

Task Cluster 4 - Electronic Data

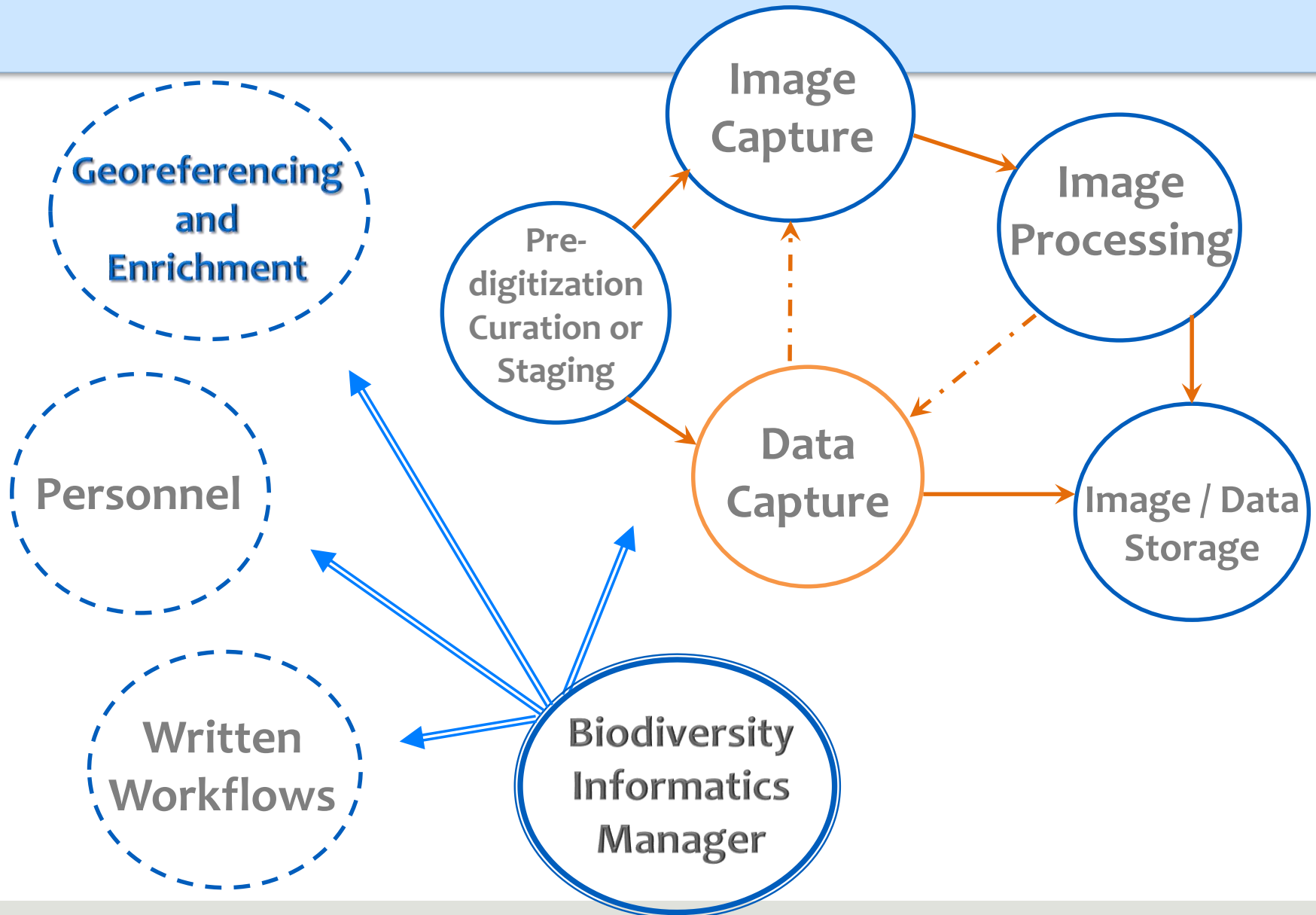
Capture: collection data management and data capture

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DATA CAPTURE



Staffing

Data Entry, Imaging, Data Validation

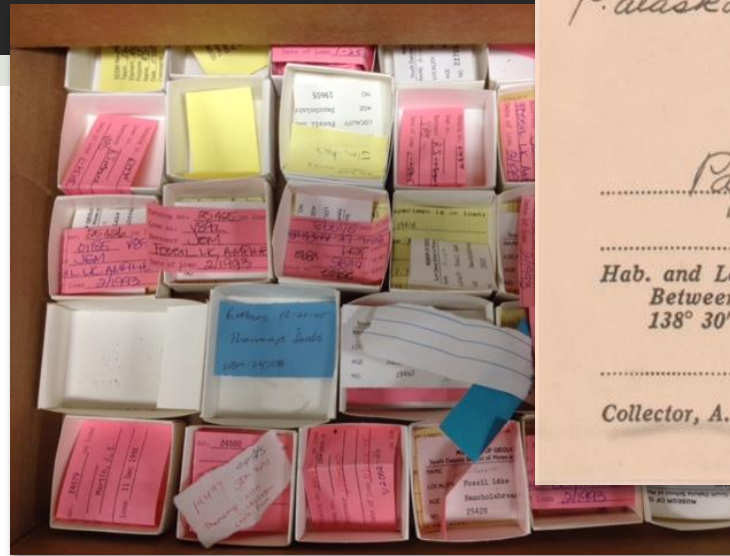
- In-house volunteers
- Paid staff
- Citizen scientists

Considerations

- Training
- Roles
- Autonomy
- Managing Staff and Data



Labels
Notebooks
Card Files
Vials, ...



P. alaskanum *Hultén* No. 7138
National Herbarium of Canada
Yukon
FLORA OF NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Papaver nudicaule L.
Hab. and Loc., Arctic Coast west of Mackenzie River delta:
Between King Pt. and Kay Pt., 69° 12' N., and 138° to
138° 30' W.
semi-barren ridges
Collector, A. E. Porsild July 23-25, 1934



SWEDEN, Vr. Munkfors kommun, Ransäter, Rudstorp, Sandy railway embankment through pasture-land. N66°36.454' E13°69.030' (= Trap ID 1002) 23.vii - 12.viii.2005 (= coll.event ID 1378) e.g. Swedish Malaise Trap Project Swedish Museum of Natural History
NHRS-HYME
000005146

Brasil

Phelister viridimicans Schmidt, 1893 ex. Coll. Schmidt-Bickhardt



Trend

Minimal Data Capture

- “filed as” name
- higher geography
- barcode
- image

- all sheets in folder get the same initial data
- only the barcode differs



How do we get these minimal records *completed*, or more complete?

Note darwin core / georeferencing **standards**



Your database

My database

map to a standard!

New York Botanical Garden (NY)

Occurrence Data

Long Form

Collector ? Number ? Date ? Dupes? Auto search

Associated Collectors ? Verbatim Date ?

Exsiccati Title Number

Scientific Name ?

Note: Full editing permissions are needed to edit an identification

Country State/Province County

Locality

Latitude Longitude Uncertainty ? Verbatim Coordinates Tools

Elevation in Meters - Verbatim Elevation

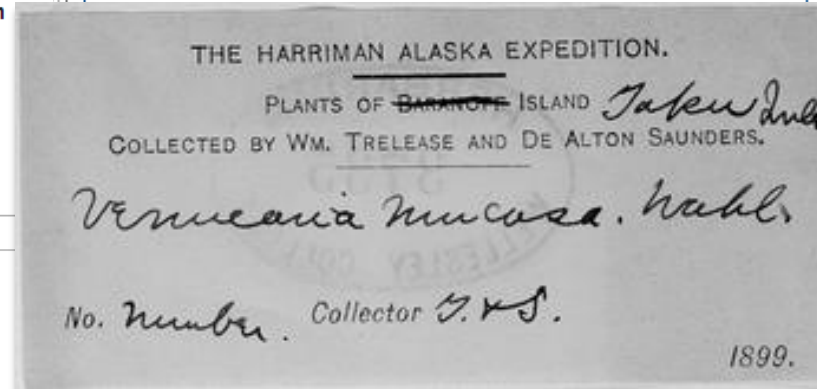
Habitat

Substrate

Notes

Status Auto-Set:

Label Processing



Options

- OCR whole image
- OCR w/ analysis

Notes:

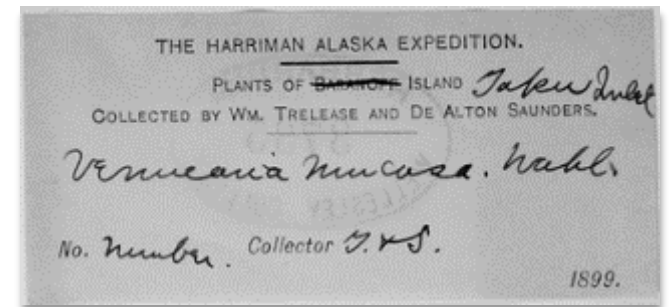
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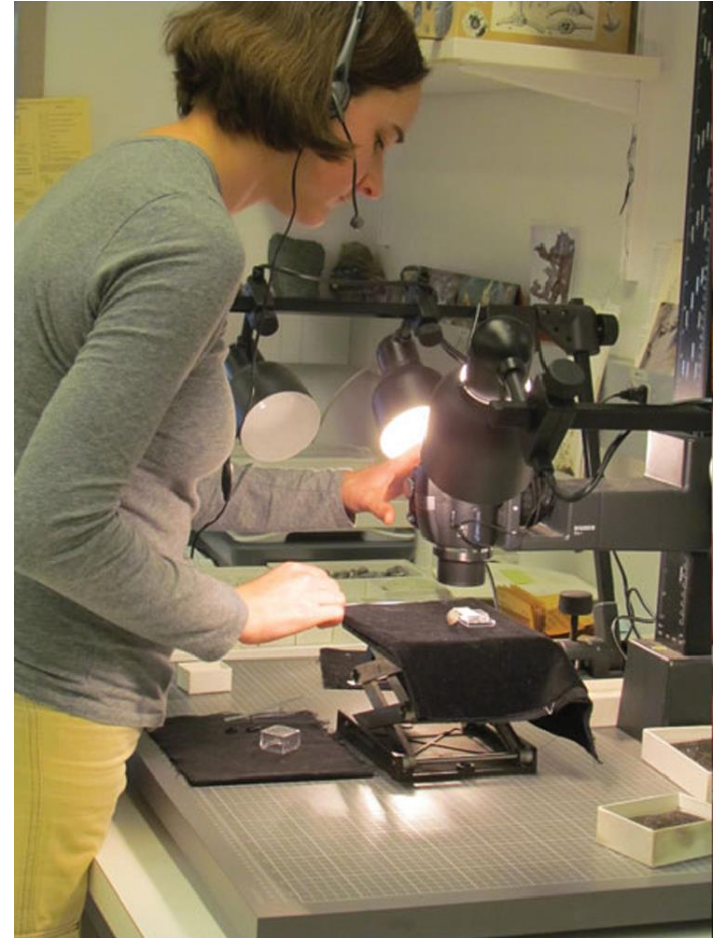
Specimen Data Capture

- Extracting label data
 - Before, during, after imaging (a choice)
- **Entering data from label images**
 - reduces specimen handling
 - can facilitate ability to read labels
 - creates a voucher for the label
- Database **interface often customized**
 - speeds data transcription and enhances accuracy
- Data often imported from spreadsheets (Specify)
- Online data entry (in-the-cloud)



Data Capture Options

- Data capture with voice*
(shhhhhh)
- Using OCR software and OCR output parsed into database
 - vetted by a person
- OCR output is searchable!
- Records multi-keyed
- Crowd-sourcing



A few more key thoughts about data capture ...

- database software and data-entry issues
 - ditto,
 - drop-downs,
 - automated scripts for validation
- error catching / data validation strategies
- tracking what has / has not been entered / imaged
- protocols / workflows continuously evaluated
- **data quality / integrity**

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Making data and images of millions of biological specimens available on the web

24,705,794

Specimen Records

4,046,837

Media Records

357

Recordsets



Why digitization matters

More about what we do and why



Digitization

Learn, share and develop best practices



Sharing Collections

Documentation on data ingestion



Working Groups

Join in, contribute, be part of the community



Proposals

New tool and workshop ideas



Citizen Scientists

How can you help biological collections?

Obrigada SiBBr! Find out more at ...

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