

Sending Samples to BopCo

DNA Identification Service

Sample found
 → **Contact BopCo**
 (bopco@naturalsciences.be)

Send Picture to BopCo



Picture ID?

No morphological ID possible
 (send sample for DNA ID?)

Morphological ID from Picture

Preparing Sample

- Add label to each sample
- IF multiple samples → separate tubes/bags!
- Contact BopCo if questions

Fresh Sample
 (e.g. tissue, insects ...)

Dried Sample
 (e.g. dried tissue, old insects, feathers, plants ...)

Liquid Sample
 (e.g. blood or saliva)

Ethanol tube
 (90-100% abs)

Empty tube
 (+ cotton if complete insect)

Dry in bag

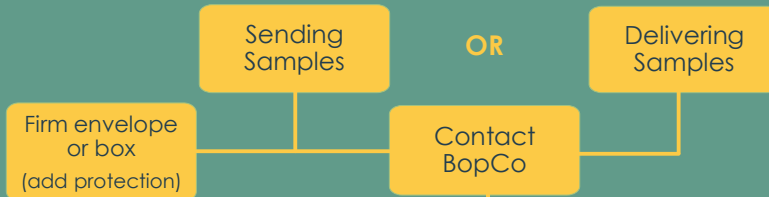
Swab in bag

What **NOT** to do

→ DNA degrades in the presence of heat, moisture, bleach and UV



Delivering or Sending samples



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 Leuvensesteenweg
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Identification Report



BopCo will provide a Species identification report and will identify the specimens to the lowest Taxonomic level