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All life forms to be barcoded

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Scientists *plans to barcode* all species of life on the planet before they all die out.

The scheme does not involve actually drawing a barcode on the bemused beast – it involves invading their privacy by taking a snippet of DNA from all the known species on Earth and linking them to photographs, descriptions and scientific information.

When the barcode library is completed by 2010, it will allow any animal or plant to be identified in minutes using technology costing a few pounds.