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# White paper on Q-collect

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# Introduction

## Need for collections

- In the diagnostic process
- In a quality system (reference material and validation)
- To re-examine in case of new taxonomic insights e.g. through molecular techniques



## New legislation

- Nagoya protocol also covers collections
- New EU control directive describes EU-RL with (access to) collections



## Current situation

Q-collect survey showed:

- Most collections are working collections for internal use
- Limited online information
- Quality systems or accreditation is scarce
- Sharing material is not common
- Basic funding is not secured



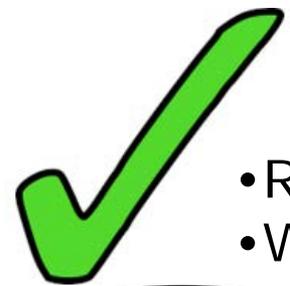
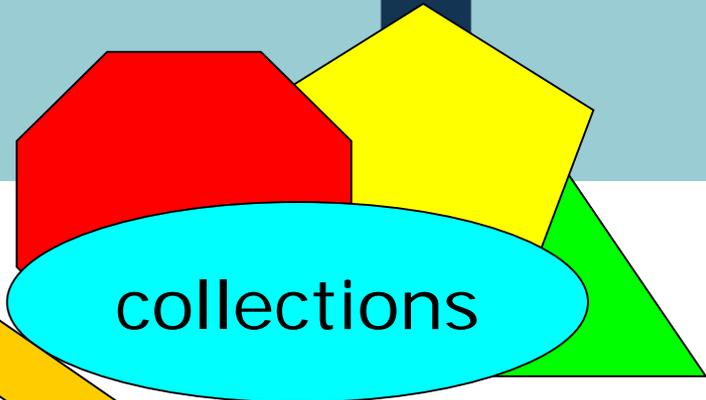
**FUTURE**





For every organism group/discipline there are at least at 2 locations official reference collections situated and through online catalogue(s) these reference collections can be accessed by a specialist to search and order material.

**hardwork**  
**knowledge**  
**energy**



- Reliable
- Well-defined

Reference material



## What do we need

- Priority to making/maintaining inventories
  - What is in the collection (catalogue)
  - Catalogue online



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- Priority to making/maintaining inventories
  - Establish an online platform
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- One single platform for all information
  - Long term hosting



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  - Improvement of quality systems for collections
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- Upgrading of working collections
  - Quality system in place



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- Priority to making/maintaining inventories
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  - Improvement of quality systems for collections
  - Establish networks for collections
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- Share the responsibility
  - Duplication
  - Security in case of losses



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- Priority to making/maintaining inventories
  - Establish an online platform
  - Improvement of quality systems for collections
  - Establish networks for collections
  - Establish a common policy for reference material
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- Common policy between countries/member states/NPPO's
  - Use the new EU directive



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- Priority to making/maintaining inventories
  - Establish an online platform
  - Improvement of quality systems for collections
  - Establish networks for collections
  - Establish a common policy for reference material
  - Resources to accommodate and sharing of collections
- Exchange of material
  - Issuing material in case of emergencies



- These are the results of Q-collect and other projects
- Together we should implement it
- We are in the lead!

