

DIGIVOL

A citizen science initiative of the Australian Museum and the Atlas of Living Australia

What is DigiVol?

DigiVol Lab citizen scientists complement Museum staff work by creating a digital image record of the Collections' objects, associated labels and archival records.

Online citizen scientists transcribe and validate the images captured in the **DigiVol Lab** on the **DigiVol Online** website.

The data is imported into the Museum's collection management system (EMu) making it accessible to Museum staff and biodiversity websites.

How it works



Our Strategic Approach

Science Foundation

To enable scientific discovery by digitising specimens from museum collections and making them accessible online through data repositories, such as Atlas of Living Australia (ALA).

Community Engagement

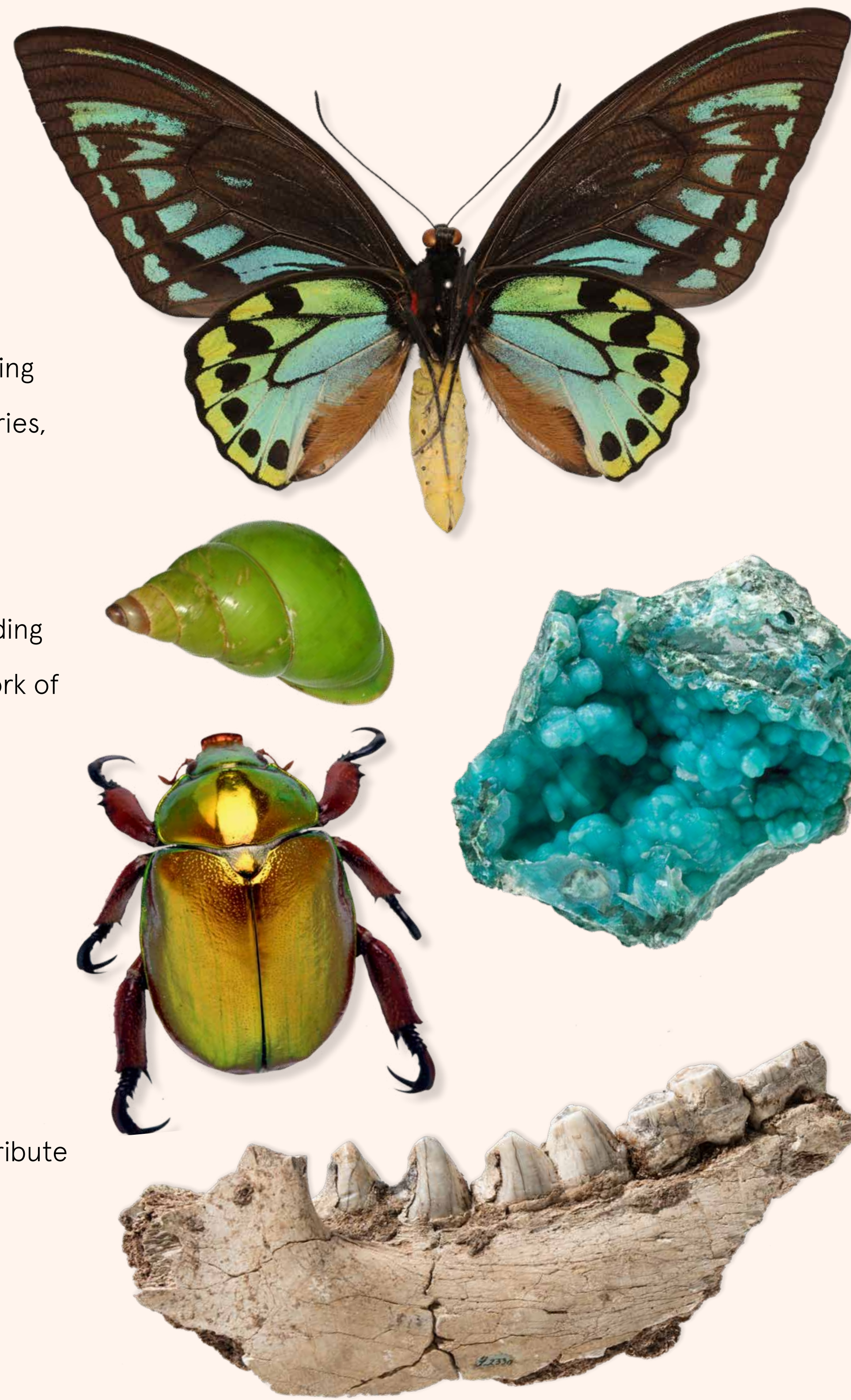
To enrich the lives of citizen scientists by building the **DigiVol** community and supporting the work of museums worldwide.

Educational Platform

To increase scientific literacy through the application of scientific best practice to the digitisation of museum collections.

Capacity Building

To build capacity for citizen scientists to contribute to scientific projects both online and onsite.



DigiVol Facts

DigiVol Team

- **DigiVol** started in May, 2011
- 65 **DigiVol Lab** based citizen scientists
- 2500 **DigiVol Online** citizen scientists
- Australian Museum **DigiVol** coordinators
- Atlas of Living Australia software developers

Operations

- **DigiVol Lab** operates 5 days per week : imaging specimens and labels, archival records and post processing images
- **DigiVol Online** 24/7: transcribing and validating label information

Collections

- **DigiVol Lab** works with Collection staff to develop handling guidelines, workflow processes, operational logistics, data imports and quality assurance
- Museums around the world digitising their collections through **DigiVol Online**

DigiVol Statistics

DigiVol Lab



503,000

Total AM digital records of specimens, objects & archival material



392

Lab specimen & archival records per day

DigiVol Online



772,000

Total **DigiVol Online** transcriptions



15,500

Average **DigiVol Online** transcriptions per month, with 10,555 validations per month



45

Institutions worldwide use **DigiVol Online**

Make a contribution by becoming an online volunteer at

DigiVol.org

Any institution or individual with a project that has images of collection objects, archival materials or camera traps which need to be transcribed or classified

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