FORMAT		
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8. Languages in which available	English, French, German	
9. Geographic area resource relates to	Germany with global relevance	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	X
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	X
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	X
	Other	
12. If this is part of an initiative, what is the initiative?		
COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS		
13. Explicit links to collections	Yes	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	Yes	
15. Types of institutions the resource covers	**Museums**	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X

	Other		
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	**Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy, psychology, religion, social sciences, law, politics, language, arts and recreation, architecture, literature, history, geography and ethnology, anthropology, archaeology**	X	
	Science, natural history, technology, medicine, engineering, manufacturing	X	
17. If no explicit links to collections, justification for inclusion			

HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

18. Collections-related activities the resource relates to (mark all that apply)

Develop collections to protect and safeguard wider cultural and natural heritage more effectively, for example by targeting collecting to threatened forms of heritage in strategic ways	X
Use collections to promote learning and educational opportunities that contribute to sustainable development more effectively, for example education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development and/or skills development relating to collections	X
Use collections to promote cultural participation/social inclusion more effectively, for example by reducing barriers to participation, to ensure no-one is 'left behind'	X
Use collections to promote sustainable tourism more effectively, for example by developing new products based on local cultural heritage, and/or considering the rights of stakeholder groups in relation to collections	
Use collections to support research that contributes to sustainable development (including all forms of personal and self-directed research at all levels that make use of stored collections) more effectively, for example by providing effective facilities, collections and information to meet researchers' needs	X
Make decisions around collections that contribute to sustainable development more effectively	
i. employment (recruiting, staff training, staff safety)	X

ii. energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, reduction, monitoring and reporting	
iii. waste management and reduction of waste	
iv. transport (forms of transport, energy use)	
v. commercial activities including copyright and IP	
vi. governance and management	X
vii. security, disaster preparedness and risk reduction	
Direct external leadership, partnerships and collaborations towards sustainable development more effectively, for example by developing impactful partnerships	X
19. Does the resource relate clearly to any international conventions (mark all that apply)?	
Culture conventions:	
1952, 71 Protection of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	
1954 Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	
1970 Fighting Against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property	X
1972 Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	X
2001 Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage	
2003 Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	X
2005 Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	X
Rio Conventions:	
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	
AIMS AND CONTENT	
20. What issues does the resource aim to address?	"*Guidelines* offer recommendations for the care of all human remains held by collections. They take into account the heterogeneity of the remains themselves as well as the varied contexts in which they were acquired. The *Guidelines* particularly seek to create an awareness of the ethical dimension of the care of human remains – a dimension which affects every aspect of museum and collection work." (p. 4) "The practical guidance answers relevant questions concerning human remains in the context of the museums' main tasks – collecting, preserving, researching, exhibiting and educating as well as repatriation." (p. 8)
21. Intended audience of resource	[Anyone working with collections that include human remains]
22. Process of development	"The first edition of the *Guidelines for the Care of Collections from Colonial Contexts* was published by the German Museums Association in 2018, while in 2019 the Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the

	Media, the Federal Foreign Office Minister of State for International Cultural Policy, the Cultural Affairs Ministers of the Länder and the municipal umbrella organisations released their Framework Principles for Dealing with Collections from Colonial Contexts, in which human remains were explicitly mentioned. As new insights had had time to mature and new questions had arisen, the time had come to provide museums and collections with a revised set of guidelines for the care of human remains." (p. 5) "The *Guidelines* were revised by a newly formed interdisciplinary Working Group of the German Museums Association consisting of ethnologists, archaeologists, anthropologists, medical historians, cultural experts, conservators, legal experts and ethicists." (p. 9) "A fundamental role is also played by the perspectives of the countries and communities of origin, which highlight the special significance of these sensitive collections. For this reason, the *Guidelines* include contributions by international experts from Australia, Hawai'i and Namibia, which explain the significance of the deceased in various communities of origin." (p. 8)
23. Organisation/structure /contents	**A practical guide to highly sensitive collections** **Addressees and terminology** **Practical guidance:** - Collecting - Preserving - Researching - Exhibiting and educating - Repatriation **Background information:** - The Origins and Significance of Collections of Human Remains in Europe - Archaeological Human Remains in Museum Holdings - Ways of Analysing Human Remains and the Benefits for Scientific Research - Social and Cultural Anthropological Approaches to Human Remains in Ethnological Museums and Collections - Legal Provisions for Dealing with Human Remains in Museums and Collections - Ethical Principles for Collections Containing Human Remains

	- The Significance of Ancestral Human Remains to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People - The Responsibility to Restore the Ancestral Hawaiian Foundation Through Repatriation and Reburial - A Namibian Experience: The Contentious Politics of Repatriation of Human Remains and Sacred Objects **Sources of the guidelines and further reading** **Participants**
FRAMEWORKS	
24. Framework structure	The Practical Guidance section consists of a series of topics and recommendations that can be considered as frameworks.
25. Relevant policy considerations	Yes
26. Resources for implementation identified	Yes
27. Specific assessment points/indicators/milestones/action plan for monitoring	Yes
28. ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
People (social sustainability)	X
Planet (environmental sustainability)	
Prosperity (economic sustainability)	X
Peace	X
Partnerships	X
29. CROSS-CUTTING CONSIDERATIONS COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
Gender perspectives	
North and South perspectives	X
HOW THE RESOURCE CONTRIBUTES TO AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs	
HOW AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs FEATURE IN THE RESOURCE	
30. SDGs and Agenda 2030 specifically mentioned?	No
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	No
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	No
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	

34. Comments on SDG linkages	Implementing the resource supports a number of SDG targets relating to the care, use and research on human remains. These include SDG targets relating to the rule of law and ownership of cultural property, including 1.4 (access, ownership and, including over inheritance, IP rights), 10.2 (promoting universal social, economic and political inclusion of all), 10.3 (eliminating discriminatory policies and practices), 11.4 (strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard cultural and natural heritage), 16.3 (support the rule of law). Returning stolen or illegally held property supports 16.4 (combat illicit flows, strengthen recovery of stolen assets), 16.6 (effective, accountable and transparent institutions), as well as 16.10 (support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights, including the right to information), 16.B (uphold and promote laws and policies for sustainable development) and 17.14 (policy coherence for sustainable development). Ensuring a safe working environment supports 8.8 (protecting labour rights). Close partnership working with source communities supports 16.7 (inclusive decision making), 17.16 (global and international partnerships) and 17.17 (cross-sector, local and national partnerships for sustainable development). The section on research on human remains can contribute to SDGs 9.1 (sustainable infrastructure for wellbeing) and 9.5 (support scientific research). The section on education and exhibitions can contribute to SDG 4.7 (Education for Sustainable Development).
35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance	
SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere 1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial	Numbers and proportions of people from particular groups using collections in comparison with demographics in broader society. Numbers of people accessing collections. Number of targeted programmes that aim to enhance access to collections by disadvantaged groups. Sustainable tourism that enhances local communities' access to basic services, ownership and control over

services, including microfinance	land and other forms of property (including cultural and natural heritage), as well as to technology and markets. Involvement of people from disadvantaged groups in decision-making activities and processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.
SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all 4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development	Numbers of people in each type of programme drawing on collections from different demographic groups. Increases in numbers of people in each type of programme from different demographic groups. Proportion of people involved in such programmes in relation to overall audience size. Evidence that learners have acquired knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development.
SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all 8.8 Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment	Number and proportions of staff working with collections in safe and secure working environments. Number of accidents and other health and safety incidents reported. Training and support provided for staff to ensure their wellbeing, health and safety. Education, awareness-raising and partnership programmes drawing on collections that address labour rights, notably those of migrant workers and others in precarious employment. Reduction of numbers and proportions of staff on short-term or zero-hours contracts. Fair pay policies and procedures in place to prevent exploitation.

	Procurement policies that ensure that collecting institutions make use of people who are in decent employment, and that avoid exploitation throughout the supply chain.
SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation 9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all	Development of research-useful collections to support reliable, sustainable and resilient use by researchers and others. Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that support economic development and human well-being. Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that provide affordable and equitable access for all. Investment in collections facilities. Inclusion of collections information in regional and transborder initiatives, notably via digital access for discoverability.
SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization 9.5 Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending	Number and proportion of collections facilities that effectively support research and researchers. Number and proportion of staff who are appropriately skilled to undertake and support collections-based research. Expenditure on initiatives to enhance and upgrade collections facilities. Numbers of staff engaged in supporting and developing research use based on collections. Number of initiatives to encourage innovation drawing on collections. Increase in number of research and development workers per 1 million people. Increase in public and private research and development spending being used to develop and make use of collections.

SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	Collections development to ensure that collections effectively meet the needs of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status. Number and proportion of educational and participatory programmes that promote participation irrespective of social or other status. Numbers and proportions of people making use of collections in relation to the demographic of the local population. Numbers and proportions of people involved in focused programmes aimed at promoting social, economic and political inclusion. Numbers and proportions of people from different demographic groups involved in decision-making processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions. Number and types of partnerships that build relationships with marginalized groups, individuals and communities.
SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard	Identification of discriminatory policies and practices, with clear plans to address these, to ensure equal opportunity for all and reduce inequalities of outcome. Collections development to uphold and promote legislation and anti-discriminatory perspectives, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries. Education and participatory programmes that promote anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries. Research that supports anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the aim of reducing inequality within and between countries. Participation in partnerships that promote anti-discriminatory legislation, policies and action, with the

	aim of reducing inequality within and between countries.
SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage	***11.4.1 Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage*** Plans, policies and procedures in place for the safe use of collections for a variety of purposes, protecting and safeguarding both collections and those who use them. Plans, policies and procedures in place for the identification, safeguarding and protection of cultural and natural heritage at risk. Collecting programmes in place to protect, safeguard and make use of cultural and natural heritage, addressing the needs of communities and stakeholders, and ensuring that collections can be an effective resource for sustainable development. Number and diversity of educational, awareness-raising, research programmes, and partnerships that aim to strengthen protection of cultural and natural heritage.
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all	Collections development that relates to the rule of law, equality before the law, and justice for all. Number of activities drawing on collections, for example educational, research and partnership activities, that promote the rule of law at national and international levels, and that promote a culture of lawfulness, and the right of all to justice.
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery	Identification of stolen assets, return of stolen assets. Collections development, education, awareness-raising and partnership activities relating to organized crime, with a view to combatting organized crime everywhere.

and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime	
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels	*16.6.2 Proportion of the population [audience/users/non-users] satisfied with their last experience of public services* Access to information, and accountability policies and mechanisms, in place. Effective institutional arrangements, both for own working and for working in partnership with other sectors, in place. Plans and arrangements in place for extraordinary circumstances such as natural and human-caused disasters. Effective arrangements in place to fulfil legal and social obligations and responsibilities. Effective arrangements in place for transparent communication and reporting of institutional performance. Effective arrangements in place for transparent decision-making and accountability.
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels	*16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions* *16.7.2 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group* Decision-making addresses societal, environmental and economic challenges related to the community, considering short-term and long-term risks and opportunities. Decision-making draws on diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and interests, reflecting a broad base of

	stakeholders, and working to promote inclusion and provide effective services for all of society.
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements	Adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information. Plans in place, and plans implemented to enhance public access to information relating to collections. Plans in place, and plans implemented to support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights, national and international agreements and legislation. Plans and procedures in place for public access to information relating to the operation and management of collections-based institutions. Complaint mechanism in place for public to use where public access to information and fundamental freedoms not supported or fulfilled.
SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development	*16.B.1 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law* Number and proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, in the full sense of recognizing all three of social, economic and environmental considerations.
SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development	Proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, linking to SDGs and targets. Incorporation of policy considerations from outside the collections sector into policies of collections-based institutions, to facilitate partnerships and effectiveness.
SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder	Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.

partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries	Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships involving developing countries that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs.
SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships	***17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships*** Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of local, national and regional multi-stakeholder (public, public-private and civil society) partnerships that address the SDGs drawing on collections, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.

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