



Botanical Museum (H)
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Rules for DNA sampling from botanical specimens

1. Sampling is allowed only upon agreement, and without special permission restricted to non-type specimens.
2. Without special agreement, sampling is allowed only from recent collections, collected after 1970.
3. Only the minimum amount of material required may be taken, and only when there is a sufficient quantity and quality of material to permit this without lowering the future value of the specimen.
4. The investigator must submit the sequences generated to GenBank with information on the voucher specimen, including the serial number of the Herbarium.
5. The sampled specimen must be clearly annotated with information on which parts were removed, the name of researcher, sampling date, GenBank accession numbers, etc.
6. The museum retains all rights relating to the extracted DNA sample. The research and the results of the research may not be commercially exploited in any way without the prior written agreement of the Museum. The investigator must provide the Museum with the extracted DNA sample and the sequence data generated if asked.
7. Details of the material, its nature and its location must be included in published studies such that future researchers can relocate the material.
8. The Finnish Museum of Natural History (H) must be acknowledged in every publication in which the data is used, and the Museum provided with reprints of all such publications.