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### TIME

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#### General Information:

Recording time accurately for scientific research in a standardized and non-confusing form reduces error and thus adds validity to the experiment. Therefore, the method and procedure used to record time will be standardized among research units and is described below.

Time will be recorded as military (2400 hour). Hours and minutes in military time are recorded as a four digit number in which the tens and units digits represent minutes and the thousands and hundreds digits represent hours (e.g. 1305 = thirteen hours and five minutes) and consequently, the ambiguities of the a.m.-p.m. system are avoided.

A day in military time begins at midnight and is designated as 0000, the following noon as 1200, and the following midnight (the end of the day) as 2400. So, for example, 0115 represents one hour, fifteen minutes past midnight, and 1205 represents five minutes past noon.

#### Material & Methods:

A digital clock will be used to delineate time.

#### Procedure:

A start and a finish time for each gear used to sample a macrohabitat will be recorded in 2400 hour notation (HH/MM).

The date for field work conducted at each replicate will be recorded as month/day/year (MM/DD/YY). For example, July 8, 1996 is recorded as 07/08/96.

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