

## INFORMATION 2 Specimen photography in field

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To photograph a specimen in field, whether in the native country or abroad, facilities of local research organizations such as local museums and universities can be used. If they have the equipments for specimen photography, such as close-up copy stand and appropriate lighting system, the specimen can be photographed at the organization as explained in STEP 8. However, if there is no such organization, specimen photography may have to be conducted elsewhere such as at the hotel of stay. In this case, a small



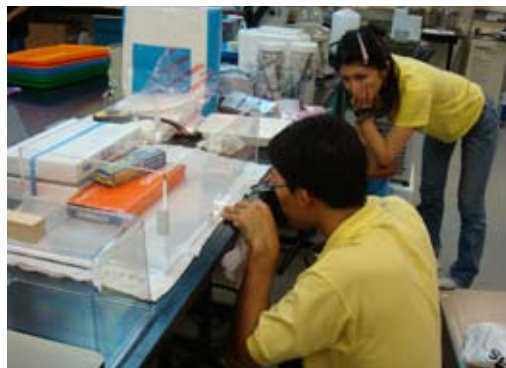
Photography using a desk in hotel room.



Photography using the chairs and a table in hotel room.

foldable close-up copy stand and a small light need to be carried along to the field. Photography equipments can then be set up using the desks and chairs in the hotel room.

Sometimes, even though facilities of local research organizations can be used, the organizations do not have perfect photography equipments. If the stay is short, photography can be conducted at the hotel, as indicated above. However, if the stay is supposed to be long, as in our case at the Kagoshima University Museum, a different approach should be adopted. We brought some acrylic boards cut beforehand, and framed them in the field. Acrylic is convenient since it is light, splinterless, and easy to frame. In addition, we brought a dismantled close-up copy stand and purchased 2 stand lights found in the local area. There was no need to arrange for an electric transformer for them.



Assembling of acrylic aquarium. Use vinyl tape to instantly join the acrylic boards, and apply glue with the cylinder. You can use it from the next day.