GLOBAL GENOME INITIATIVE

FEDEX DOMESTIC SHIPPING PROTOCOL

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Pre-shipment steps:

- 1. Discuss items to be shipped with Principal Investigator (PI) or collector.
- **2.** Gather information on types of items to be shipped (i.e. Dry-shipper LN tank, tubes, labels, preservation solutions, samples, etc.).
- **3.** Consider time restraints for ordering supplies needed from Biorepository:
 - o 1 month advance notice for Dry-shipper tanks.
 - o 1 month advance notice for preservation solutions (DMSO/EDTA, alcohol, etc.).
 - 2 weeks advance notice for cryotubes.
- **4.** Determine if any items to be shipped are considered hazardous or restricted goods.
 - Visit FedEx website or contact FedEx directly at 1-800-463-3339 (or 1-800-GOFEDEX) for shipment information/restrictions.
- **5.** Gather documents required for each domestic shipment:
 - FedEx US Airbill. Unlike international shipments, commercial invoices are <u>not</u> required for domestic shipments.
 - Any APHIS or other permits required for the return shipment of specimens. Consult with FedEx or your department for permits needed.
- **6.** Gather payment information from PI.
 - Is PI or GGI paying shipping costs?
 - If PI is responsible: Use FedEx Account number of sender's department.
 - If GGI is responsible: Use the ADS FedEx account number and list the PIs name on the Internal Billing Reference line of the US Airbill. Save all Airbill receipts. Provide copies of all Airbills to Alysha Chadderdon and Dawn Mason for record keeping purposes.
- 7. Gather recipient's contact information and full destination address.
- **8.** Pick your method for producing FedEx shipping labels.
 - FedEx online account (preferred). Requires an established FedEx online account to use this method. Dawn Mason is the ADS FedEx account manager.
 - Physical, handwritten label (see steps below).

Shipment Steps:

- **1.** Package items securely. Make sure any products that may leak are properly sealed and double/triple bagged to prevent leaks.
- 2. Determine total weight of package (weight needed for section 7 of US Airbill).
- 3. Fill out Sections 1-7 on FedEx US Airbill (Figure 1).



Figure 1.

STEP 3 TIPS:

- o Print clearly and PRESS HARD to make sure all carbon copies are legible.
- Section 1: FedEx account number used for shipment is provided next to Sender's FedEx Account Number box.
- Section 2: If the ADS FedEx account number was used in Section 1 please write "GGI-[PI's last name and/or project name]" for the Your Internal Billing Reference line. This allows Dawn Mason to track the shipment.
- o <u>Section 3</u>: Remember to provide recipient's phone number in case of any issues while in transit.
- Section 7: Provide total weight in this section, and check the box marked Sender if sender's account number used. Refers back to the FedEx account number provided in section 1.
- **4.** Attach US Airbill to package. Remove top copy of US Airbill before attaching to package. This copy is for sender's records. Place Airbill inside a FedEx shipping label pouch and attach pouch to the outside of the package/container (Figure 2).





Remove top copy of US Airbill.

Place US Airbill in pouch. Attach to package.

Figure 2.

- **5.** Drop off package at the MSC or NMNH shipping office to be picked up. FedEx usually picks up once per day between 2-4pm.
- **6.** Track package using the FedEx Tracking Number provided on the top copy of the shipping label (circled in Figured 3).

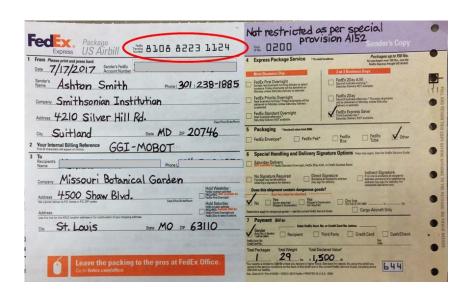


Figure 3.

Returning Packages to the MSC:

REPEAT STEPS 1-6 for returning package/samples back to the Museum Support Center.