The Natural History Museum of Denmark (SNM) is part of a global community. Understanding and conserving Earth’s biodiversity is a challenge that requires a global perspective and world-wide partnerships. SNM’s research is recognized throughout the world. It publishes internationally and is increasingly recruiting researchers at all levels from all over the world.

Research: The overall theme of SNM’s research is the exploration and documentation of the “origin and development of everything” – including the biological and geological diversity that surrounds us. This includes research carried out at the SNM as well as during expeditions and fieldwork. An example of fieldwork is the research on flora and vegetation in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia, which has led to discoveries and documentations of many new plant species from the area.

Research sections at SNM which are involved in developing countries:

- Biodiversity
- Biosystematics
- Evolutionary Genomics

Education: Through courses and projects, SNM offers unique opportunities to meet a broad range of strong international research environments and to experience the collections up close. SNM covers a wide range of scientific disciplines which provides unique opportunities for establishing academic environments and study programmes that bring different disciplines together. Below are listed some of the courses with specific focus on developing countries that are offered at BSc and MSc level:

- East Africa (BSc, English)
- Ecology and Evolution of East Africa (BSc, field course)

Competencies:

- Maintaining and building up natural history collections, for carrying out research and education in the natural sciences
- Presenting the current state of knowledge about natural history to the general public
- Descriptions and classifications of the biological richness in developing countries
- Ecosystems functionality in developing countries, with special regard to maintaining biodiversity
- Capacity building in Bolivia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Malaysia and Thailand

Collaboration with developing countries: SNM has much to offer as a partner for other research institutes from around the world. Collaboration spans a wide range of research projects and also includes collection enhancement, inventories, field work, conservation and bioinformatics.

SNM currently participates in several large-scale international initiatives and projects with developing countries, including:

- Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BCGI): links over 800 botanic gardens and botanical institutions in more than 120 countries in the world’s largest network for plant conservation, environmental education and sustainable development.
- Flora of Ethiopia: The Flora of Ethiopia and Eritrea will be covering approximately 7,000 species of vascular plants, both indigenous and important cultivated species. The Flora is planned as a work in eight volumes. The Ethiopian Flora Project was initiated in 1980, with several contributions from the staff at the Herbarium.
- Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF): An international network of partners working on digitising taxonomic and distributional data on the planetary biota. The secretariat of this network is physically located at the SNM. The Danish Biodiversity Information Facility (DanBIF) is GBIF’s Danish node and is similarly affiliated with SNM.