

Taking Photos for DUS Testing

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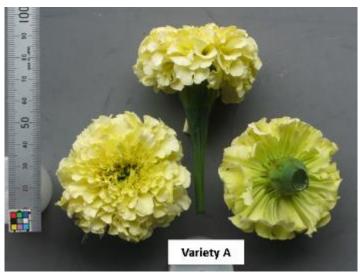


1. Purpose taking photographs



The purpose of photographs is to show...





 Plant growth and condition are suitable for DUS tests.

• States of characteristics of varieties.

 The evidence that distinctness, uniformity and stability are satisfied or not.



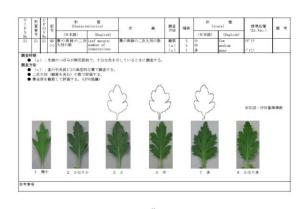
Use of Photographs

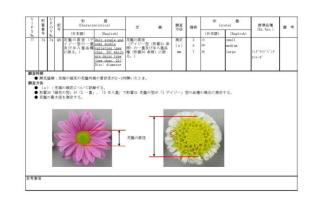






Photos attached to the test reports in Japan





An observation manual of chrysanthemum

 Attached to DUS test reports to improve the quality of the test reports and examinations.

 Provide information on the varieties for other examinations or manuals.



2. Basic items for taking photographs



Camera functions and basic setting

- Number of pixels: 1600×1200
- Compression ratio: "Fine"
- ISO speed: At the Minimum speed (If not in dark places)
- Photo mode: P mode or A mode
- Zoom: Optical zoom, not digital zoom



Photo mode



The photo mode should be set on P mode or A mode.

- P mode (program): Photos are taken with a suitable shutter speed and aperture automatically determined based on brightness.
- A mode (aperture priority): Photos are taken with a fixed aperture and a shutter speed is determined based on brightness.



Taking photographs with A (aperture priority) mode







F: 8.0: focused from the flowers to the background



- Aperture can be adjusted changing F value.
- You can get the focus range deeper if you increase the F value.

 Usually, larger F value is better so that many characteristics can be exhibited clearly in one photo.



Macro mode





 Macro mode is used to focus on small objects like parts of flower.

Not macro mode





• Usually, when the distance between the object and camera is less than 50 cm.

Macro mode



Distortion



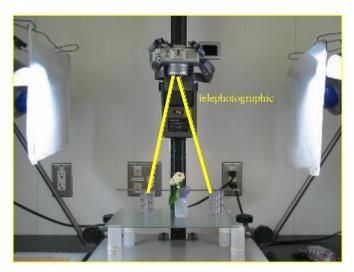
Bent



Straight



Too close



Distant enough

The ruler appears bent because the camera is too close to the object (taken by a wide angle).

If the distance is enough from the object, the ruler appears straight (taken by a telephoto side).



White balance

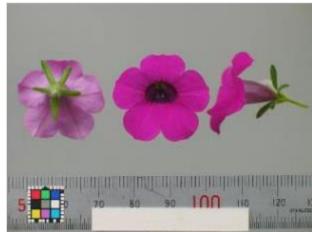






70 80 90 INN 110 120 13

Not adjusted



 Every time a light source changes, you should adjust the white balance accordingly.

• White balance is adjusted with either a special 18% gray card or pure white paper.

On a copy stand

Adjusted



Basic photography methods



 Use a tripod or a copy stand whenever possible to prevent camera shaking.

 Take typical samples of plants or parts of plants that exhibit characteristics of that variety.

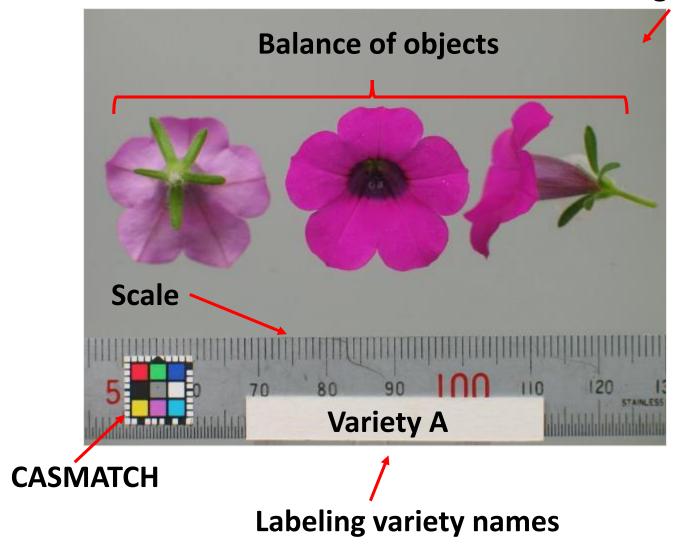
Take photos in proper composition.

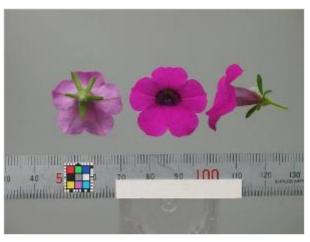
Take photos in proper photographic environment.



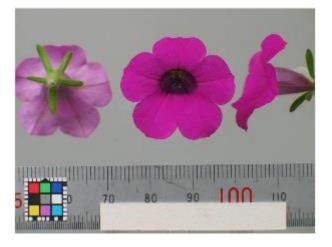
Composition

Background





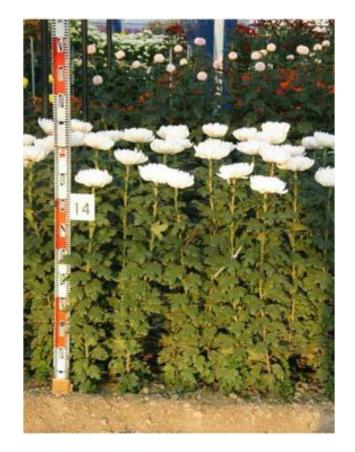
Too small



Too large (objects are out of flame)



When you take photos outdoors...



Direct sunlight



Bright shade

 Avoid direct sunlight: take photos in bright shade or on cloudy days as possible.

 Pay attention to reflection, backlight, shadow and movement in the wind.

3. Photographic techniques (practical guide)



Typical compositions (for Marigold)





Field

- Growth conditions of all varieties.
- Should be taken by a high position so that all plots are exhibited.

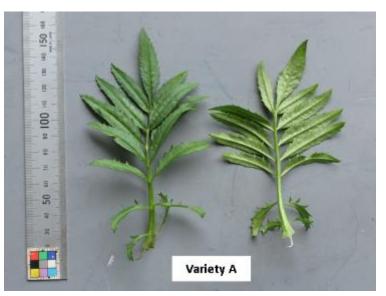
Test plot

- Growth conditions of each variety, characteristics on plant.
- A label and ruler should be included.



Typical compositions (for Marigold)





Plant

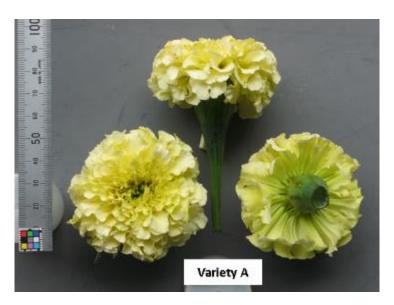
- Characteristics on plant(length, growth habit).
- Take typical two plants as sample.
- A label and a ruler should be included.

Leaf

- Characteristics on leaf (color, size).
- Take both of the upper side and the lower side of leaves.
- A label and a ruler (and a CASMATCH) should be included.



Typical compositions (for Marigold)





Flower head

- Characteristics on flower head.
- Take the top, bottom, and side of the flower heads.
- A label and a ruler and a CASMATCH should be included.

Floret

- Characteristics on floret.
- All types of florets should be taken.
- A label and a ruler and a CASMATCH should be included.



Distinctness



Distinctness is not clear



Distinctness is clear (color of pistil)

 Take photos of comparison between a candidate and a similar variety in a same photo.

• It must exhibit the state of the characteristic showing distinctness.



If Distinctness is not clear...



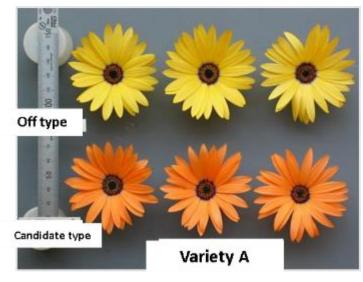
Many photos are required to show lack of distinctness!



Uniformity



Occurrence of offtype in a test plot (number, location)



States of off-type

- If off types are determined in the trial, you need to take photos to identify the occurrence of the off type.
- The photos should show occurrence of off type and states of off type and candidate type.



Important points in taking photos



Too much yellow



Original color

Characteristics expressed in the photos must be matched with the original objects or Variety Description.

- Sometimes discrepancies (length, color, etc.) occur due to sampling errors or camera settings.
- You should check photos immediately so that you can take photos again.



Thank you for your attention and let's practice!