
Labeling the insect specimens.

Labeling the insect specimen is very important to uphold all the necessary information on the specimens which will make easier to record them into the database, and will help not to lose the collected information. The good labeling is necessary for preserving the specimens either in the laboratory or in the big museums. Anyone who wants to study a particular specimen, will clearly recognize the information on the specimens' label.

Two examples are shown below.

E.g.: 1. Labeling light trap specimens:

a. Put labels on the mounted board when finish mounting the specimens.

I.e. the locality, the date of the collection, the name of the collector, the method used and the mounted date.

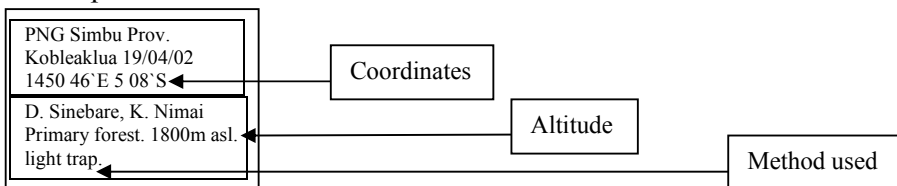
Example:

Loc. Kobleaklua Light Trap /13/04/2002 Mounted on: 15/04/2002. Coll. Denke, Kua.

b. Permanent labels.

Permanent labels includes the date, locality, coordinates, altitudes, the types of habitat, the method used, and the names of the collectors and the determinators.

Example:



c. Add the **assignment #** of the species than the **access #**.

Example:



d. All the information can be updated into the database when finish the labeling.

E.g.: 2. Labeling caterpillars and the hatch out specimens:

a. Labeling for the caterpillar is called the rearing label. The rearing label includes; the locality, date of the collection, host plant, assignment # of the caterpillar, and the name of the collector.

b. When mounting the hatchout specimens, you must always label them before you put them to dry into the drier. You have to put rearing labels to each specimens plus the mounting date.

c. Putting permanent labels to the dried specimens.

I.e. the sp. code, host plant, locality, date, the direction, the altitudes and the name of the collector, than add the species code of the specimens and the access # to the specimen.

d. All the information on the labels can be updated into the database while updating the specimens.

Label is the one source of important information about the specimen, specimen without label is completely useless. All the information on the labels are necessary for future research on collected specimens.