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BCC provides legal and management consultations to nature reserves and governmental agencies, and participates in drafting conservation legislation at federal and regional levels. BCC's role in information involves collection, analysis, and publication of newsletters and handbooks for professionals and public organizations. Several projects are housed within BCC, including a Biodiversity Atlas which maintains a GIS database on rare and endangered flora and fauna.

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