## **Baobab LIMS**

Baobab LIMS is a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) designed for the collection, processing and storage of human biospecimens. The system was designed *a priori* using the Standard operating procedures (SOPs) of the NHLS-Stellenbosch University Biobank. Baobab LIMS comprises modules for biospecimen kit assembly, biospecimen shipping, storage management, analysis requests, reporting and invoicing. Current developed SOPs define the biobanking activities of the Biobank and in an effort to extend the usability of the system, collaborations which incorporate SOPs generated by other Biobanking facilities, are ongoing. The figure demonstrates the workflow of the current system, deduced from SOPs.

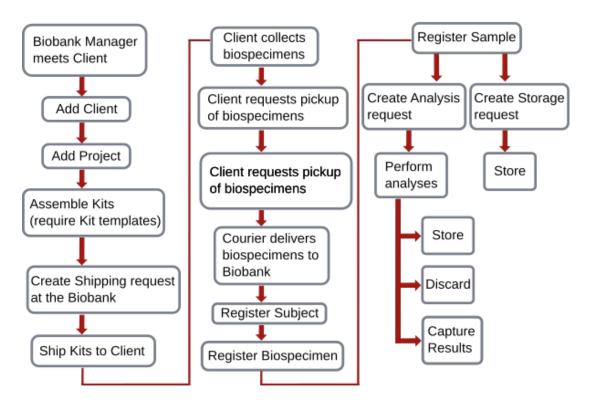


Figure 1: Flowchart of activities within the NSB biobank upon which the Baobab LIMS was designed.

Baobab LIMS is both Free and Open Source with some modules being inherited from Bika LIMS. Furthermore, Baobab LIMS can be customized to the specific needs of your laboratory.

Note: For more additional resources, use the following links

https://github.com/SANBI-SA/baobab.lims

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5397207

## Install your Baobab Distribution

Go to <a href="https://<server IP address>/manage\_main">https://<server IP address>/manage\_main</a>

Select 'Add Plone site'



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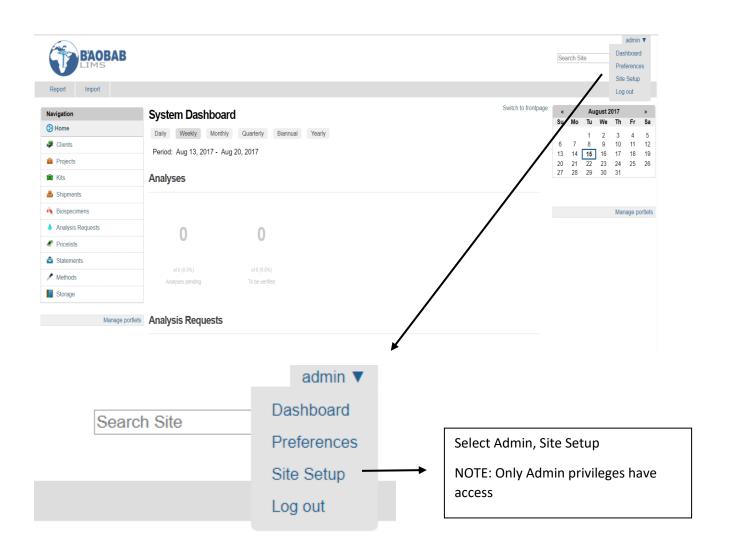
## Path identifier The id of the site. This ends up as part of the URL. No special characters are allowed. IMPORTANT: Don't use "Baobab", "BAOBAB", "Bika" or "BIKA" as the instance name, this is a reserved namespace. If you get "Site Error" citing "AttributeError: adapters", this is the most likely cause. Select the site name Plone Title A short title for the site. This will be shown in the title of the browser window on each page. Baobab Language The main language of the site. Select the language English -Add-ons-Select one of the following configurations. You can also de/activate the add-ons once the site has been created from the Plone's add-ons setup view Baobab LIMS Check box Baobab extension profile for Bika LIMS Install Install

# Change the Baobab Theme

The Baobab theme can be changed to the graphite theme. The graphite theme has an easy access navigation panel at the top of the page and a site map.

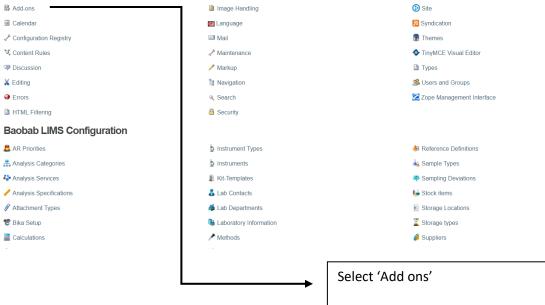


Follow the instructions below to change your theme;



## Site Setup

Configuration area for Plone and add-on Products.



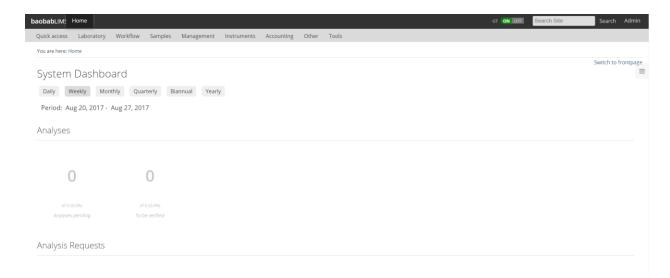
## Add-ons

Activate

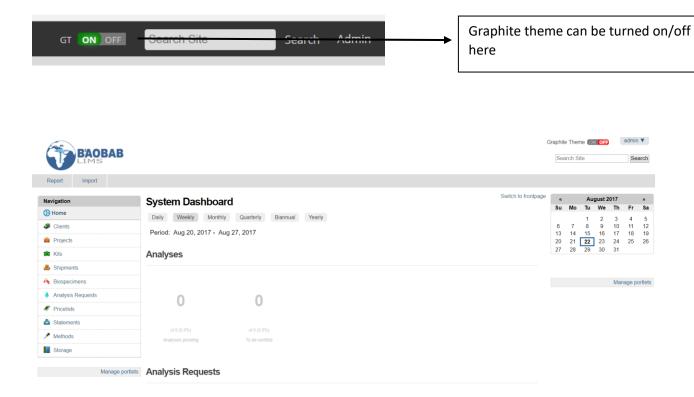
- Activated add-ons -

This is the Add-on configuration section, you can activate and deactivate add-ons in the lists below.

👪 Autocomplete widget 1.2.9		
B Content tree widget 1.0.13		
Dexterity Content Types 2.0.17  Configures various components needed for full Dexterity support.		
Diazo theme support 1.1.7 Installs a control panel to allow on-the-fly theming with Diazo		
Graphite Theme for Bika Open Source LIMS 1.2  Graphite Theme is a Diazo smooth theme for Bika Open Source LIMS.	Check Graphite Theme	
B HTTP caching support 1.1.11 Installs plone.app.caching		
S Marshall 2.1.4		
OpenID Authentication Support 2.0.4  Adds support for authenticating with OpenID credentials in a Plone site  Add-on Description		
Referenceable Behavior for DX 0.7.4  Extension profile for plone.app.referenceablebehavior		
Relation Field 1.2.3  Adds support for content relationships defined using z3c.relationfield		
Session refresh support 3.5.6 Optional plone.session refresh support.		



The figure above represents the homepage of the Graphite theme.



The figure above represents the homepage if the graphite theme has been disabled.

## Your Baobab distribution

With your installation complete, you can now set up your site. Baobab LIMS requires that your site is set up before you can start to manage clients and projects and certain compulsory information is required for each step. As such, we recommend that you follow this setup section in a stepwise manner.



This will open the homepage for your distribution.

## Set up your mail settings

As the administrator for the site, the mail settings will need to be configured, the page will display the following error.

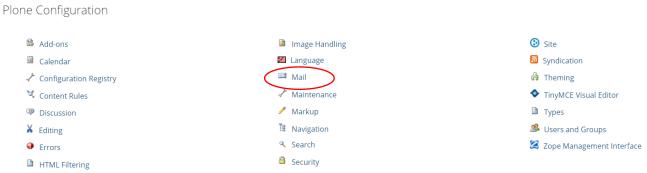


To set up the mail settings select the 'Mail control panel' link in the error message. Alternatively, go to 'site setup' and select the 'Mail' tab.

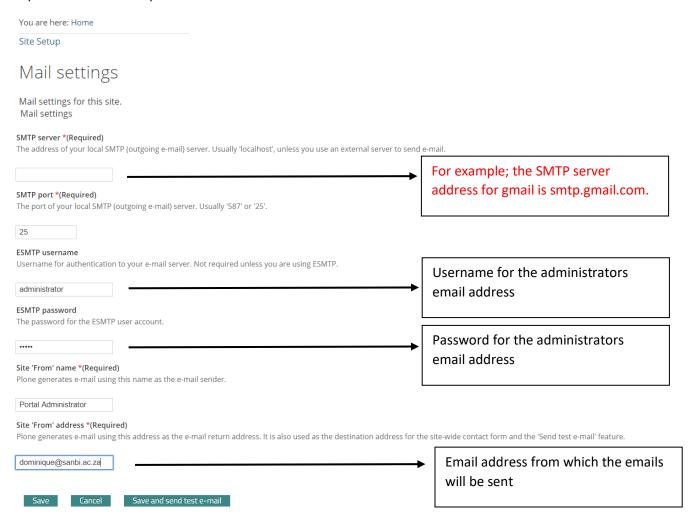


## Site Setup

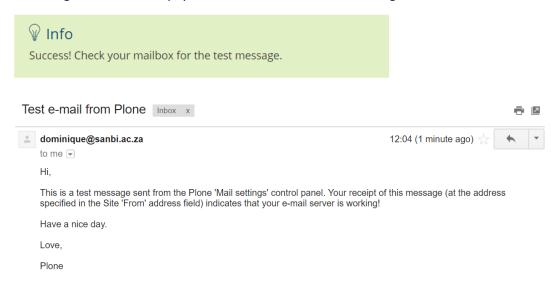
Configuration area for Plone and add-on Products.



You will be automatically directed to the 'Mail settings' page where you will be required to enter the SMTP server address and will be able to set the administrator username and password. Ensure that all the required fields are completed and select 'save and send test email'.



Following successful set-up, you will receive an email confirming that the email server is working.



**NOTE:** For Gmail users, the following error may occur due to the security settings on your Gmail account which will prevent sign-in from another device or app.

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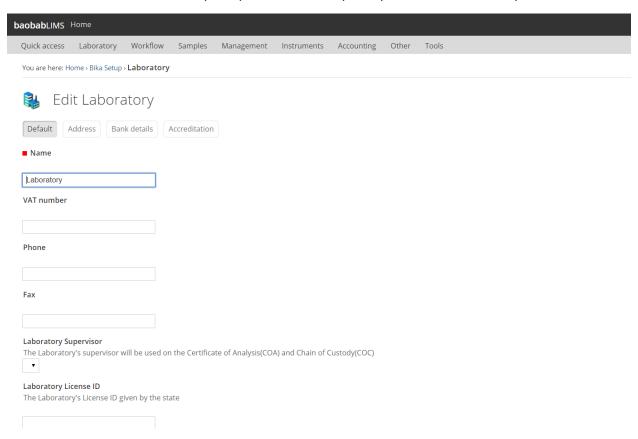
Please ensure that your Gmail settings permit the site to access your account. Use the following link to understand more; <a href="https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6010255">https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/6010255</a>

## Set up your laboratory

Mouse over the 'Laboratory' Tab and select 'Laboratory'

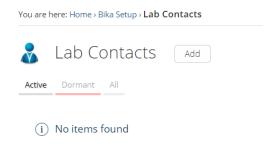


Enter the details of the laboratory and press 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by

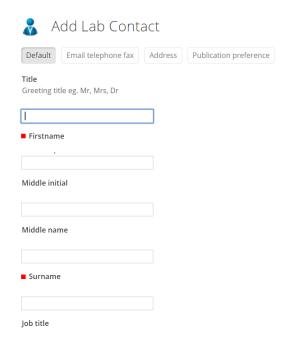


Mouse over 'Laboratory' and select 'Lab Contacts'

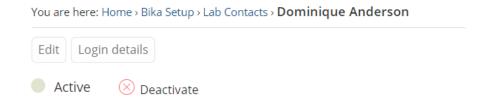
Add a lab contact by selecting the 'add' button



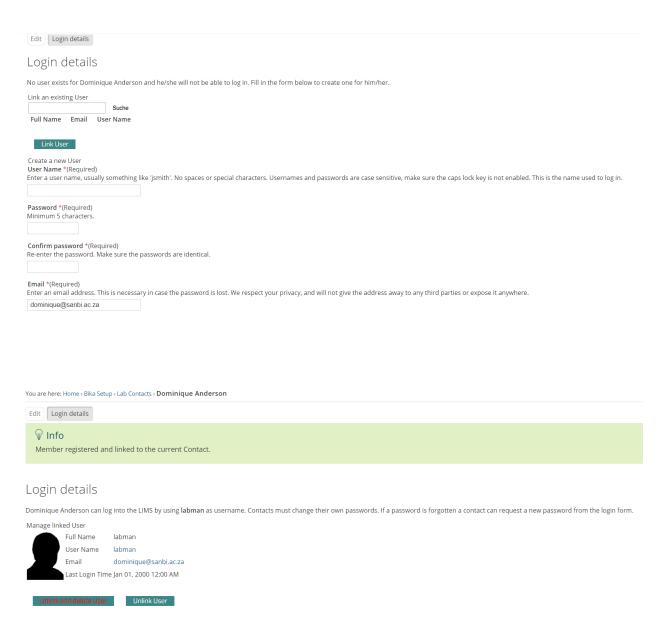
Enter the details of the lab contact and press 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by Select the 'email, telephone, fax' tab, enter the email address of the lab contact and press 'save'.



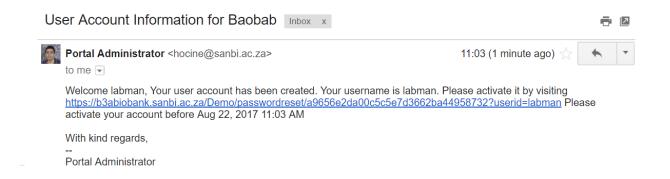
#### Select 'Login details'



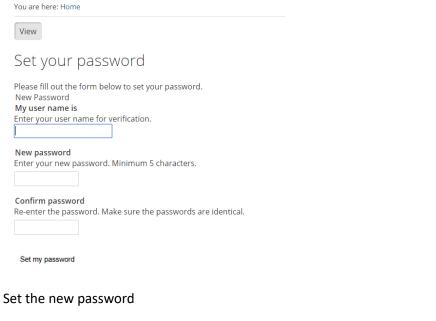
Enter the details of the user and press 'save'



#### An email will be sent to the users email address



## Select the link to activate the account and change the password



You are here: Home

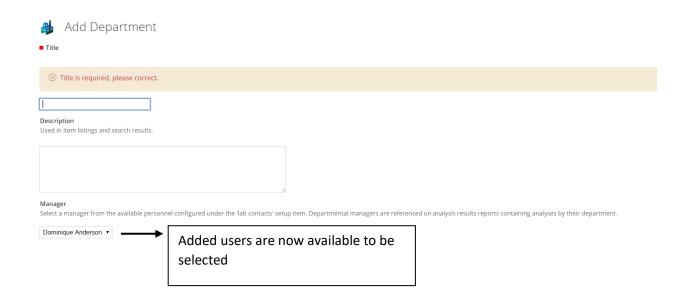


## Password set

Your password has been set successfully. You may now log in with your new password.

Mouse over 'Laboratory' and select 'Lab Departments'

Add a lab department by selecting the 'add' button. Compulsory fields are indicated by



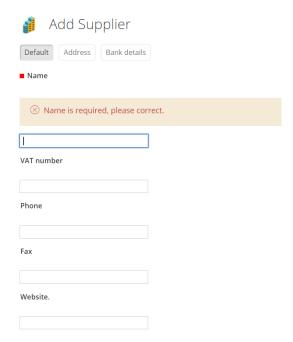
## Set up your suppliers

Mouse over the 'management' tab and select 'Suppliers'



Add a supplier by using the 'Add' button

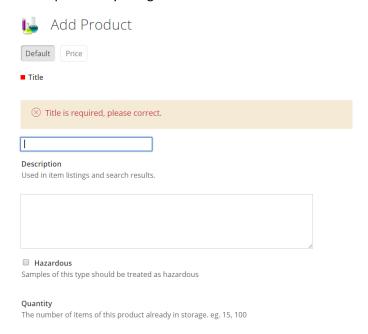
Enter the details of the supplier and press the 'save' . Compulsory fields are indicated by



Once a supplier has been added, contacts, instruments and inventory orders associated with the supplier can be added. Note that products belonging to the supplier must be added using the 'Products' tab.

Mouse over the 'management' tab and select 'Products'

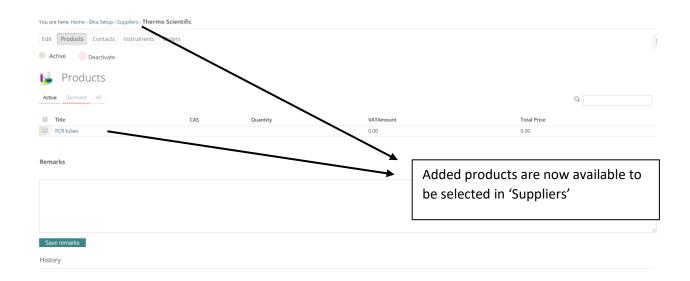
Add a product by using the 'Add' button





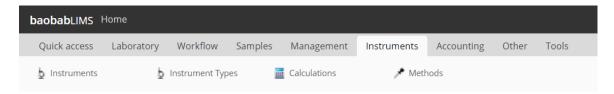
Enter the details of the product and press the 'save' . Compulsory fields are indicated by

Once products associated to suppliers have been added, the products are now available to be selected in the 'Suppliers' tab.



#### Set up your instruments

Mouse over the 'Instruments' tab and select 'Instrument types'

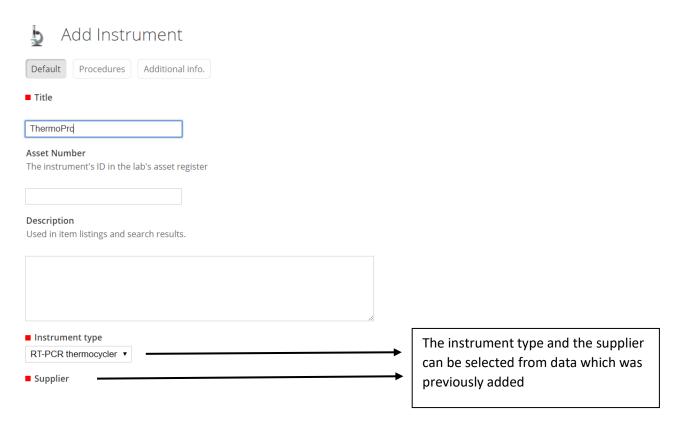


Add an instrument type by using the 'Add' button

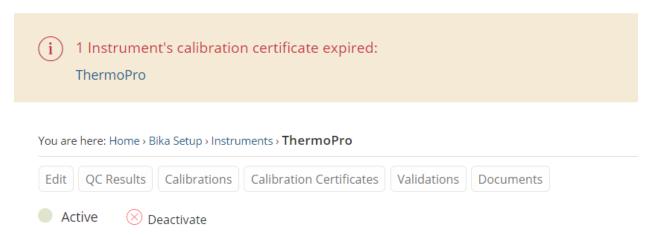


Enter the details of the instrument type and press the 'save' . Compulsory fields are indicated by

Once instrument types have been added, select the 'Instruments' tab. Add an instrument using the 'Add' button. Enter the details of the instrument and press 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by



Once an instrument has been added, a notification of expired calibration certification will appear and additional tabs will become available for editing.



Select the 'Calibration Certificates' tab and add a certification specifically related to the instrument using the 'Add' button.

Enter the details of an instruments calibration and press 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by

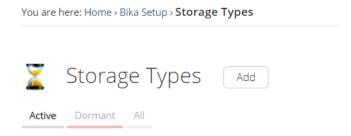
If the calibration dates are current, the notification which occurred, will automatically be removed

## Set up your storage types

Mouse over the 'Management' tab and select 'Storage Types'



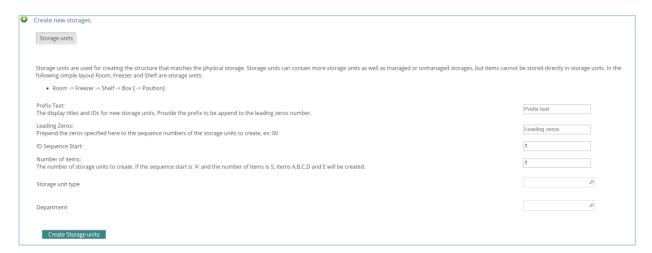
#### Add a storage type by using the 'Add' button



Enter the details of the storage type (e.g. a freezer) and press the 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by

## Set up your storage

Mouse over the 'Management' tab and select 'Storage'



Prefix text: such as room, shelf, box

Leading zeros: denotes the prefix number

ID sequence start: the number on which the prefix should start

Number of items: How many units with the prefix must be created

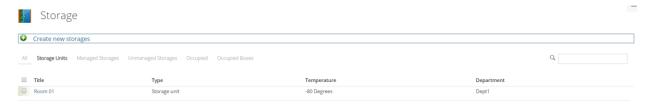
Storage unit type: become available once defined in the 'Storage types'

Department: becomes available once defined in the 'departments' section in 'set up your laboratory'

Enter the details of the storage and press 'create storage units'

Once a storage has been created, the storage unit can be selected and a hierarchical storage system can be created for each unit.

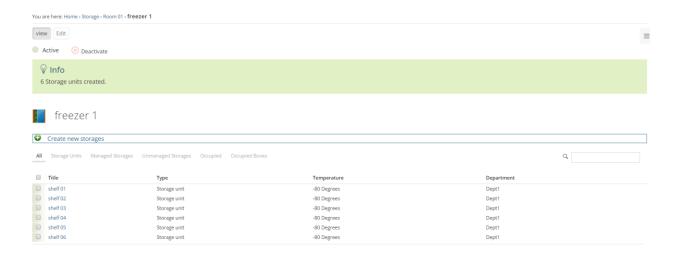
Example: Room > Freezer > Shelf > Box > Position



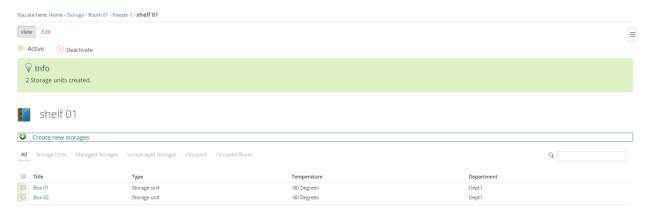
Select the 'Room' initially created. Enter the details of a new storage unit and press 'create storage unit'



Select a freezer storage unit that has been created. Enter the details of a new storage unit and press 'create storage unit'



Select a shelf storage unit that has been created. Enter the details of a new storage unit and press 'create storage unit'

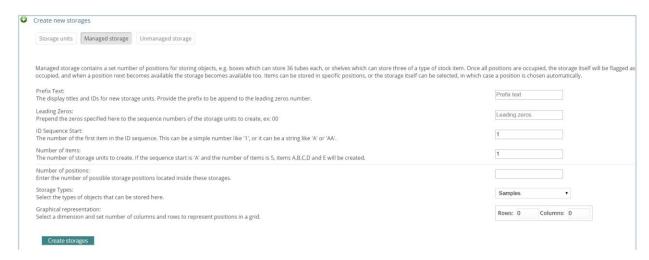


At each level of a storage unit creating, space can be managed (ie. Spaces are assigned) or unmanaged (ie. Spaces are not allocated prior to storage).

### Managed storage

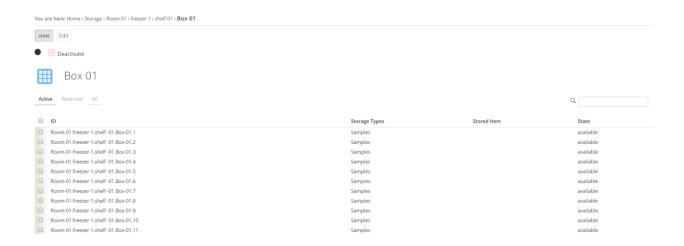
Managed storage is used specifically for the storage maintenance of biospecimens. The process of creating managed storage is as follows;

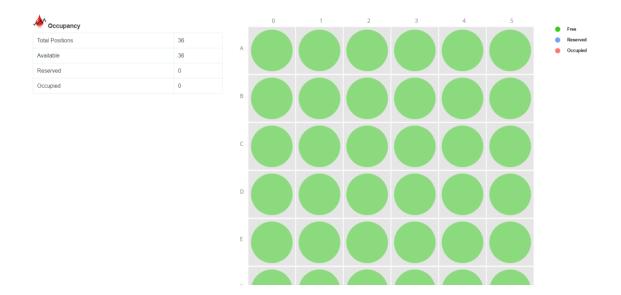
Navigate to the storage unit created in the previous step and select the 'managed storage' tab.



Enter the details required to create managed storage and press 'create storage'.

By selecting the created storage unit, a list of created positions will be shown. In addition, a graphical display is available.





By selecting a storage unit (a position within a box), the item may be reserved. When the item is reserved, the state of the item will change and this change will also be reflected in the graphical representation.



The storage position can be freed by selecting the position and pressing 'liberate'.

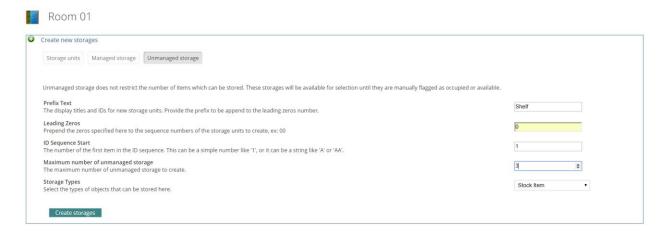


#### Unmanaged storage

Unmanaged storage refers to locations for items such as inventory stock items that will be used in kit assembly. The process of creating unmanaged storage is as follows;

Navigate to the storage unit created previously and select the 'add new storage' button. Navigate to the 'unmanaged storage' tab and enter the details of the storage.

In the example below, Room01 contains 3 shelves for storage of inventory items. The shelves are labeled from 1 to 3 and will contain stock items.



#### Set up your analysis category

Mouse over the 'Workflow' tab and select 'Analysis category'



Add an analysis category by using the 'Add' button



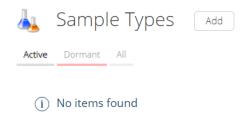
Enter the details of the analysis category and press the 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by

## Set up your Sample Type

Mouse over the 'Samples' tab and select 'Sample Types'



Add a sample type by using the 'Add' button



Enter the details of the sample type and press the 'save'. Compulsory fields are indicated by

## Set up your other parameters

Once all the above categories have been set up, all other categories can be set up. These can be managed by simply selecting the category and adding information using the 'Add' button. Enter details related to the category and press the 'save' button. Compulsory fields are indicated by

Other categories to be set up include;

