

Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis TCN
Bi-Monthly Progress Report
September – October 2017



Progress in Digitization Efforts: The current numbers for progress of digitization efforts by specimen category are shown in Table 1. BALT and CHRБ are still waiting for a light box to use with their imaging rig (see details in previous bimonthly reports), although CHRБ has used one on loan from MOAR for some weeks. Digitization has not yet begun at SIM or TAWES, though we have begun looking for technicians to hire at SIM in anticipation of starting soon as imaging at MOAR is wrapping up and that light box will be available for use. MARY images, from the mass upload reported in last progress report, are still being sorted to category of completion.

Table 1. Digitization of specimens by stage of completion and herbarium for MAM TCN.

Specimen Stage	HERBARIUM									Totals
	BALT	CHRБ	DOV	HUDC	MARY	MCA	MOAR	NY	PH	
# specimens imaged (no stage, not in Symbiota yet)	0	65	10,946	250	0	2,185	8,173	132,372	119,600	273,591
# specimens imaged, and uploaded to Symbiota along with skeletal data (Unprocessed Stage)	0	598	1,971	5,665	11,849	20,472	6,533	0	114,311	161,399
# specimens as above + completely transcribed and transcription reviewed (Stage 1)	0	1,441	225	378	9	2,464	5,266	89,769*	2,102	101,654
# specimens as above + georeferenced (Stage 2)	0	39	10	7	0	0	479	40,587*	0	41,122
# specimens that need special attention, e.g. go back to sheet, etc. (Stage 3)	0	36	0	0	0	0	234	0	0	270
# specimens as above + closed as complete (Closed Stage)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	2,179	13,152	6,300	11,858	25,121	20,685	262,728	236,013	578,036

*Not uploaded to Symbiota yet as NY is using in-house workflow/database until later steps in process.

Share and Identify Best Practices and Standards: Nothing to report.

Identify Gaps in Digitization Areas and Technology: MOAR reports that the design work on the new light box is complete as of this week. Final construction on the first box is due in the next couple weeks, with the other three to follow within the month.

Share and Identify Opportunities to Enhance Training Efforts: Nothing to report.

Share and Identify Collaborations with other TCNs, Institutions, and Organizations: HUDC is working with Casey Trees (a non-profit organization based in D.C.) to train their volunteers in transcription through the crowd sourcing portal in Symbiota.

Share and Identify Opportunities and Strategies for Sustainability: Nothing to report.

Share and Identify Education and Outreach Activities: HUDC hosted a transcription training session for Howard University students on 15 September 2017. Anne Barber ran two transcription training events for Philadelphia-area volunteers, one in collaboration with PH and one at MOAR [omitted from previous reports].

Other Progress: HUDC hired Amber Durand as undergraduate research assistant. MOAR hired Caitlin Chapman and Christina Vercillo as remote transcribers, and Zhengying He and Caroline Erb as undergraduate imaging technicians at MCA.