

# Integrated Pest Management 101

THE WHAT-TO'S AND HOW-TO'S

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2. What are pests?
3. What to look out for?
4. How to deal with a pest infestation
5. How to maintain a successful IPM
6. How to make decisions

# 1. What is Integrated Pest Management?

# CONSERVATION

## INTERVENTIVE/REMEDIAL CONSERVATION

Surface cleaning  
Tear repairs & in-fills  
Adhesive tape removal  
Washing & deacidification  
Lining, flattening  
Board reattachment  
Rebinding  
Etc.

## PREVENTIVE CONSERVATION

Housing & storage  
Handling & transportation  
Environmental monitoring  
**Integrated pest management**  
Disaster planning management  
Security & access  
Exhibition support (framing, mounting)  
Etc.

## INFORMATIVE CONSERVATION

Research & analysis  
Training/CPD  
Advocacy / Education

# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

## PURPOSE

- IPM is part of a preventive care effort done to minimize or slow down rate of deterioration, and to prevent damages to collections due to museum pests. [AIC Wiki]

## INVOLVES

- 3 main components: **Prevention + Monitoring + Treatment**
- Conservators, archivists, registrars, movers, property maintenance staff

## 2. What are pests?

# COMMON PESTS

- Mice
- Cockroaches
- Sliverfish
- Booklice
- Termites
- Lizards
- Rats
- Ants
- Beetles
- Moths
- Bookworms
- Borers
- Bats
- Bees
- Gnats
- Firebrats
- Centipedes
- Millipedes
- Birds
- Houseflies
- Spiders
- Weevils
- Fruit flies
- Grasshoppers
- Praying mantis
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- Cicadas
- Bedbugs

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# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## MICE & RATS



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## SILVERFISH & FIREBRATS



# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## BOOKLICE



# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## TERMITES



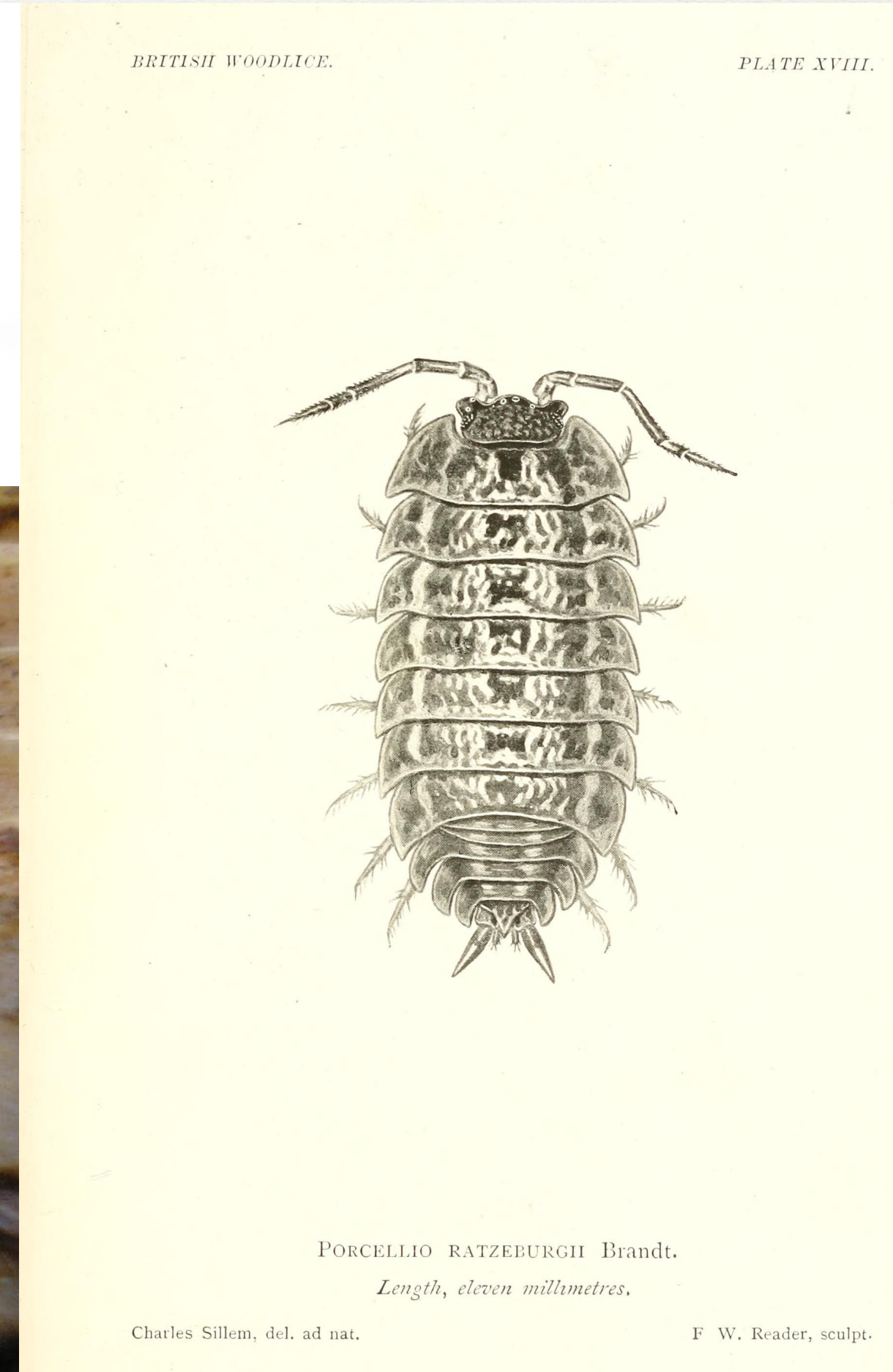
# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## GNATS



# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## WOOD LOUSE



# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## MOTHS



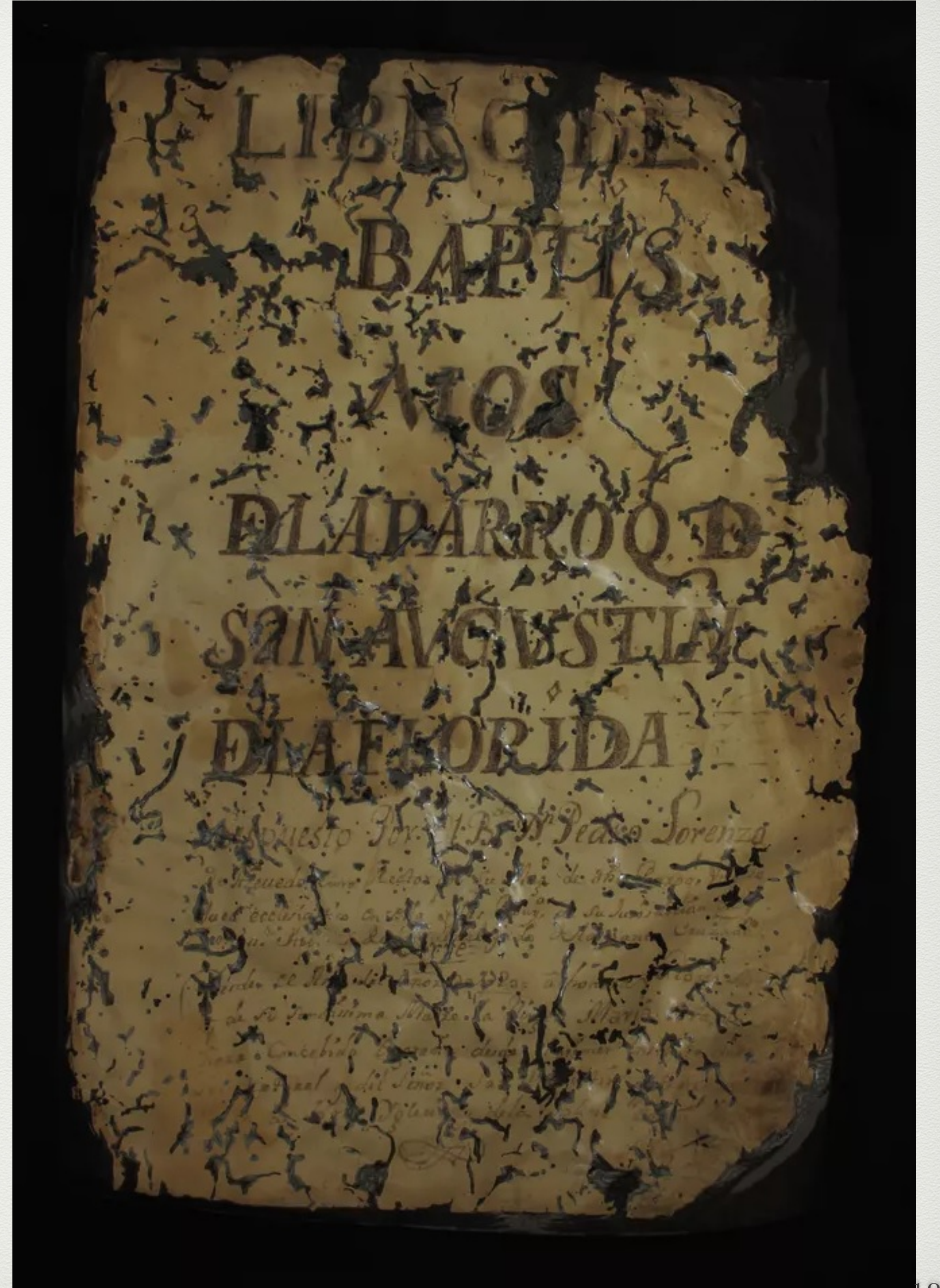
# IDENTIFYING PESTS

## BEEETLES





### 3. What to look out for?



# LOOK OUT FOR

## INCOMING COLLECTIONS

- Signs of pest damage: losses, holes, frass, etc.
- Pests (dead or alive)
- Mould



## COLLECTION STORAGE AREAS

- Potential entries: gaps in door frames, windows, piping, etc.
- Potential habitats: dark and moisture areas with stagnant air

# LOOK OUT FOR

## BUILDING EXTERIOR

- Potential entries: gaps in door frames, windows, piping, etc.
- Fruit trees, shrubs, flowering plants, etc.

## 4. How to deal with a pest infestation

# INCOMING COLLECTIONS

## INSPECTION

Look out for signs of pest damage or infestation

## ISOLATION

Keep away from the rest of the collections

## OBSERVATION

Isolate and observe over time if pest presence suspected

## TREATMENT

Eradicate pests in the collection before storage

# TREATMENT

Anoxic treatment (active)

Anoxic treatment (passive)

Carbon dioxide 'fumigation'

Freezing

Heating

Biological methods

# ANOXIC TREATMENT

## ACTIVE

- Anoxic chamber for 14 days at  $<0.3\%$  oxygen at  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Not recommended to perform at below  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and/or above  $60\%$  RH
- Every  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  decrease and exposure time doubles





# ANOXIC TREATMENT

## PASSIVE

- Using oxygen scavengers (eg. Mitsubishi Ageless<sup>®</sup>) in a microclimate
- Requires many additional materials (MarvelSeal<sup>®</sup> 360, heat sealer, etc.)



# CARBON DIOXIDE 'FUMIGATION'

- 60–70% carbon dioxide
- 4–5 weeks at 20°C, <65% RH
- May cause dizziness with high concentration (leak)



# EXTREME TEMPERATURES

## FREEZING

- Vacuum pack (preferably double, and with interleaves)
- -30°C for 5–7 days, or -18°C for 14 days
- Let materials acclimatise min. 24 hours before opening

## HEATING

- 50°C for min. 1 hour, up to 1–2 days due to object density ( $\downarrow^{\circ}\text{C} = \uparrow\text{time}$ )
- As much as possible, maintain 40–60% RH

# BIOLOGICAL METHODS

## PREDATOR & PREY

- Using the natural predator of your target insect pest

## PHEROMONES & GROWTH REGULATORS

- Pheromones placed in pest traps to attract pests (not recommended)
- Growth regulators are hormones that inhibit the growth of insect larva to adults

# COMPARISON

	ANOXIA (ACTIVE)	ANOXIA (PASSIVE)	CO <sub>2</sub> 'FUMIGATION'	FREEZING	HEATING
MATERIALS	Anoxic chamber, oxygen-free nitrogen gas	MarvelSeal® 360, Ageless® Z/RP-K, Ageless® Eye, nitrogen tank, heat sealer	MarvelSeal® 360, CO <sub>2</sub> tank, O <sub>2</sub> analyser, digital hygrometer, heat sealer	Industrial freezer, freezer truck	Industrial oven
SPACE	Large, fixed	Little, portable	Large, portable	Medium, fixed/portable	Small, fixed/portable
DURATION	14 days	3 weeks	4–5 weeks	5–14 days	1–2 days
DIFFICULTY	Low–Medium	Medium–High	Medium	Easy	Easy
PROS	Large volume, consistent, safe	Little monitoring required	Large volume, safe, little monitoring	Relatively quick	Quick
CONS	High initial cost	Tricky calculation, small volume	Slow, gas tank dangerous	sensitive materials, electricity bill	sensitive materials, electricity bill
COST	Low	Medium	Medium	Low	Low

## 5. How to maintain a successful IPM

# PEST TRAPS

- Buy ready-made ones or DIY
- Always label!
- Check periodically and replace
- Identify pests if possible



# DIY PEST TRAPS

FRONT

<p>for anything. department at 1212456 Please contact XXX</p> <p><b>DO NOT REMOVE</b></p>	<p>for anything. department at 1212456 Please contact XXX</p> <p><b>DO NOT REMOVE</b></p>
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BACK


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- Each A4 gives you 2 traps
- 250–400gsm art card
- *Very sticky* double-sided tape

**DO NOT REMOVE**

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Number:  
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 To be identified

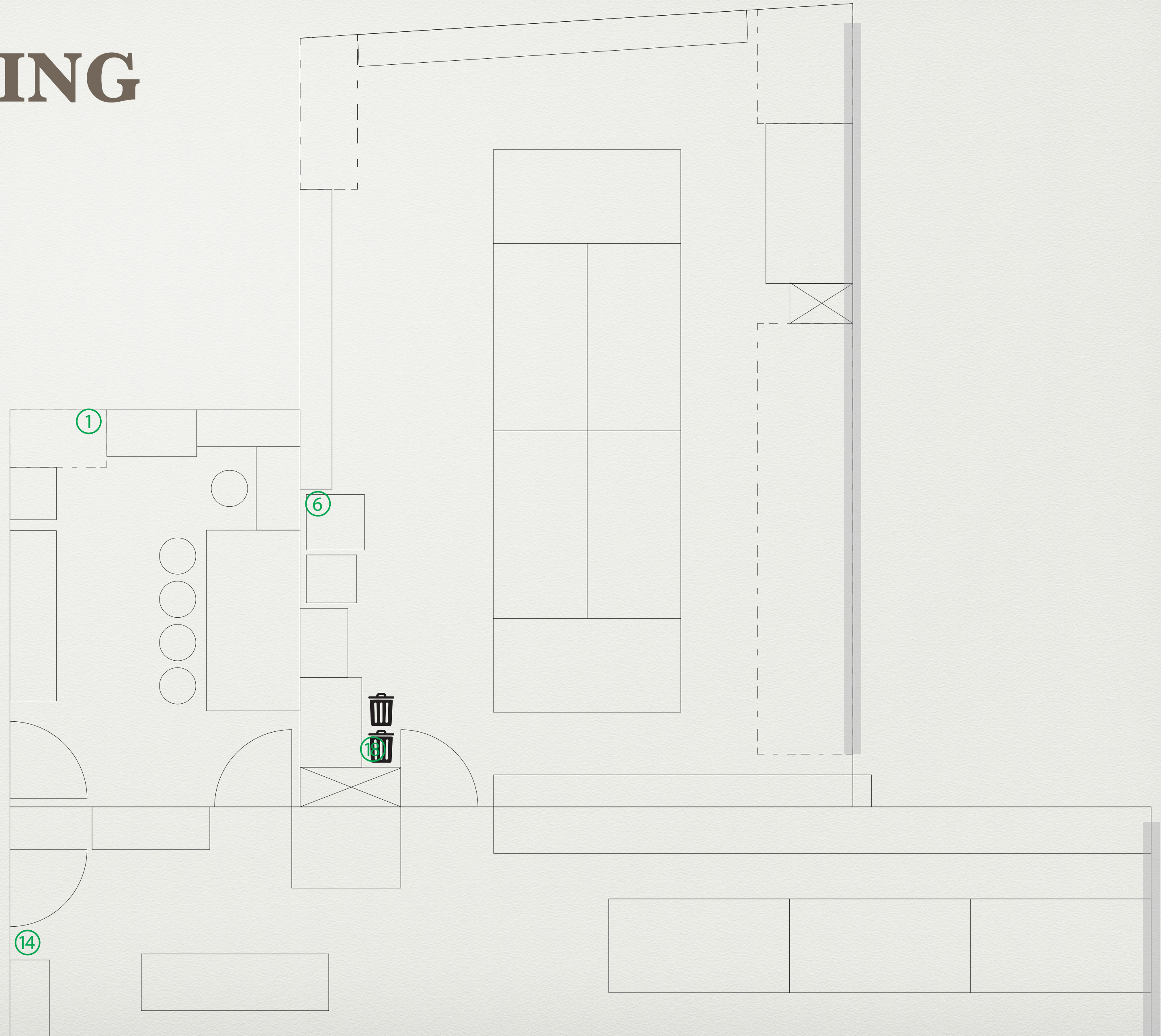


# RAT/MOUSE TRAPS

- Catch them alive
- Do not use food or live baits
- Do not use rat poison
- Identify reason and point of entry

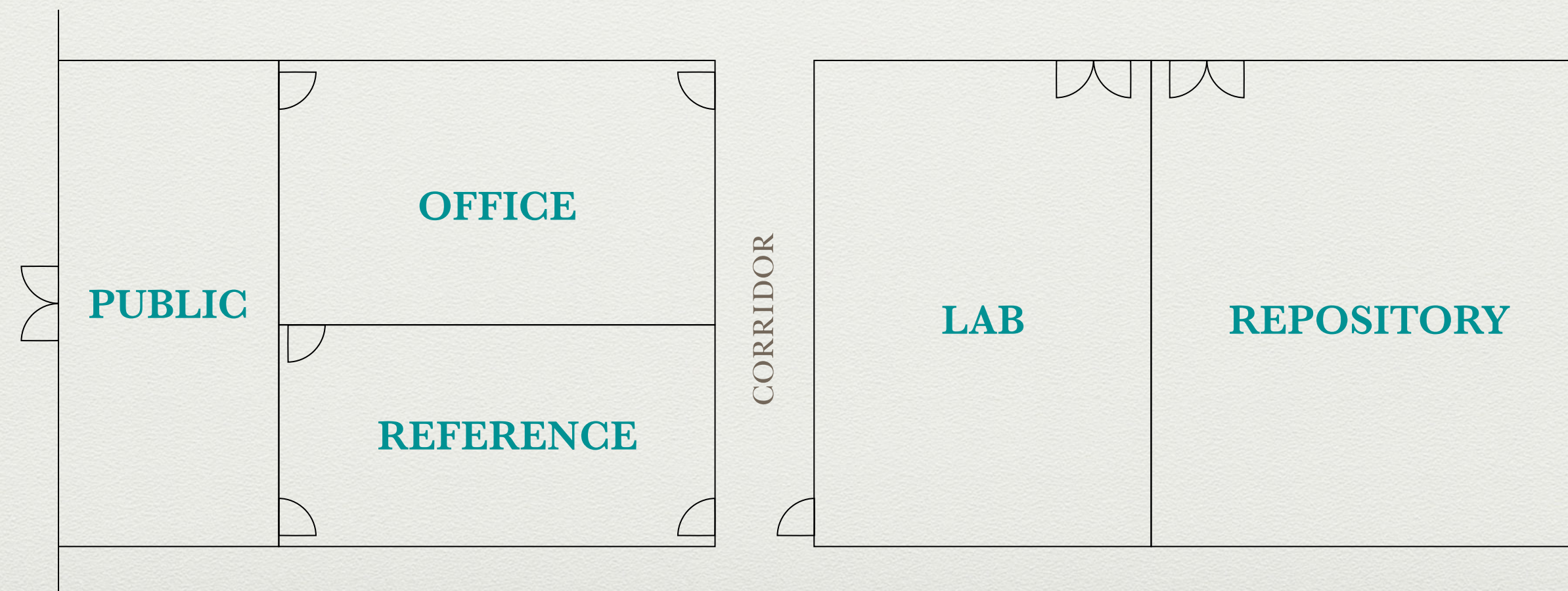


# PEST TRAP MAPPING



# FLOOR PLAN

- Space segregation between:
  - Public (fully accessible by public)
  - Office (closed to public, food & drink allowed)
  - Research/Reference (restricted access, no food & drink)
  - Repositories (restricted access, security, no food & drink)



# BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Environmental monitoring and housekeeping
- No large gaps at doorways
- No flowering trees or shrubs near the building
- Keeping a gap between building and plants
- Keeping trash bins some distance away from the building



## 6. How to make decisions

# CONSIDERATIONS

- Size of (incoming/affected) collections
- Type of materials in the collections
- Severity of pest infestation
- Estimated frequency
- Time
- Resources

# RESOURCES

- AIC Wiki: Integrated pest management (IPM) [https://www.conservation-wiki.com/wiki/Integrated\\_pest\\_management\\_\(IPM\)](https://www.conservation-wiki.com/wiki/Integrated_pest_management_(IPM))
- Connecting to Collections Care: <https://www.connectingtocollections.org>
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- MP-WG: Museum Pests <https://museumpests.net>
- National Park Service: Museum Handbook, Part I: Chapter 5: Biological Infestations <https://www.nps.gov/museum/publications/MHI/CHAP5.pdf>
- NEDCC: 3.10 Integrated Pest Management <https://www.nedcc.org/free-resources/preservation-leaflets/3.-emergency-management/3.10-integrated-pest-management>

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