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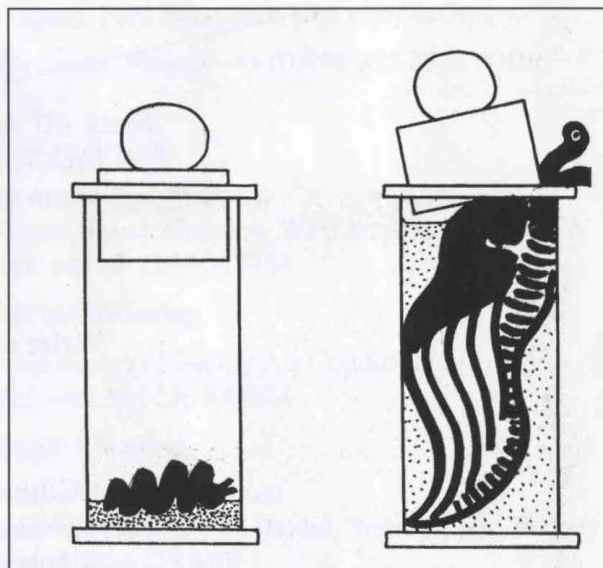
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A Method of Rehydrating Specimens

1. Prepare a solution of Decon 90 detergent and water in approximate concentration 1:20; exact proportions are not necessary to obtain good results. (The phosphates in the detergent penetrate the cells allowing water to osmose into them)
2. Add the solution to the dried out material. Make sure no labels are affected. (The solution causes serious damage to paper and script)
3. Leave for an average of 3 days but check daily to ascertain if the solution needs to be changed or renewed. (Rinse material thoroughly in running, cold water before re-immersing.)
4. After rehydration is complete, rinse material in running, cold water for at least 10 minutes.
5. Replace material in alcohol (usually 80%) with information that it has been rehydrated.

Ideally check the material for a further week. If the appearance of the alcohol changes it could mean the material needs a further rinsing in water before final curation



Wet Curation Procedures

