OBJECTIVES & OUTCOMES: CROPTOOL

The principal objective of **Croptool** is to produce refined image assets with Alpha channels for compositing into larger visual compositions through a community effort. The wonderful photographic images from the Smithsonian collection will be far more usable when cropped, or masked from their backgrounds, and saved with an Alpha channel.

Cropping and masking many images is a massive task, so it will be a rewarding community experience for people to share in contributing to this effort. The outcome will be a collection of far more usable images for the community and contributors will be acknowledged.

Alpha channel masked images may then be kept in a separate collection, designated as such by tags in the overall collection, and downloaded by the creator of the mask as well as others once it becomes part of the Crop bin collection.

Croptool users will receive data on 1) how many images they cropped have been accepted into the collection, 2) how many times their image has been accessed or downloaded.