



Using BiodiversityCatalogue

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Building a biodiversity Workflow

- We will start with something easy – we will use a GBIF service to retrieve information about the occurrences of a species which name we will provide
- Go to the www.biodiversitycatalogue.org and search for “gbif”

The screenshot shows the BiodiversityCatalogue website. The browser address bar displays <https://www.biodiversitycatalogue.org>. A red banner at the top states: "BiodiversityCatalogue will be undergoing an upgrade on Wednesday 4th December 2013. The site will possibly be out of service for the day. If this is going to affect your work, please let us know contact@biodel.eu." The website header includes the logo "BiodiversityCatalogue" and navigation links: "Getting Started", "About Us", "Contact Us", "API De", "Sign up", and "Sign in". The search bar contains the text "gbif" and is highlighted with a black arrow. Below the search bar, the page title reads "The BiodiversityCatalogue: providing a curated catalogue of Biodiversity Web Services". A yellow banner indicates: "BiodiversityCatalogue currently has 36 services, 27 service providers and 73 members". The main content area features three columns: "Latest Activity" (listing a contact annotation by Robert Haines), "DISCOVER" (with sub-points: "Find the right Web Service" and "Powerful search and filtering"), and "REGISTER" (with sub-points: "Easily register Web Services" and "Instantly available to everyone"). On the right, there are sections for "Site Announcements" and "Latest Services".



Service selection

- From the results select *GBIF Occurrence Web Service*

Services (7) | **REST Endpoints (20 of 33)** | **Service Providers (2)** | **Users (2)**

GBIF Portal Web Services REST

Categories:
Infrastructure
Occurrence
Checklist and Classification
Niche Modelling (Species Distribution)
Geospatial Modelling

Taxonomic Synonym Resolution
Taxonomic Diversity

The portal includes a range of web services that can be used by other portals and applications to directly access XML formatted occurrence records. The portal provides a range of filters for selecting occurrence records. The currently supported response formats include TDWG Darwin Core and options for viewing information on the...

Provider: [data-gbif-org](http://data.gbif.org) | **Base URL:** <http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest>

GBIF Occurrence Web Service REST

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Infrastructure
Occurrence
Data Retrieval

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Provider: [data-gbif-org](http://data.gbif.org) | **Base URL:** <http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence>



Service description

- Have a look at the service description

Overview **REST Endpoints (6)** Examples Monitoring History

Provider:
[data-gbif-org](#)

Location:
not available

Submitter / Source:
by [Robert Haines](#) **Admin** (5 days ago)

Base URL:
<http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence>

Documentation URL(s):

<http://data.gbif.org/ws/> by [Robert Haines](#) **Admin** (5 days ago)

[Login to add a documentation URL](#)

Description(s):

This service provides a range of filters for selecting occurrence records. The currently supported response formats include TDWG Darwin Core records and KML (for use with Google Earth). by [Robert Haines](#) **Admin** (5 days ago)



Examples

- Select the **Examples** tab and see how the service can be used

Overview REST Endpoints (6) **Examples** Monitoring History

Data **Scripts**

Scripts

Example endpoints for REST Endpoint: 'Count Records'

```
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/count?scientificname=Puma+concolor  
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/count?originisocountrycode=AT&basisofrecordcode=specimen&enddate=1899-12-31
```

Example endpoints for REST Endpoint: 'Get Individual Records'

```
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/get/100  
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/get?key=100&stylesheet=
```

Example endpoints for REST Endpoint: 'Help'

```
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/help
```

Example endpoints for REST Endpoint: 'Search for Records'

```
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/list?scientificname=Puma+concolor&format=darwin  
http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/list?originisocountrycode=AT&basisofrecordcode=specimen&enddate=1899-12-31
```



Using a REST template

- We want the service to return the results for a species which name we will provide in darwin format, that have coordinates included and we want to limit the number of results to 100 so our REST configuration will look like this:

<http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/list?scientificname={scientificname}&format=darwin&coordinatestatus=true&maxresults=100>

- ❑ The *{scientificname}* means the REST service has a parameter called *scientificname*. Within Taverna, the parameter value can be passed into the service call.
- In Taverna Workbench go to the Services Panel
- From the Available Services select Services Template and REST
- Right-click on it as select Add to workflow (see the next slide)



REST template selection

Import new services

Available services

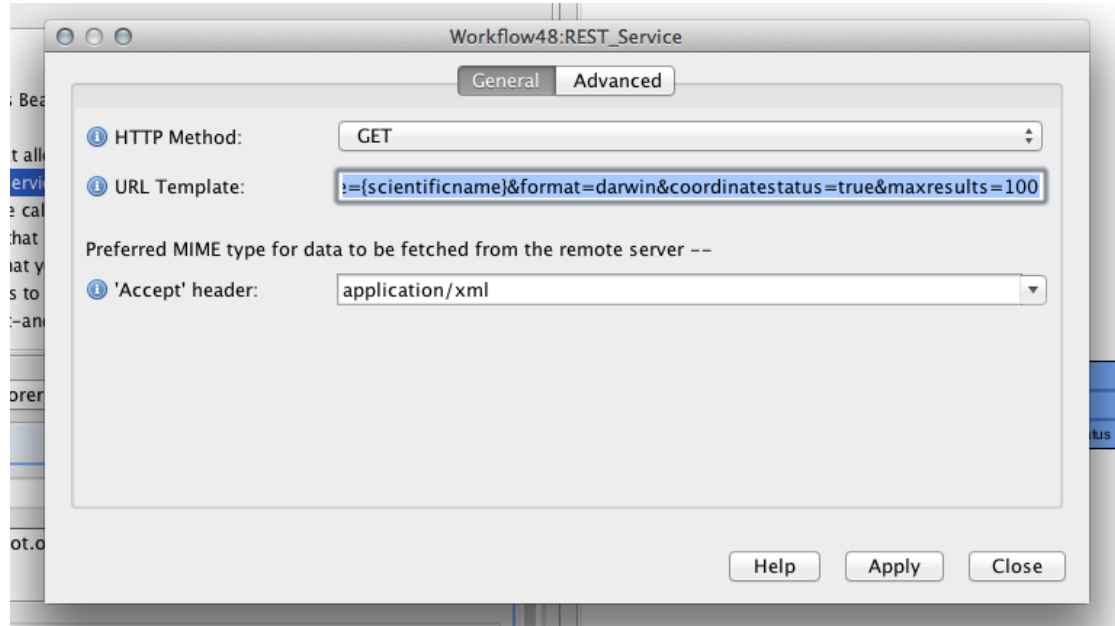
- Service templates
 - Beanshell - A service that allows Beanshell scripts, with dependencies on libraries
 - Interaction
 - Nested workflow - A service that allows you to have one workflow nested within another
 - REST Service - A generic REST service that can handle all HTTP methods**
 - Rshell - A service that allows the calling of R scripts on an R server
 - SpreadsheetImport - A service that imports data from spreadsheets
 - Text constant - A string value that you can set
 - Tool - A service that allows tools to be used as services
 - XPath Service - Service for point-and-click creation of XPath expressions for XML data
- Local services

Workflow explorer | **Details** | Validation report

REST Service
Add to workflow
Add to workflow with name...



REST template configuration



- Enter the following into the URL template field:

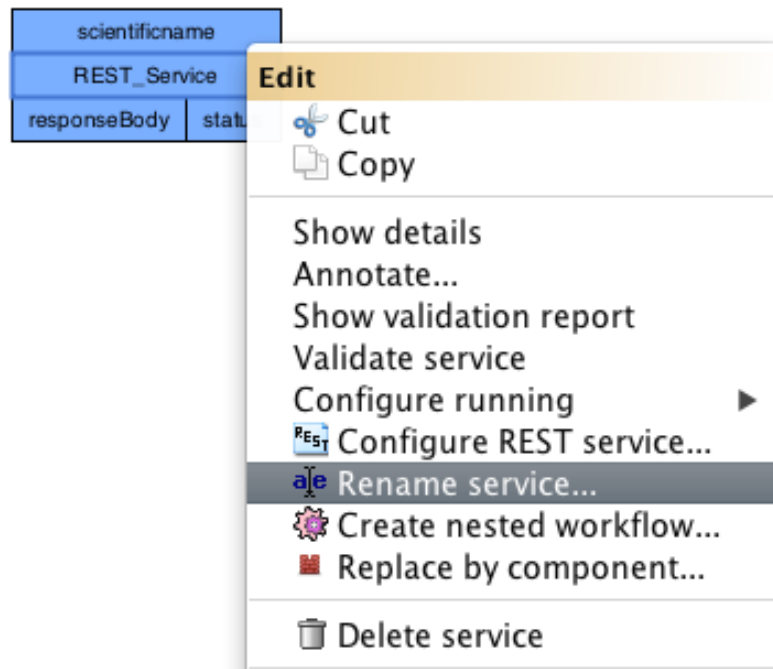
<http://data.gbif.org/ws/rest/occurrence/list?scientificname={scientificname}&format=darwin&coordinatestatus=true&maxresults=100>

- Click **Apply** and **Close** to save the configuration



Service renaming

- Let's change the name of the service to: gbifLocatedOccurrenceInDarwin





Show ports

- At the top of the workflow diagram panel, change the view to show all ports by clicking on the icon shown below



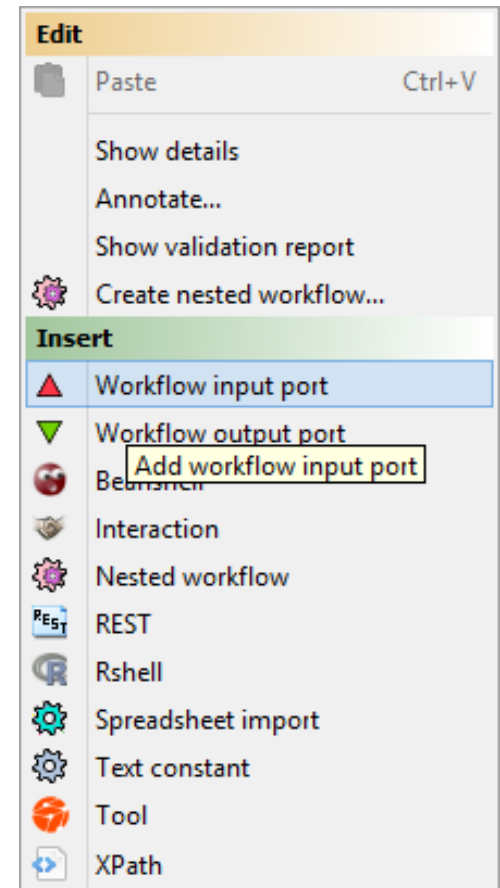
Show all ports icon

- This view allows you to see any data input/output or parameter value options for your chosen service
- The REST service should have an input port called *scientificname*



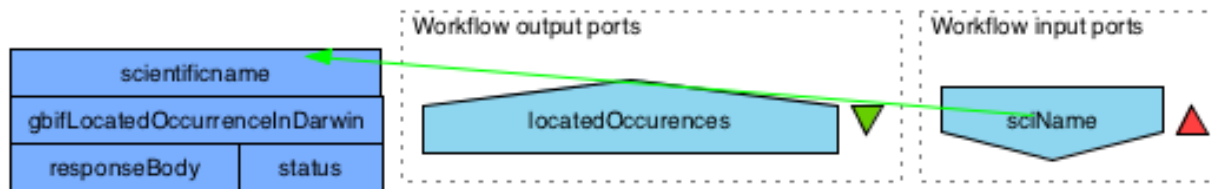
Workflow port creation

- In a blank space in the workflow diagram, right-click and select “Workflow input port” from the “Insert” section
- Type in a name for this input (e.g. sciName) and click “ok”
- Do the same to create a new workflow output. Call this output “locatedOccurrences”

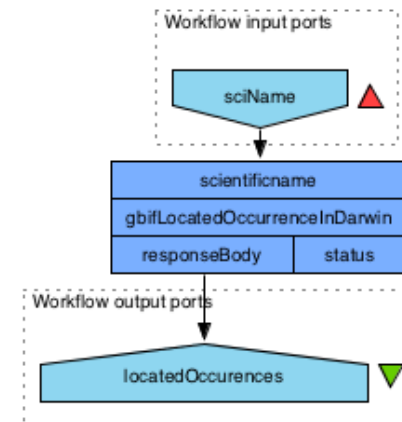




Workflow connection



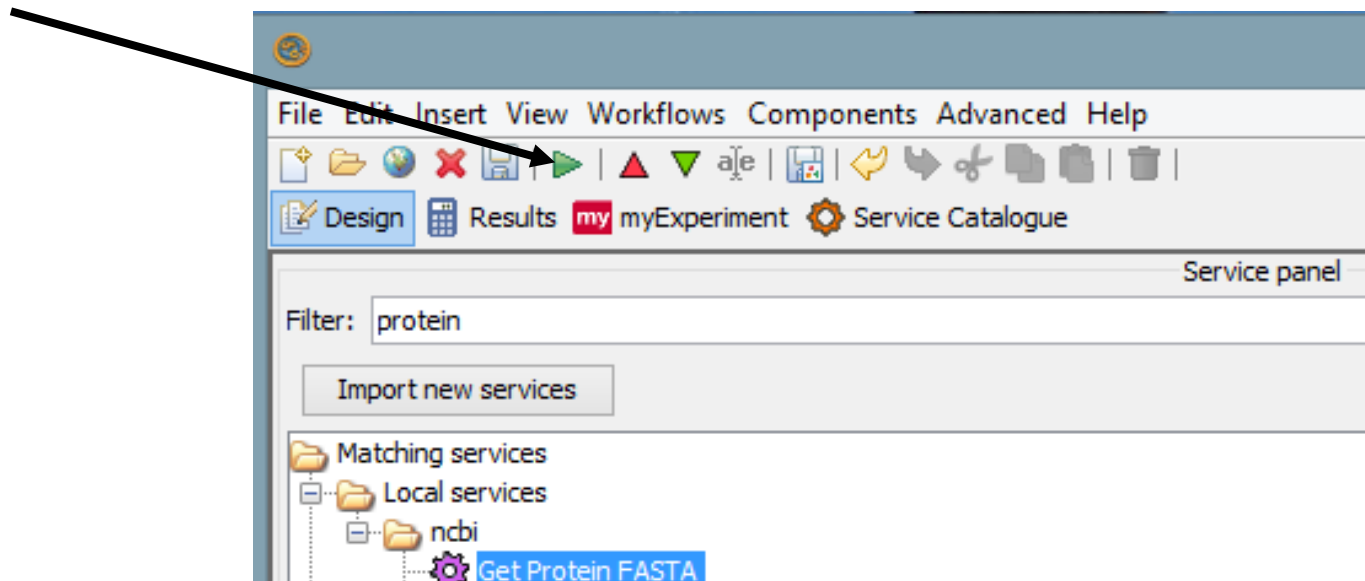
- Connect the input and output ports
- Your workflow should look like this





Running the workflow

- Run the workflow by selecting “file -> run workflow”, or by clicking on the play button at the top of the workbench





Setting input values

- You'll get a pop up window where you can enter the data for the workflow. Select "Set value"

Input values for 'Workflow48'

sciName

Diagram

Workflow description

Workflow author

Port description

Example value

Delete Set value Set file location... Set URL ...

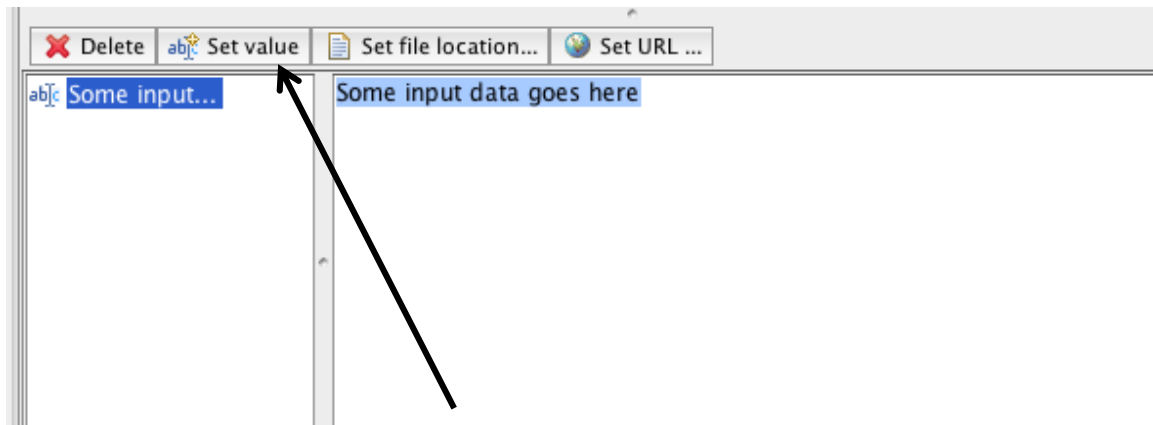
Set the input value

Drag to re-arrange, or drag files, URLs, or text to add

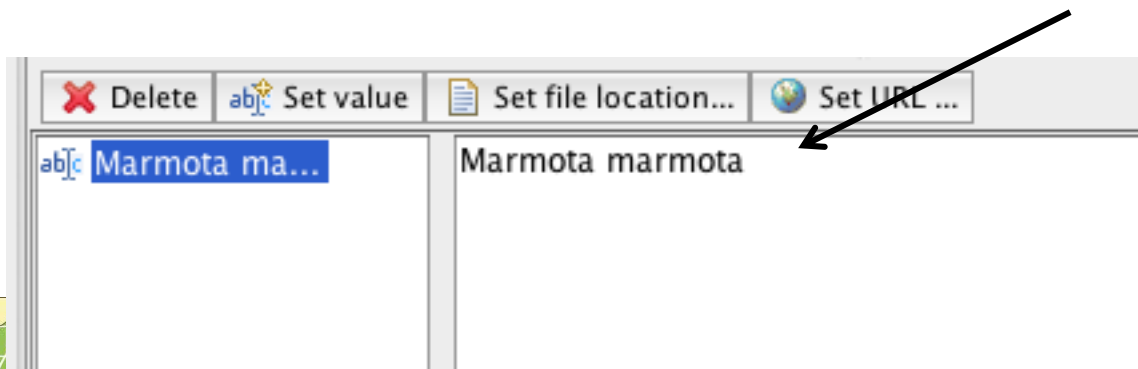
Load previous values Save values Use examples Run workflow Cancel



Setting input values



- Click “Select value” and enter “Marmota marmota” and then at the bottom of the window “Run workflow”





REST workflow run

The screenshot shows the Taverna Workbench 2.4.0 interface. The main window displays a workflow diagram with the following components:

- Workflow input ports:** A box labeled "sciName" with a red triangle icon.
- Workflow process:** A box labeled "gbifLocatedOccurrenceInDarwin".
- Workflow output ports:** A box labeled "locatedOccurrences" with a green triangle icon.

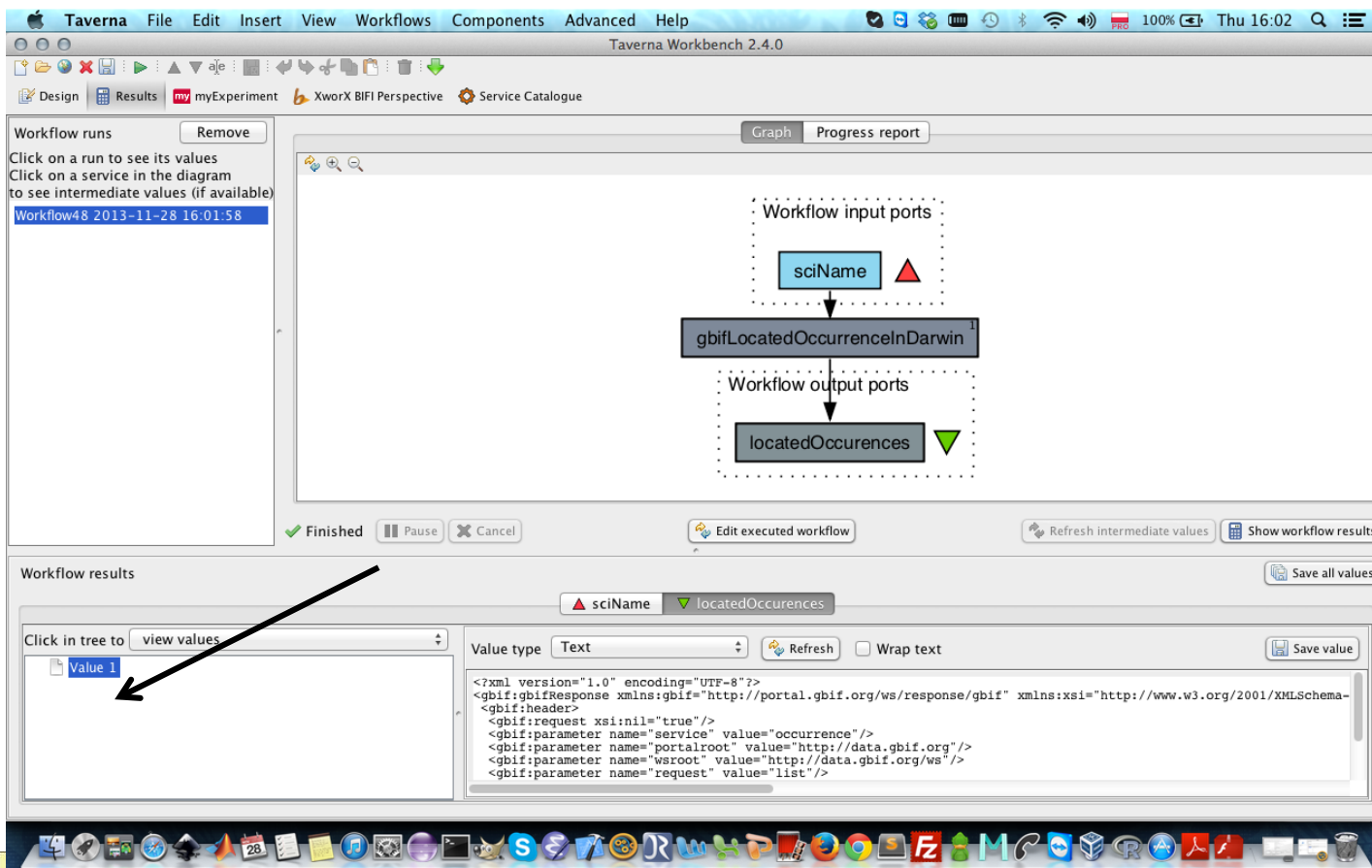
Below the diagram, the status is "Running". At the bottom, the "Workflow results" section is visible, showing a tree view and a "Value type" field.

- You should see the workflow running



REST workflow results

- Once the workflow finished running click on "Value" to see the results



The screenshot shows the Taverna Workbench 2.4.0 interface. At the top, the menu bar includes 'Taverna', 'File', 'Edit', 'Insert', 'View', 'Workflows', 'Components', 'Advanced', and 'Help'. The main window displays a workflow diagram with the following components:

- Workflow input ports:** A box labeled 'sciName' with a red triangle icon.
- Workflow process:** A box labeled 'gbifLocatedOccurrenceInDarwin' with a '1' in the top right corner.
- Workflow output ports:** A box labeled 'locatedOccurrences' with a green downward-pointing triangle icon.

Below the diagram, the workflow status is 'Finished'. At the bottom of the interface, the 'Workflow results' section is visible. It shows a tree view on the left with a folder icon and the text 'Value 1'. An arrow points from this 'Value 1' entry to the right-hand pane, which displays the XML response:

```

<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<gbif:gbifResponse xmlns:gbif="http://portal.gbif.org/ws/response/gbif" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-
<gbif:header>
<gbif:request xsi:nil="true"/>
<gbif:parameter name="service" value="occurrence"/>
<gbif:parameter name="portalroot" value="http://data.gbif.org"/>
<gbif:parameter name="wsroot" value="http://data.gbif.org/ws"/>
<gbif:parameter name="request" value="list"/>
  
```



Saving a workflow

- Let's save the workflow now as "Species_Occurrence"

The screenshot shows the Taverna Workbench 2.4.0 interface. The 'File' menu is open, displaying various options. The 'Save workflow as...' option is highlighted. The main workspace shows a workflow diagram with an input port 'sciName' and an output port 'locatedOccurrences'. The 'Workflow explorer' on the left shows the workflow structure, including input and output ports, services, and data links.



Service ports

- ❑ Most of the time, you don't need to connect all ports. Some are optional and some already have default values set.
- ❑ Service documentation should tell you this. You can use the BiodiversityCatalogue to find documentation and user descriptions
- ❑ Change the orientation of the port names to fit them on the screen more easily by clicking on the icon shown below



change orientation





Adding a Workflow Description

- Right-click on a blank part of the workflow diagram and select “Annotate”
- Add some details about the workflow e.g. who is the author, what does it do
- You can also add examples and descriptions for the workflow inputs by selecting them and selecting “Annotate”
- Add an example for the species “Marmota marmota”
- Save the workflow by going to “File -> save workflow”
- Run the workflow again and look at the results