

## 【II】 Record PDF

*Archival Document — Phase I (Final). Future volumes may be issued, but this document will not be updated.*

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### Withered Plant: Phase I Record of Observation, Documentation, and Inheritance (DOI 1–100)

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#### 1. Position of This Document

This document is not a declaration.

It is not a document intended to present a comprehensive ideology or philosophy.

This document is an **archival record** documenting that Phase I (DOI 1–100) of the long-term practice *Withered Plant* has been completed and established.

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#### 2. Definition of Phase I

Phase I is the first period in *Withered Plant* during which the methodology of **observation, documentation, and inheritance** was intentionally implemented with a defined density and volume.

Phase I is not an experimental stage.

It is the first historical unit in which the methodology and ethics were established.

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#### 3. DOI Registration Period

- Phase I DOI registration period (DOI 1–100): **2025-08-25 – 2026-01-12**
- Project initiation year: **2014**

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## 4. Recording Unit

- One DOI corresponds to one observation unit
- Each DOI constitutes a self-contained observation record
- All observations follow a consistent methodology and ethics
- Observation conditions are documented per DOI in each README

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## 5. Archive Structure

- **Parent record:**  
A conceptual record representing the *Withered Plant* series as a whole
- **Child records:**  
Individual observation datasets (DOI 1–100)

All records maintain their independence while being **referenced as a continuous series**.

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## 6. Contents of Each DOI

Each DOI includes the following elements:

- **Unprocessed SEM observation images (RAW BMP)**  
Primary observation records without scale bars or image processing
- **Reference images (JPG), where provided**  
Supplementary images with scale bars, provided for human-readable viewing
- **Observation conditions (documented in the README)**
  - Instrument used (SEM model)
  - Detector type
  - Accelerating voltage
  - Vacuum conditions
  - Magnification

- Working distance
- Pixel size
- Frame time
- Observation date
- Observer / creator information
- **Sample information**
  - Withered plant fragment
  - Taxonomic classification is intentionally not performed
  - Pretreatment: all samples were sputter-coated with Au
- **Dataset positioning**
  - Confirmation that each DOI represents one observation unit
  - Relationship to the parent record (*Withered Plant* series)
- **Originality and modification policy**
  - RAW BMP files are preserved as originals and are not processed or replaced
  - Reference JPG images serve solely as visual aids
- **License information**
  - Observation images
  - Documentation (README)
- **Change log**
  - Observation date
  - DOI registration date

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## 7. Reason for Not Applying Classification

This archive intentionally applies no taxonomic classification. This is not due to a lack of organization, but represents a deliberate archival policy rooted in natural history.

Meaning is not fixed; records are left open to reconstruction by future perspectives.

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## 8. Quantitative Record of Phase I (Final Values)

- Number of DOIs (Phase I): **100**
- Total SEM observation images (DOI 1–100): **1,133 RAW BMP** images

Project reference (whole-project total; as of 2026-01-12):

- Total SEM observation images since 2014 (including Phase I): **8,109 RAW BMP** images

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## 9. Equipment Used

- Scanning Electron Microscope: **TECHNEX TinySEM M3-i**

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## 10. Record of Completion of Phase I

Registration of DOI 1–100 completed on 2026-01-12.  
With the registration of DOI 1 through DOI 100,  
Phase I of *Withered Plant* is hereby completed.

The methodology and ethics are established here as the baseline for subsequent observations.

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## Closing

This document does not present achievements.  
It records facts in order to hand them over to the future.