SunoikisisDC Digital Approaches to Cultural Heritage

Session 2: Museum data, access and metadata

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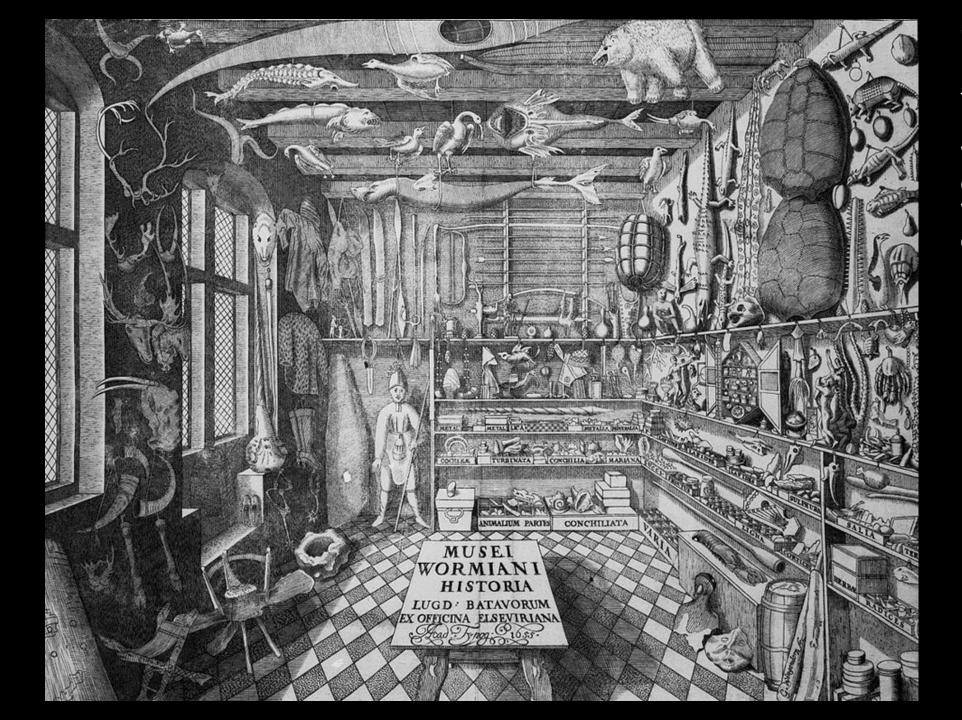
Mουσεῖον "Temple of the Muses" Muses and Poets. Sarcophagus relief. Pio Clementino Museum.



Clay cylinder inscribed with a description in three languages as used in Ennigaldi-Nanna's museum to accompany an ancient artifact. The earliest known museum label.



Archaeological excavations at the palace grounds, Iraq.



"Musei Wormiani
Historia", the
frontispiece from the
Museum
Wormianum
depicting Ole
Worm's cabinet of
curiosities.

What is a museum?

A place where you see lots of things

A place where the past lives

Place of knowledge

A place of discovery

A place of learning

A place where you can learn

A collection of things from around the world

Place of wanders



Wikidata query to visualize <u>all the museums in the world</u>

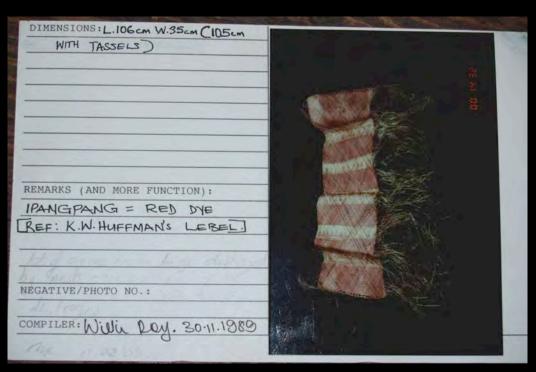
A museum is a **non-profit**, **permanent institution in the service of society** and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment.

Definition of a museum according to the ICOM (International Council of Museum) Statutes, adopted by the 22nd General Assembly in Vienna, Austria, on 24 August 2007.



Museum data

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Entry for artefact K1432 in the catalogue cards of the Vanuatu Cultural centre (Melanie E. Roberts 2008 The Establishment of a Knowledge Management System at the Vanuatu National Museum).

Collection databases



The British Museum - Merlin Collections Management

Jew's harp

Object Type

Jew's harp

Museum number

As1966,11.5

Description

Jew's harp made of cane.

Production date

1950s-1960s (early)

Findspot

Found/Acquired: <u>Cambodia</u>
Asia: Southeast Asia: Cambodia

Materials

cane

Dimensions

Height: Height: 0.80 centimetres Weight: Weight: 1 grammes Width: Width: 23.50 centimetres



Endangered Material Knowledge Programme



- Launched in 2018 with funds from Arcadia and based at the British Museum
- Provides grants for projects documenting material knowledge systems under threat or in danger of disappearing.
- Projects required to produce detailed documentation of the processes and practices involved.

Community members stand outside Oga Pysy in preparation for Jerosy Puku ritual (Photo: Fabiana Fernandes)



CHI Monivong's tools for making Angkuoch Russey (bamboo Jew's harp). (Photo: Catherine Grant, 6 January 2020)



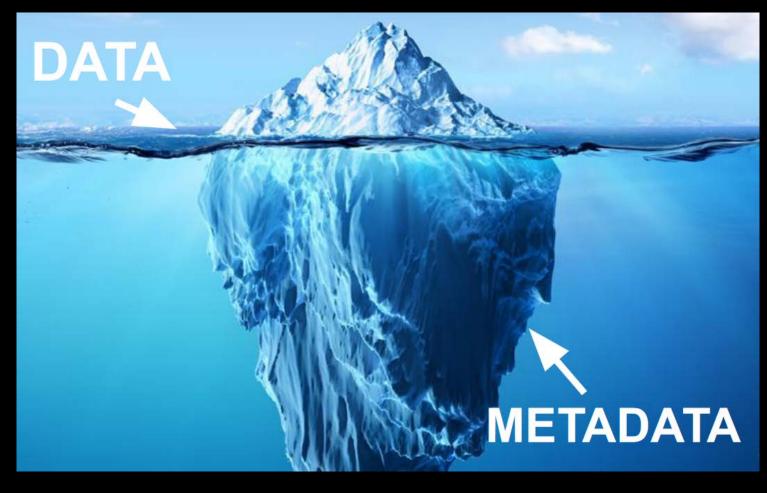
Unfinished
Angkuoch Russey
instruments
(bamboo Jew's
harps), put out to
dry in the sun by CHI
Monivong. (Photo:
Catherine Grant, 6
January 2020)



Chi Monivong makes bamboo angkuoch, January 2020



EMKP METADATA

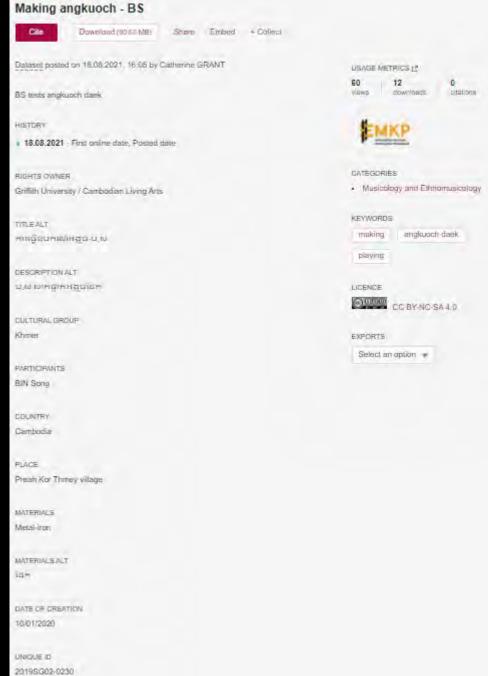


- Provides information beyond what is visible in (audio-)visual datasets
- Preserves community understandings of place, space, time, and social structure
- Crucial background information

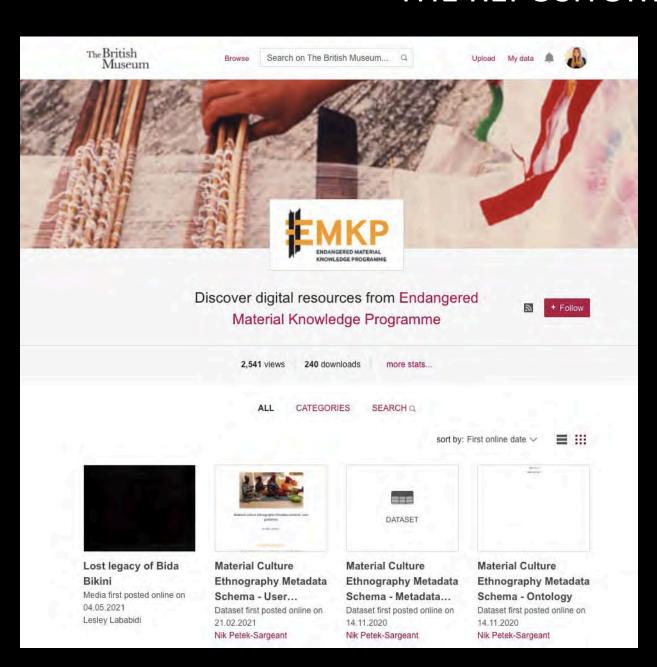
Zeena Software The Role of Metadata. Edited by P. Granados Garcia



GRANT, Catherine (2021): Making angkuoch - BS. The British Museum. Dataset. https://doi.org/10.25420/britishmuseum.14980086.v1



THE REPOSITORY





Findable

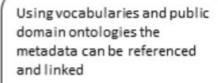


Accessible

Interoperable

Data and materials enriched with metadata assigned with a unique identifier

Data and metadata stored in a trusted repository with an open and free protocol. Accessible by machines and humans





Additional documentation and protocols describing the acquisition of the data, licensed with a detailed provenance

Issues Open Access and traditional knowledge



Bark cloth maker Mr Patrick Chanda explaining the process to Perrice Nkombwe and Stephen Mwila of the Moto Moto Museum (Photo: Copyright Moto Moto Museum)

- OA can be problematic
- "Western-developed" idea
- Cultural sensitivities

- GDPR and personal information
- Different levels of access

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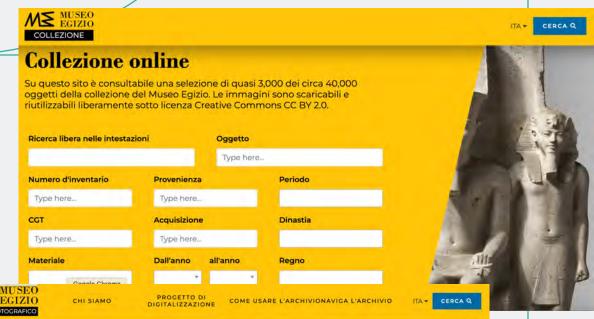
- > What data are needed in a museum record?
- > Who are the audience and stakeholders of particular types of data?
- > What is the distinction between data and metadata (data that provides information about other data),
- > and does this depend on the focus of the record?
- > What data should be accessible, highlighted, foregrounded or concealed in certain contexts?

Collezione Ricerca/Museum Plus

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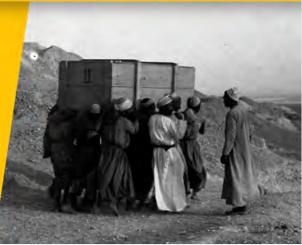




Archivio fotografico Museo Egizio

Immagini dal passato per archivi aperti e proiettati verso il futuro nell'era dell'Umanesimo digitale.

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MuseumPlus Classic Highlights



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Modular structure

The open and modular structure of MuseumPlus Classic grows with your demands and the size of your collections.



Consistent data everywhere

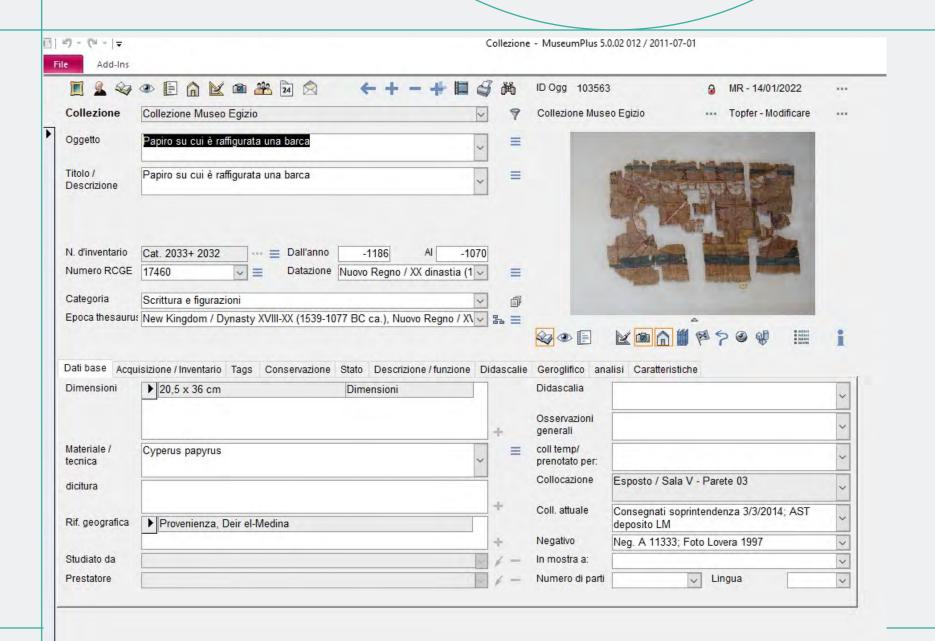
Institution-wide data repository ensures data consistency, avoids redundant data and increases information quality

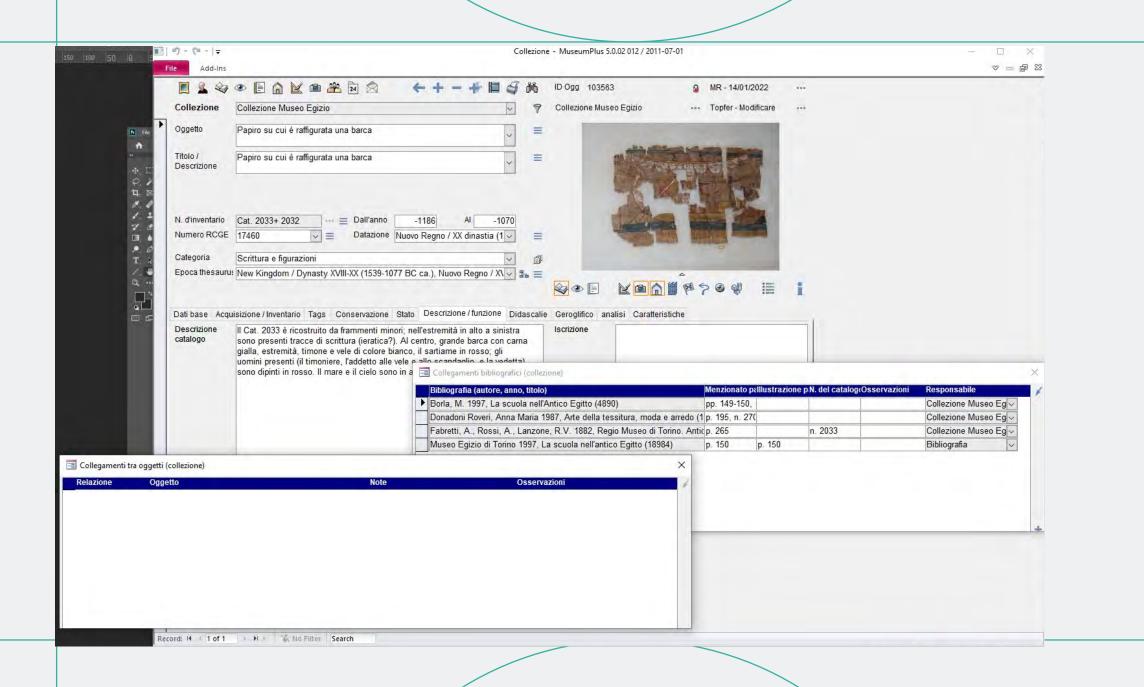


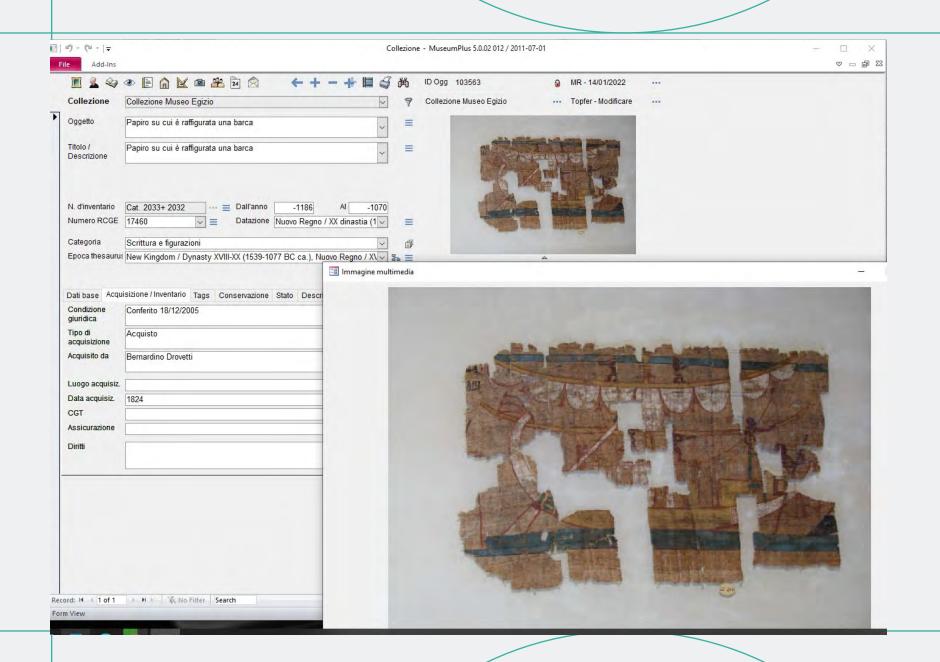
Data field catalog

The flexible data field catalog allows the management of all kinds of cultural objects and scientific data in an easy and professional way.







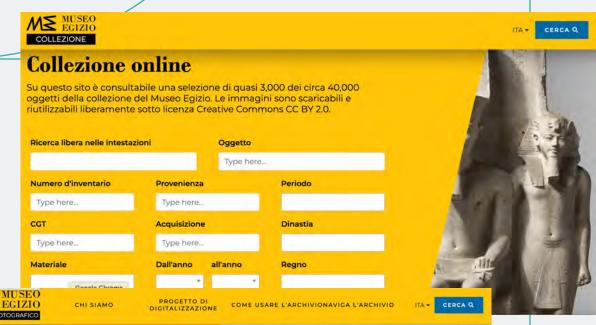


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