



The i5k Workspace@NAL - a Genome Database for Arthropods



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What is the i5k Workspace@NAL?

• <https://i5k.nal.usda.gov>

- A workspace for **genomic data access, dissemination, and curation** for any 'orphaned' arthropod genome project, hosted by the USDA's National Agricultural Library (NAL)¹.
- We provide a central **organism page** for each project, **gene pages** for projects with an Official Gene Set, **data downloads**, a **BLAST²** search engine, the **JBrowse³** genome browser, and the **Apollo⁴** manual curation tool.

15k Workspace by the numbers

Metric Name	FY2018 - Q1	FY2018 - Q2
# of organisms hosted (cumulative)	61	63
# of registered users (cumulative)	490	499
# of pageviews	27,582	23,781
# of annotations created	884	1,682
# of active annotators	19	30

Table 1. Metrics describing the usage of the i5k Workspace@NAL.

Submit your data

- **Any orphaned arthropod genome project** in need of manual curation or other genome portal resources can start an i5k Workspace project.
- Users can also submit data to existing projects.
- Our main requirements are: 1) your assembly is accessioned by NCBI/INSDC; 2) datasets need to be mapped to the genome assembly

1. Register for an account
2. Request a new organism
3. Submit (meta)data (Fig. 1)
4. Upload files
5. Most file formats accepted

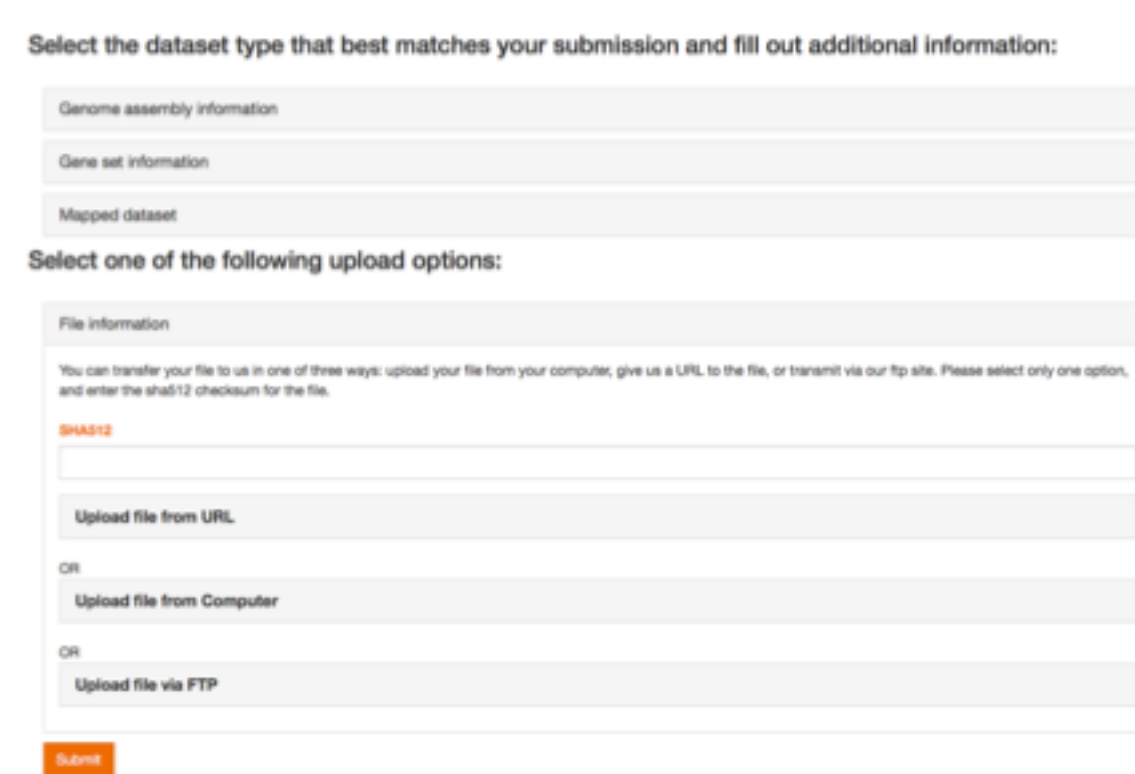


Figure 1. Screenshot of the i5k Workspace data submission portal.

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Features

- **Exposure for your data.** All i5k Workspace projects are set up with an organism page and data downloads (Fig.2) using the Tripal⁵ software
- For Official Gene Sets, we can set up gene pages

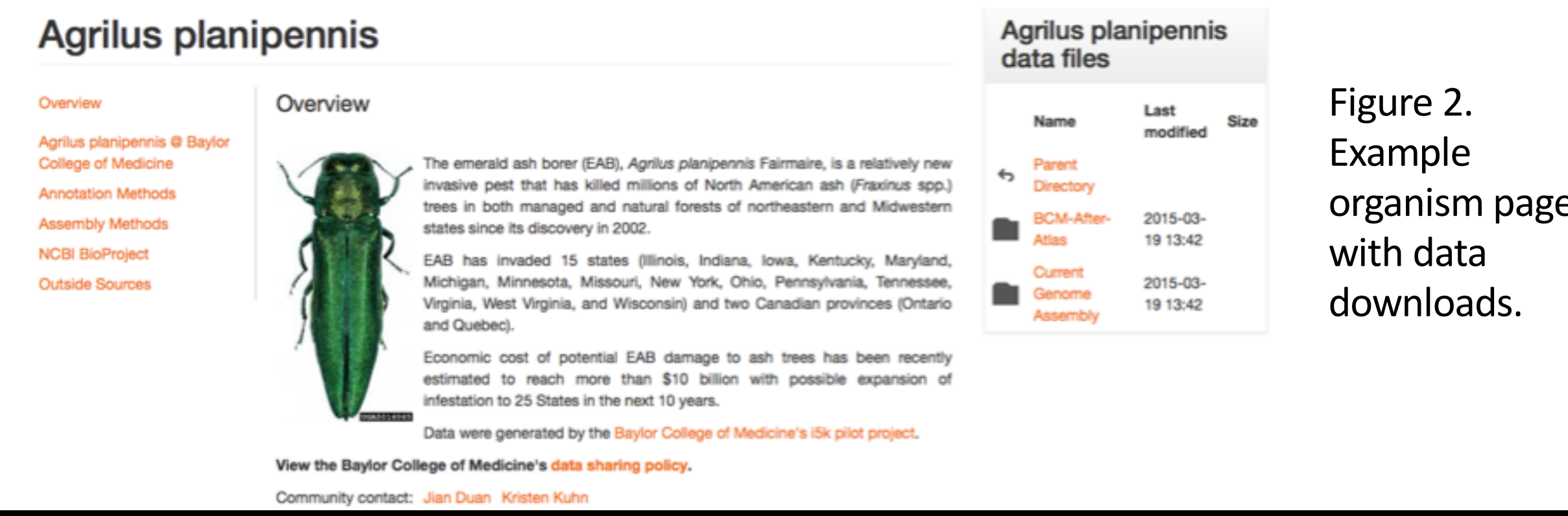


Figure 2. Example organism page with data downloads.

Tools – Sequence search and alignment

- Your sequence datasets will be searchable via **BLAST²** (Fig. 3) and **HMMER⁶**; **Clustal^{7,8}** is available for alignments
- Web applications are built using the Django framework (see our companion poster)



Figure 3. BLAST query and result pages.

Tools – Jbrowse and Apollo

- All i5k Workspace projects are set up with the **JBrowse³** genome browser and the **Apollo⁴** manual annotation tool (Fig. 4). We have tutorials, webinars, naming guidelines, and other resources to support manual annotation.

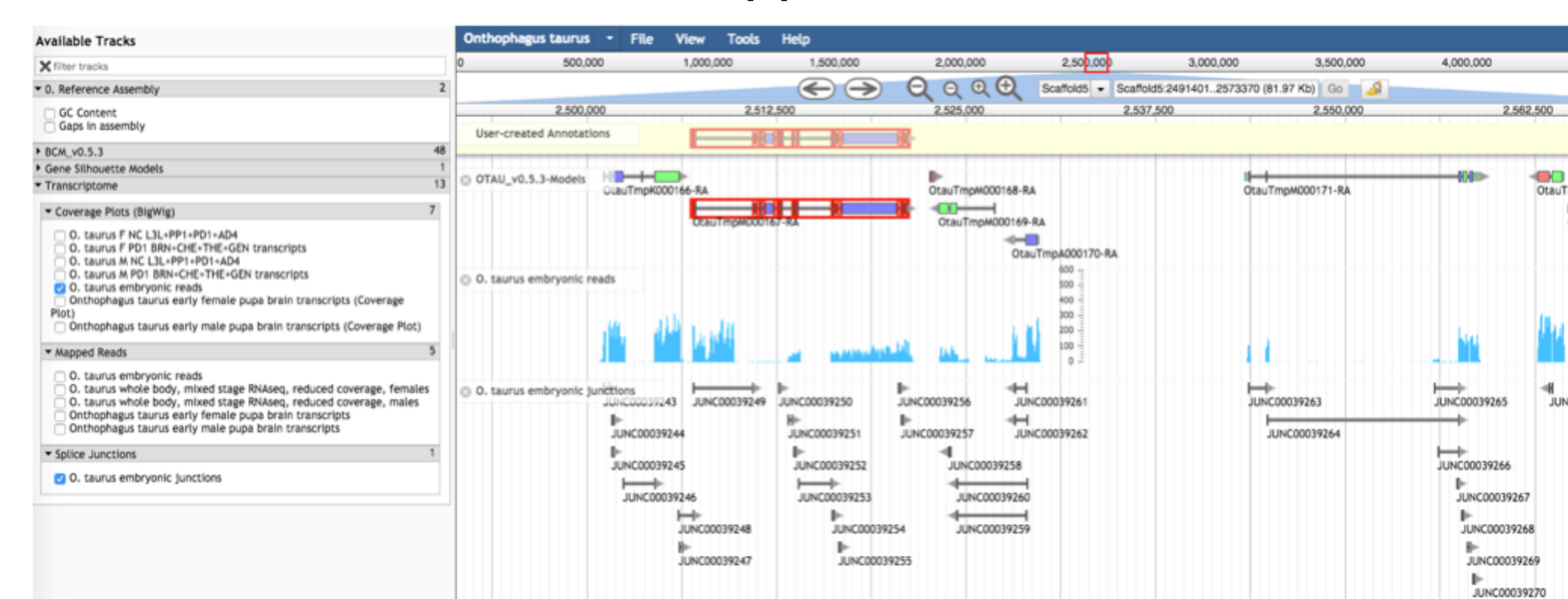
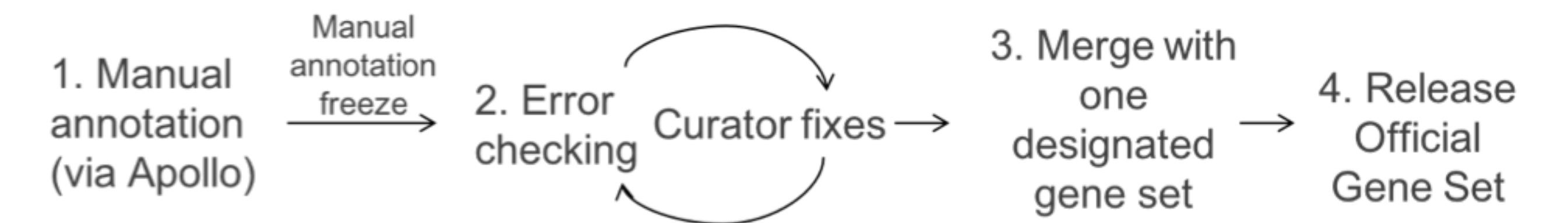


Figure 4. The Apollo manual annotation software.

Services – OGS generation

- Genome communities often want to generate a non-redundant "Official Gene Set" incorporating both manual and automated annotations.
- We developed the **GFF3toolkit** software to generate Official Gene Sets (OGS's). <https://github.com/NAL-i5k/GFF3toolkit>
- Updates to the GFF3toolkit, including a new function to fix errors in gff3 files, are in our companion poster
- We have facilitated the generation of 9 Official Gene Sets (OGS's) so far



Services – Annotation updates (in progress)

- Many of the i5k Workspace genome assemblies are being updated. We have developed a workflow to easily update annotation datasets in gff3 format to new assembly coordinates.
- The workflow uses NCBI's whole-genome alignment service and the CrossMap software⁹. The novel feature of this workflow is the easy reconstruction of gene models in gff3 format, which typically break using CrossMap
- <https://github.com/NAL-i5k/remap-gff3>

	<i>Gerris buenoi</i> ¹⁰	<i>Leptinotarsa decemlineata</i> ¹¹
# of original gene models	21,105	24,837
# of scaffolds on assembly v1	20,259	24,393
# of scaffolds on assembly v2	18,844	26,908
% of whole-genome alignments used	93.84	95.60
% of gene models retained after crossmap	37.51	48.41
% of gene models retained after remap-gff3	90.62	75.11

Table 2. Genome annotation metrics before and after coordinate conversion between genome assembly versions.

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