

**Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis TCN**  
**Bi-Monthly Progress Report**  
**May – June 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 waiting for a light box to use with their imaging rig (see details in previous bimonthly reports).

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

Specimen Stage	HERBARIUM									Totals
	BALT	CHRB	DOV	HUDC	MARY	MCA	MOAR	NY	PH	
# specimens imaged (no stage, not in Symbiota yet)	0	0	5,803	1,363	0	2,402	0	0	4,183	<b>13,751</b>
# specimens imaged, and uploaded to Symbiota along with skeletal data (Unprocessed Stage)	0	1,640	1,542	61	0	12,946	25	0	44,829	<b>61,043</b>
# specimens as above + completely transcribed and transcription reviewed (Stage 1)	0	518	0	215	0	723	5,247	72,420*	0	<b>79,123</b>
# specimens as above + georeferenced (Stage 2)	0	2	0	0	0	0	391	40,586*	0	<b>40,979</b>
# specimens that need special attention, e.g. go back to sheet, etc. (Stage 3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	233	0	0	<b>233</b>
# specimens as above + closed as complete (Closed Stage)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>7,345</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16,071</b>	<b>5,896</b>	<b>113,006</b>	<b>49,012</b>	<b>195,129</b>

\*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:** Given that MAM participants have found that auto focus does not always produce well-focused images, MOAR is working on a way to objectively and consistently improve focus quality within the following system: Canon EOS 5DS DLSR with a 50 mm macro lens (Sigma or Canon).

**Identify Gaps in Digitization Areas and Technology:** Nothing to report.

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

**Share and Identify Collaborations with other TCNs, Institutions, and Organizations:** HUDC joined the Small Collections Network (SCNet). A number of individuals from MAM institutions attended the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections meeting in Denver, CO in June, and enjoyed networking and learning more about various topics, such as best practices, management, outreach, and crowdsourcing.

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

**Share and Identify Education and Outreach Activities:** CHRB has two students enrolled for summer credit and two working under paid internships on the MAM Project. HUDC hired a summer graduate student research assistant for the MAM Project.

**Other Progress:** Nothing to report.