TV

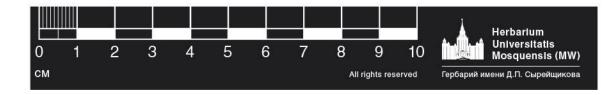






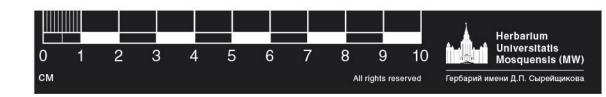


- Dozens of communications in news on web portals
- Digital Herbarium blog on vk.com
- Russian vernacular names (14K) used for indexing



#### MW Herbarium by the End of 2018

- 1,050,000 physical specimens (60<sup>th</sup> in the world)
- integration of few lesser collections (negotiations are in progress)
- 930,000 specimens will be imaged (89%)
- 250,000 specimens will be databased (24%)
- 10,000 specimens will be georeferenced (1%)



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