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# Roadmap

- Corpora & consultation interface (concordancer)
- Electronic lexical resource for NLP
- Language detection tool
- Part-of-speech (POS) tagger

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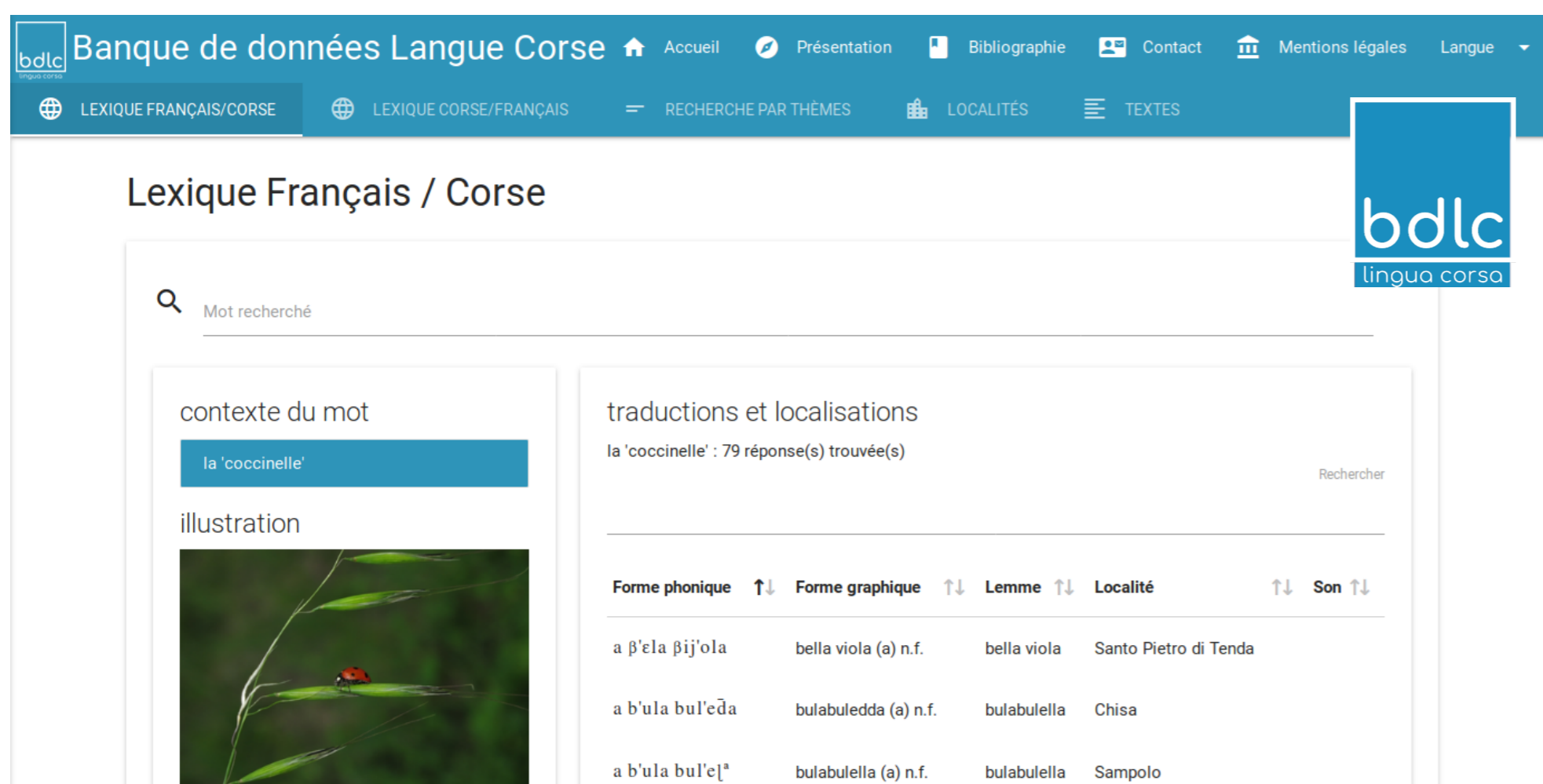
### 1. The Corsican language & BDLC

- Latin language
- Italo-Romance domain
- Borrowings from various languages
- 4 to 5 dialectal areas
- Unstandardized writing
- Diglossia with French

#### BDLC (corsican language database): Linguistic data related to Corsican know-how and cultural traditions

- Field surveys
- Thematic questionnaires (FR wordlists)
  - > Corsican translations
  - > Ethnotexts (testimonies)
- Important variation
  - \* an object can be related to many lemmas
  - \* variations in transcripts :
    - keep the dialectal richness : *cerra, gerra*
    - hiatus accentuation : *durmìa*
    - enclitics : *fanne = fà* («to do») + *ne* («it»)
    - opening of the proparoxytones vowels : *pèrgula*

- URL: <http://bdlc.univ-corse.fr/>



### 2. Corpora collection

- More than 3MIO words collected from various online sources (Wikipedia, The Bible, press, blogs...)
- Usefull for the research usage of our team
- Most of the copora cannot be redistributed because of legal (licensing, copyright) issues
- Attempt to gather exploitable and redistributable corpora for all (eg. under license CC BY-NC-SA 4.0)

### 3. Corpora interface

- Online concordancer, linguistic search criteria (WIP)
- In the future : lemmatized corpora

### 4. Electronic dictionary

- DELA format:
 

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form,lemma.gram_sem_codes:flex_codes/comment
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- Content : 20 875 forms
  - 17 860 simple forms (10 224 lemmas)
  - 3 015 compound forms (2 244 lemmas)
- Coverage : 49% (corpus: 160K forms / 15K unique)
- To be extended...
- Pending : how to deal with dialectal variation ?
  - > Lemma choice, use of upper level lemma... ?

### 5. Lemmatization procedure

- Based on the dictionary
- Two steps :
  1. Lexicographic study
  2. Disambiguation
- To be implemented under Unitex

### 6. Language detection tool

- No ready-to-use (good) software including Corsican
- Re-training and testing of different systems

8 languages :	Method	8 languages	Corsican	9 languages
- English	MyLetterDistrib	99.62	93.04	98.89
- German	MyStopWords	99.62	93.56	98.95
- Dutch	CueLanguage	99.50	84.41	97.82
- French	Libre TextCat	100	95.62	99.51
- Italian	Langid.py	98.75	95.23	98.36
- Spanish	Langdetect	100	96.65	99.63
- Portuguese	Langdetect	100	96.65	99.63
- Romanian	FastText	100	95.49	99.50
+ Corsican !	Lgid	100	98.58	99.84

- DEMO: <http://bdlc.univ-corse.fr/ta1/>

### 7. Part-of-speech tagging

Possible options :

- Transfer methods (from Italian)
- Training of a Corsican version (long term)