



International Eclogite Conference Ethical Sampling Policy

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Background

During the last decade, the importance of protection of key localities, i.e., outcrops of special scientific or educational value, has been brought up in several forums (e.g., Druguet et al., 2013: Geoethical education: A critical issue for geoconservation. Episodes, 36, 11-18.).

Ethical sampling has been made a policy in parts of the world (e.g., <https://scottishgeodiversityforum.org/charter/ethical-rock-collection/>).

Sampling is frequent during conference excursions that are organised by the International Eclogite Conference. A large field party can potentially severely degrade the future research and pedagogic value of some key localities which is why it is important that the IECCC states a policy in this matter.

Policy

The International Eclogite Conference shall protect key localities and outcrops of special scientific or educational value, for the good of future generations. The IEC follows local conservation law and conventions, and the wishes of the local geological community.

Responsibility of the organiser

At each conference, the organisers shall forward short information about the IEC sampling policy. The conference organising committee is encouraged to provide excursion participants with information about local conservation law and conventions, and about field sites that are especially vulnerable to damage from sample collection. We encourage organisers to provide information in field guide books about sites that shall be protected from sampling.

Responsibility of the excursion participant

Attendees at the IEC conferences and field trips carry the responsibility of ethical sampling. Each excursion participant must not sample until the excursion leader has given advice on which outcrops that can be sampled, those that risk an unacceptable level of damage from sampling, or where sampling is prohibited by local law or convention.