Questionnaire on Museum Pest Control & Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

**General Information about the Museum:**

Please state the name and address of your museum:

What is your position at the museum?

When was your museum established? Website:

Would you classify your museum as large, mid-sized, or small based on annual visitation?

State a figure, if available: visitors/year

How many employees do you have full-time part-time

Which staff members assist with pest control? (identify by position titles)

1. **IPM Issues**: What have been the major challenges you have encountered pertaining to pest control?

(check any that apply): building structure maintenance internal climate control infestations insufficient budget no modern HVAC system

Other issues:

2. **IPM Plan**: Do you have an Integrated Pest Management Plan in place? Describe its steps or ***could you attach a copy***?

3. **Prevention**: Please list any preventative methods used, both internally and externally:

4. Does your museum have quarantined areas designated as “risk zones” for pest control? No Yes

If yes, describe the space, construction, or procedures:

5. **Treatments**: Do you utilize any of the following (check any that apply): pesticides CO2 argon nitrogen microwave heat other:

6. If you utilize pesticides in the museum, please identify them (by active ingredient or trade name), how they are employed, and procedures:

7. **Garbage**: How is paper, plastic, & general garbage disposed of?

Is it bagged and removed on a daily and weekly basis?

How are housekeeping tasks assigned to your staff?

What other housekeeping procedures do you employ in the museum?

8. **Food**: Is food or a cafeteria allowed on the museum premises? No , if yes, answer the following:

Is waste removed on a daily or weekly basis?

Where is waste stored pending removal?

Please specify any cleaning/maintenance procedures involved:

9. **Museum collections**: Has there been any destruction or deterioration caused by pest infestation and how has recurrence been prevented?

10. **Collection Storage Areas**: Locations: Basement Attic Off-site

Specific rooms inside museum Are rooms sealed?

Types of storage furniture used & if wood (W) or metal (M): drawers W M , shelves W M , cabinets W M , other types

Are there air ventilation systems leading into the storage are?

Is storage vacuumed monthly , annually , or other schedule ?

Are other materials/items stored with collections: any paper , exhibit supplies , tools , cardboard boxes , wood , packaging materials , Other materials

11. **Building Inspection**: How often is the exterior inspected for access points by pests

Are the following inspected: downspouts rain gutters roofing

Other areas:

Have you placed traps around the exterior and interior of the museum to identify pests?

12. **Exhibit Areas**: What is the square footage of space in your exhibit galleries?

Approx. age of exhibit cases Inspected for pests ? Are vitrines sealed to bases?

Are there air ventilation systems leading into the galleries?

Exhibit areas cleaned monthly , annually , or other schedule ?

If you have *living* exhibits, have any of them been affected by pest infestation:

13. **Infestations**: Do you have any data that tracks infestation over the course of time?

Please identify types of pests (by common ***or*** scientific names):

Has there been a period of time when the infestation decreased and then increased again? No If yes, to what do you attribute the resurgence of infestation?

Do you contract with commercial pest control services? No If yes, reasons: termites ,

ants , hornet/wasp nests , mice/rats , birds , others:

Companies used: