Field Photography & Sampling

A good photo is worth a thousand words...

- Image analysis
- Change over time
- Publication

• Teaching/Education

Link to field notes and sketches



Camera Types - Advantages/Disadvantages



- Digital multi-tool, including safety
- Easy to use
- May already have/good back up
- Resolution
- Expensive

Digital SLR



High resolutionPublication quality

Expensive
Heavy
Need experience





• Landscape - Wide angle , 12 to 35mm

• Macro - Close up, 50 mm

• Telephoto - 200+ mm

Mirrorless



High resolutionPublication quality

Expensive
Lighter than D-SLR
Need experience

Point and shoot



- Good quality
- Fixed lens
- Cheaper

• Durability ? Don't last long with heavy use

Weather and setting





Quadcopter



High resolution
Aerial perspective
'Remote'

CostNeed experience

Tips - First photograph - General overview



Sets up/provide context to next photos

Photos MUST correspond to field
 Notes, #/sequence

General and close up

Working with light



Golden Hour







Marking subject & Scale





Rule of thirds







Leading lines



Sampling

Primary questions

- Location and description/ context?
- Size and nature?
- Ethics: Do I need a sample / Do I have permission?
- Is it representative or unique?
- Fresh or weathered?
- Do I have the proper tools?

Selecting

- Vertical and horizontal intervals
- Lithological variations
- Boundary types
- Resource and field constraints
- Identify cross contamination possibilities



Labelling

• Critical

- Sample dependent (competent vs. friable)
- Double to triple label (sample, inside tag, bag label)
- Dating contamination possibilities
- Correspondence to notes, sketches and photos



Sample extraction

- 7 Ps
- Location
- Ethics
- Proper tools and proper usage
- Safety
- Knowledge and Skill
 - How rocks break/ type dependent



Samples for Thin sections

- Size 10 * 5 * 5 cm , small but not to small
- Grain size dependent
- Orientated..?





(D) Billet attached (E) Removal of excess real (F) Polic

Orientated samples

- Course orientation
- Bedding, Younging
- Solidification margins



• Fine orientation

- Dating, paleo magnetic, studies
- Compass measurements
 - Strike dip
 - Bearing
 - Clinometer
 - Drilled out



-East

-West-

5-78 Hurst et al. [27]

Geochemical samples

200 grams is generally enough
Fresh, NOT weathered slump
Contamination during sampling

Hammer
Dremel tool/bits



Mineral extraction

- Depends on type of mineral needed within study and the sample's composition.
- Heavy minerals (e.g. Z-T-R) you may need 1 to 2 kg of original sample.



Fossils (Mega vs. Micro)





Regional Studies

- Low resolution
- Small sample #s representative of whole area



High resolution

- Great care and patience
- Beware of contamination at all phases of research



Labelling take 2 and Packaging

- Sample number
- Cross reference to field book
- Location
- Oriented or not
- Rock type
- Associated with other, adjacent?, samples

- Where are you, where do the samples need to be?
- Permits
- Packing: cling wrap, paper, polythene bags, sharpie, contamination?, invasive species...