Incorporating decolonization in the daily work of the collection manager

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Naturalis uses two collection registration systems: Brahms for botany and CRS for the zoological and geological collections. The CRS is based on ABCD (Access to Biological Collection Data) with EFG (Extension for Geology). Recently, several modules have been developed and implemented in CRS that make it easier to record provenance data for subcollections. These modules allow us to store detailed information about collecting events, such as expeditions and excursions, and about the ownership history of a collection. Furthermore, by including Wikidata IDs, it becomes possible to link the Naturalis collection to those of other institutions.

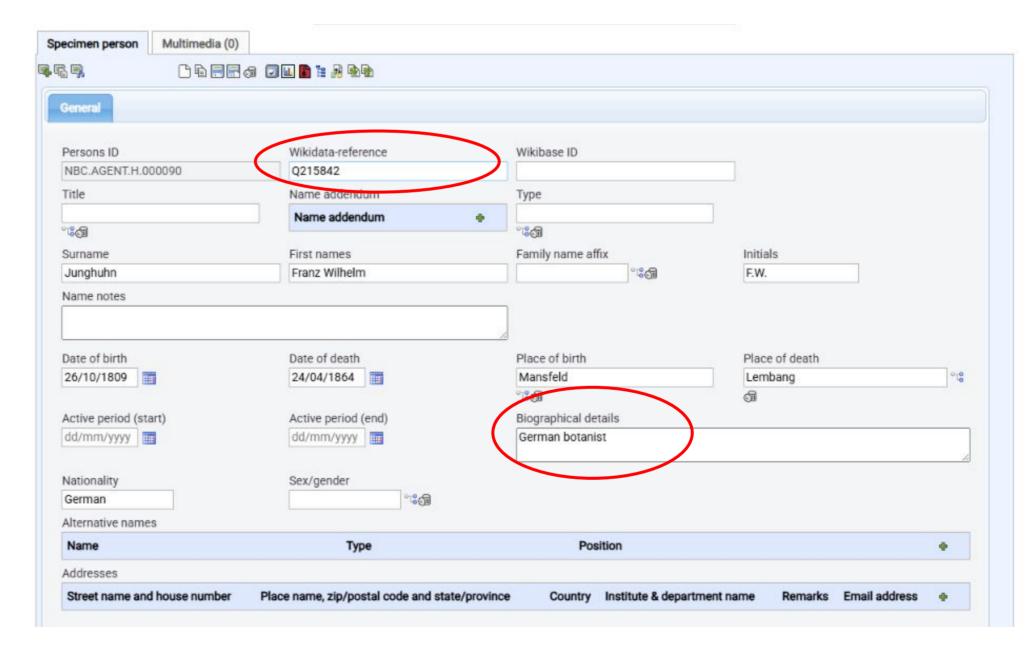


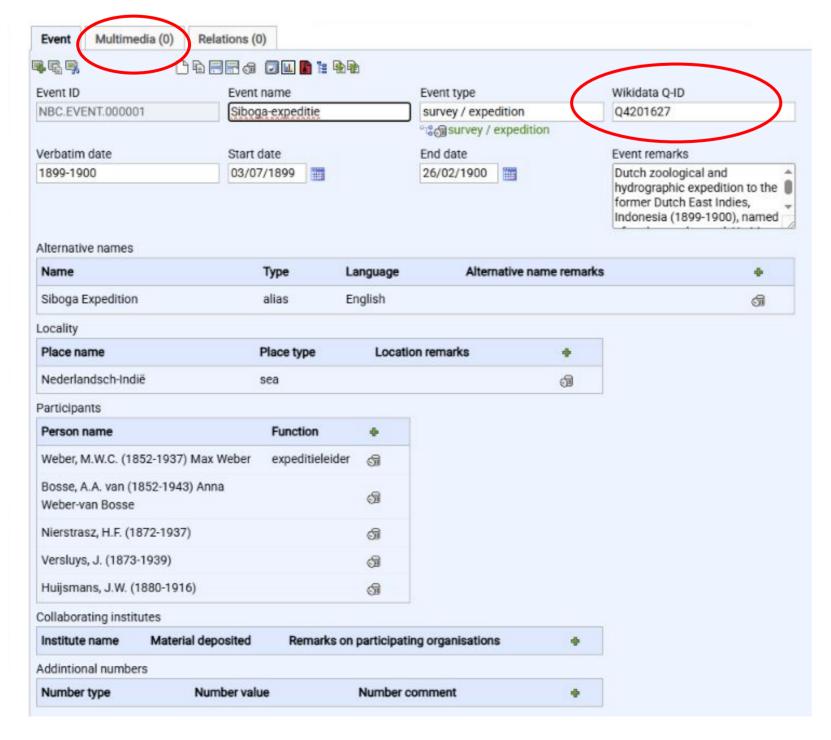
Acquisitions

For each acquisition a record will be created and linked to the specimens within that acquisition. Especially important here is the opportunity to record previous owners and transfers. This will aid future provenance research. Additional information can be uploaded via the multimedia tab, including collecting/export permits. In doing so the legality of the specimens can be documented.

Persons

All persons that are referred to in other modules (such as the Acquisition module, Collecting event module or our specimen data) are registered as separate entities. This prevents the use of multiple spellings and also creates the opportunity to add biographical data. Registering the wikidata-reference makes it possible to connect collecting and specimen data to data from other institutions.





Collecting events

Registering collecting events as separate entities and linking them to specimen data prevents the use of multiple spellings. It also creates the possibility of adding a range of metadata, including information on participants, detailed geographical data. The multimedia tab can be used to upload reports, diaries, photos, etc. Registering the wikidata-reference makes it possible to connect collecting and specimen data to data from other institutions.

