Loan Tracking and Impact of Digitisation on Loans

some very preliminary investigations
Loan and Image Request System at RBGE

- Loan request arrives
  - Loan request created
- Image request arrives
  - Image request record created or added to loan request record
  - Request checked at cabinets and manageable unit determined
  - Manageable unit minimally databased and imaged
  - Information sent to person who requested the loan or images
  - If loan still required a second request arrives
    - Loan request checked against permit information
    - Loan request sent to curator/researcher for authorisation
    - Authorised loan is selected
  - Specimens are partially databased and loan documentation is prepared
    - Loan is shipped
Loan data over time

Number of loans

Average loan size
Summary of Work Package 4 (Joint Research Activity - JRA)

Moving from physical to digital collections

The aim of the JRA is to improve the quality of and increase access to digital collections and data within NH institutions – virtual collections.

- **Objective 1:** Automated data collection from digital images
- **Objective 2:** New methods for 3D digitisation of NH collections
- **Objective 3:** Crowdsourcing metadata enrichment of digital images
- **Objective 4:** Access and management of an integrated European digital collection (with NA2)
Objective 4 Task 4.1

Task 4.1: Feasibility research on a “digitise on demand” (DoD) service for European NH Institutions

4 partners (NHM, NBC, RBGE, UCPH)

Investigating the usage, metrics and uptake of ‘Digitisation on Demand’ requests

• Data have been gathered from a case study in which a loans service has been transformed into a digitisation on demand service
• The data are being investigated further to determine patterns and trends
Main achievements and results to date

**Digitisation on Demand**

- A Digitisation on Demand service has been introduced to RBGE as a trial but not advertised
- Over 11,000 specimens have now been imaged as part of this service.