

# Data capture

## The Durban Natural Science Museum Story

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# THE ENTOMOLOGY COLLECTION

- Estimated 150 000 specimens
- Oldest specimens – 1897
- Specimens from 10 different countries – mainly from southern Africa

# RESEARCH CENTRE



# ENTOMOLOGY COLLECTION



# USERS OF THE COLLECTION

- Entomologists
- Conservation scientists
- Land planners
- Teachers
- Students
- Taxonomists
- Environment department

# END PRODUCTS

- Completely digitised collection
- Easy access for all users
- GIS applications

# PROCESS

- 2 Database capturers employed
- External hard drive for backing up



# CURRENT SITUATION

- 140 000 accessioned and databased records
- Next step: Photograph our type specimens



# PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED

- Name changes – places
- Older records don't have GPS points
- Different gazetteers for locality data
- Revisions of genera – name changes

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