

Integrating Archives, Libraries and Archaeological Collections – a New Approach to the Management of the National Heritage

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The development of central cultural heritage collections in Finland

1860ies early archaeological field work

1870 The Antiquarian Society of Finland

1872 First university student expedition collecting old rural items

1884 The Archaeological Bureau, later State Archaeological Commission

1905 The Historical Museum

1916 The National Museum



Library and Archive units

- The main library and reference libraries
- The archaeological archives
- The Archive for Prints and Pictures
- The Archive for Oral Tradition
- The archives of the administration
- The archives of the the Department of Architectural Heritage

Museum collections

- Archaeological collections 37 000 assemblages
- Historical collections 135 000 items
- Ethnological collections 85 000
- Finno-Ugrian collections 16 000
- Ethnographic collections 26 000
- Coin Cabinet 170 000
- Maritime Museum 15 000

The archaeological collections

- 37 000 archaeological find assemblages represent 90 % of the archaeological findings of the country
- Either original or copies of all the archaeological excavation reports
- Data bases: inventory of finds, inventory of registered monuments

Archives, libraries and collections in four different locations

The year 2007

- The picture archive: 9000 pictures ordered
- The library: 10 000 customers borrowed 27 000 books
- The archaeological archives were visited by 500 researchers, 22 600 artefacts were set on display for them





Security & practicality

- The archives and the archeological collections will be kept in appropriate rooms where the safety is ensured
- The logistics will be laid out from a point of view of practicality for customers, visitors as well as for the staff

Area zone scheme

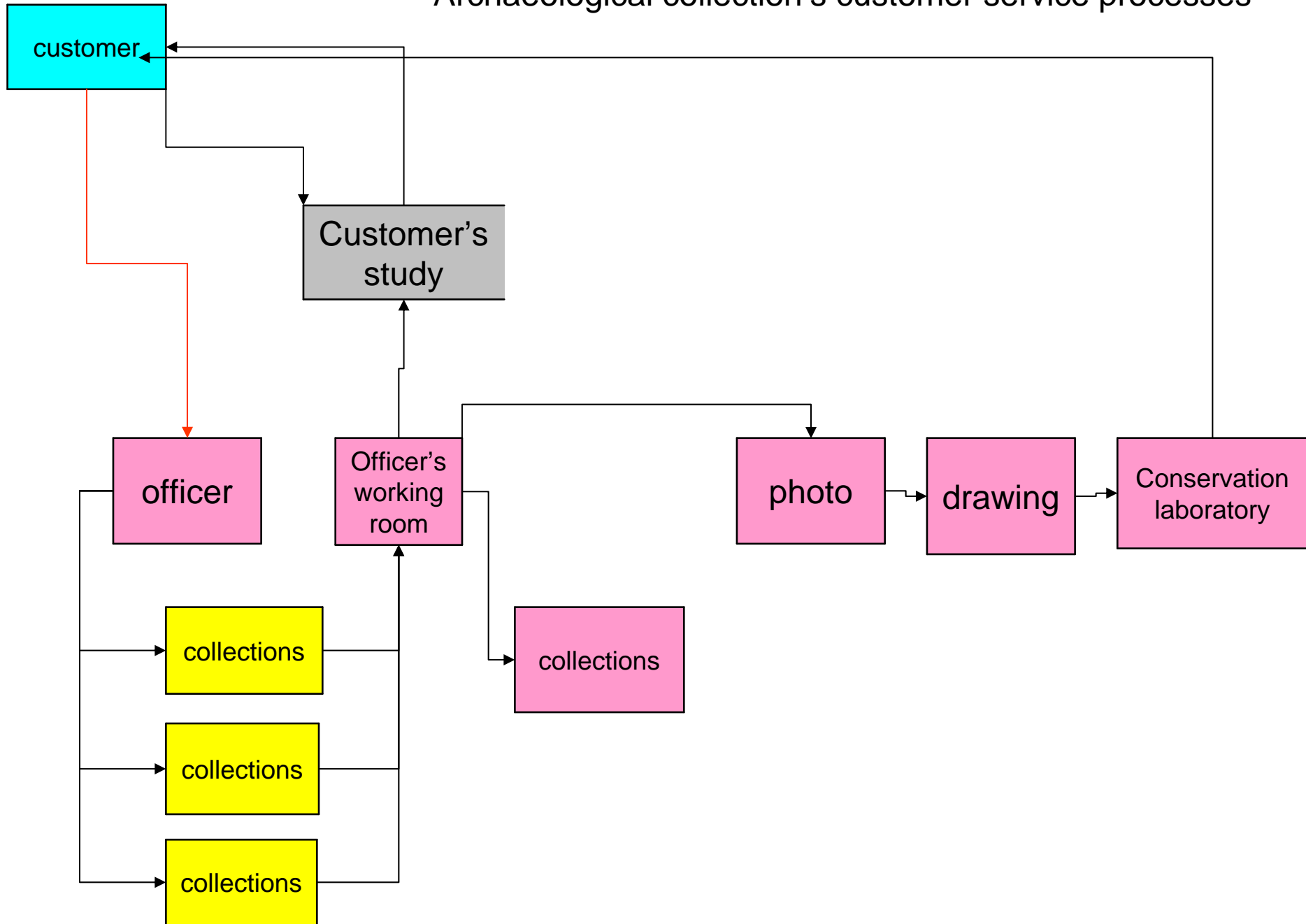
Area denied for visitors

- Area where visitors are allowed together with archive officer
- Area where the whole staff may operate

Area allowed for registered visitors

Area allowed for all visitors

Archaeological collection's customer service processes



Self service and expert service

- The customer can search computerized data and can choose books in the open shelf library
- The officials will help in archive and collection matters

- The customer can read books and archive material in the reading room and at the same time study archeological artefact material
- Air conditioned facilities for the study of special materials as artefacts
- AV material can be studied in separate rooms

Data bases

- Library data bases Helka and Arto
- Museum item data base Musketti
- Inventory of ancient monuments
- Inventories of protected built heritage
- Document management program under development

Digitalisation of collections

- National digital library – European digital library
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The advantages by integrating the libraries, archives and collections into one unit

- The accessibility will increase
- More economic use of space
 - by arranging the same kind of materials from different units
 - fewer study seats are needed
- Human resources can be better allocated
 - Processes can be standardized

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