Endangered Culture Collection: Questionnaire

1] Name of Collection:

2] Address/Phone/Fax numbers:

3] Individual in charge of the collection:

4] Year the collection was established:

5] Is the collection registered with the WFCC’s WDCM?

6] Type of institution in which the collection is maintained:
   - Government funded (public sector)
   - University or College
   - Private research collection (e.g. hobby mycologists)

7] Number of cultures held

8] What types of microorganisms, cell lines, self-replicating particles, and/or nucleic acids are in your collection? Please indicate the percentage of each category of your holdings.

9] Sectoral relevance of your collection
   - Agriculture
   - Applied Microbiology
   - Aquaculture
   - Biochemistry
   - Biodeterioration
   - Biogeography
   - Biological control (insect, fungi, weeds, plant pathogens)
   - Developmental biology
   - Ecology/conservation
   - Environmental protection (soil, water etc...)
   - Evolutionary biology
   - Fisheries/marine
   - Forestry
   - Genetic research
   - Human biomedical research
   - Human clinical medicine
   - Industrial research
   - Molecular biology
   - Pharmacology
   - Physiology
   - Plant pathology
   - Quality control standard strains
   - Systematics and taxonomy
   - Teaching
   - Veterinary clinical medicine
   - Veterinary research
   - Other (specify)
10] Does your collection have any type material?

11] What is unique in your collection?

12] Number of cultures revived annually:

13] Current state of preservation
   - Periodic transfer
   - Dried on host
   - Living on host
   - Storage under oil/liquid paraffin
   - Sterile water
   - Sterile soil
   - Silica gel
   - Freeze-drying
   - L-drying
   - Mechanical freezer
   - Liquid nitrogen
   - Others

14] State any unusual maintenance requirements for the collection:

15] Data storage and retrieval:
   - is the collection catalogued?
   - is the catalogue available?
   - is a listing or other documentation available?
   - are catalogue data in electronic format?

16] Kinds of documentation accompanying the cultures (please check all that apply):
   - Historical information
   - Original notes and/or illustrations
   - Citations to published reports
   - Source of isolation
   - Known application(s)
   - Photomicrographs
   - Transmission micrographs
   - Phenotypic characterisation
   - Genotypic characterisation

17] Estimated percentage of holdings: (a) readily available in other collections, (b) being cited in the scientific literature:

18] Use of the Collection:
   - Number of cultures distributed in the past year:
   - Number of individuals requesting cultures annually
   - Nationally / internationally

19] Personnel currently involved in Collection maintenance and all associated activities:
20] Approximate staff hours per week spent on Collection maintenance:
   - Preservation and revival
   - Administration and data management

21] Approximate annual maintenance costs (include staff costs and consumable):

22] Current source of financial support:

23] Does the Collection provide services?

24] Have any service collections been approached to re-house the Collection?

25] If the Collection can be re-housed in one of the service collections, would you object to any fees (for issue of cultures thereafter) that the service collection normally imposes?

26] What are the most critical problems causing the Collection to become endangered?

27] Why is it important that the Collection survive?

Please send the questionnaire answers to WFCC Secretary c/o

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