

Destructive sampling policy

HCOA permits destructive sampling when there is clear evidence that such sampling will significantly contribute to scientific or cultural knowledge. All requests are considered on the availability, amount of material needed, and historic value of the specimens to be sampled. HCOA reserves the right to refuse any request for any reason.

All sampling must be approved in advance by the curator or director of HCOA. Researchers may be requested to sample from a different specimen with similar collection data to preserve historical or aesthetic value. Each specimen sampled must be marked to indicate the purpose and date of sampling and must include any relevant identifiers for genetic data deposited in an accessible database.

HCOA must be acknowledged in all research that includes data from HCOA specimens. Please send a digital copy of completed research involving sampling to the curator or director for HCOA archives.

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