**Release Updates**

***5.8.4 & 5.9/5.9.1***

# Completed Releases: 5.8.4 & 5.9

# Duration:

**5.8.4** 27 Oct 2016 – 22 Nov 2016

**5.9/5.9.1** 28 Nov 2016 – 23 Dec 2016

Goals:

**5.8.4**

* Finish spatial import epic
* Finish spatial attributes epic
* Finish EST acceptance criteria
* Finish off-heap storage for data exchange
* Update Biotics project roadmap - incorporate new data exchange epics

**5.9**

* Complete testing of off-heap storage for data exchange
* Finish revisions for accepting ESTs in data exchange, and complete technical pre-requisites for implementation

Outcome Highlights:

**5.8.4**

* Spatial import and spatial attribute epics both completed
* Principal EST acceptance criteria established, some revisions still required
* Testing in progress for off-heap storage
* Project roadmap was updated as planned and presented to network during Roadmap webinar (see below)
* Implement the ability to administer extensible tables

**5.9/5.9.1**

* Testing of off-heap storage for DX completed
* Revision of EST acceptance criteria ongoing
* Implement the ability for users to create, manage, and use geographic bookmarks
* Implement ability to create and restore Saved Maps (with current center point, scale, layers and filters)
* Fix (rel. 5.9.1) – Map Viewer drawing error

[View complete 5.8.4 release notes](http://help.natureserve.org/biotics/" \l "Release_Notes/5.8.4.htm)

[View complete 5.9 release notes](http://help.natureserve.org/biotics/#Release_Notes/5.9.htm)

[View Biotics 5.8.4 release webinar (November 29, 2016 PowerPoint and recorded sessions)](http://bit.ly/1UD3BTa)

[View Biotics 5.9 release webinar (December 22, 2016 PowerPoint and recorded sessions)](http://bit.ly/1UD3BTa)

**Next Release: 5.9.2**

# Duration: 22 Dec 2016 – 25 Jan 2017

Goals:

* Support for Local to Central exchange of ESTs (if change does not require review)
* Implement Crystal Report through Biotics

*Biotics 5.9.2 Release Webinar on Jan 26, 2017 2:00 PM EST – Register at*,  
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8822502571498331907> - [***NOTE****: This GoTo Webinar registration page is incorrectly labeled 5.9.1 release but it is the correct link.]*

Agenda:

* Biotics 5.9.2
* Preliminary results of Biotics 5 Development Priorities Survey

# Rollout Activities

* [View Bulk Upload Data Exchange (Central to Local) Rollout status map](http://arcg.is/2h65maj)
  + Recently completed Central to Local upload: South Carolina, Montana, Wyoming
  + In the queue: Alberta, North Dakota, Pennsylvania
* [View EO Upload Data Exchange (Local to Central) rollout schedule map](http://arcg.is/2iJxmVq)
  + Recently completed EO upload: Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, South Carolina
  + In progress or in the queue: Alaska, Ohio, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey

Please submit any questions you have about the data exchange schedules to the Biotics Helpdesk.

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# Biotics Roadmap Webinar and Development Priorities Survey

Description: Webinar held December 15th to discuss the Biotics development roadmap. Included a general review of the Biotics Roadmap and an update on new data exchange components.

[View Biotics Roadmap](http://bit.ly/2hF1nV8)

[View Biotics Roadmap Webinar (December 15](http://bit.ly/2gH8319)[,](http://bit.ly/2gH8319) [2016 - PowerPoint and recorded sessions)](http://bit.ly/2gH8319)

As a follow up to the December 15th Roadmap webinar we are soliciting your feedback regarding Biotics 5 development priorities. Unlike similar surveys in the past which sought your input on individual development issues, this survey deals with larger areas of development, referred to as epics. Given that epics cover a much broader scope and will therefore guide Biotics development for some time, your feedback regarding the Biotics Roadmap is integral and will be part of an ongoing process.

Please limit your response to one per program by discussing the survey within your organization prior to responding **by Friday, January 13**. A sample survey is attached to help facilitate internal discussions. The active survey can be found at, [Access Biotic 5 Development Priorities Survey](http://svy.mk/2hQSh62) .

Should you have any questions regarding the surveys or epics, please submit a ticket to the [Biotics 5 Help Desk](http://bioticssupport.natureserve.org/) by emailing [biotics@natureserve.org](mailto:biotics@natureserve.org).