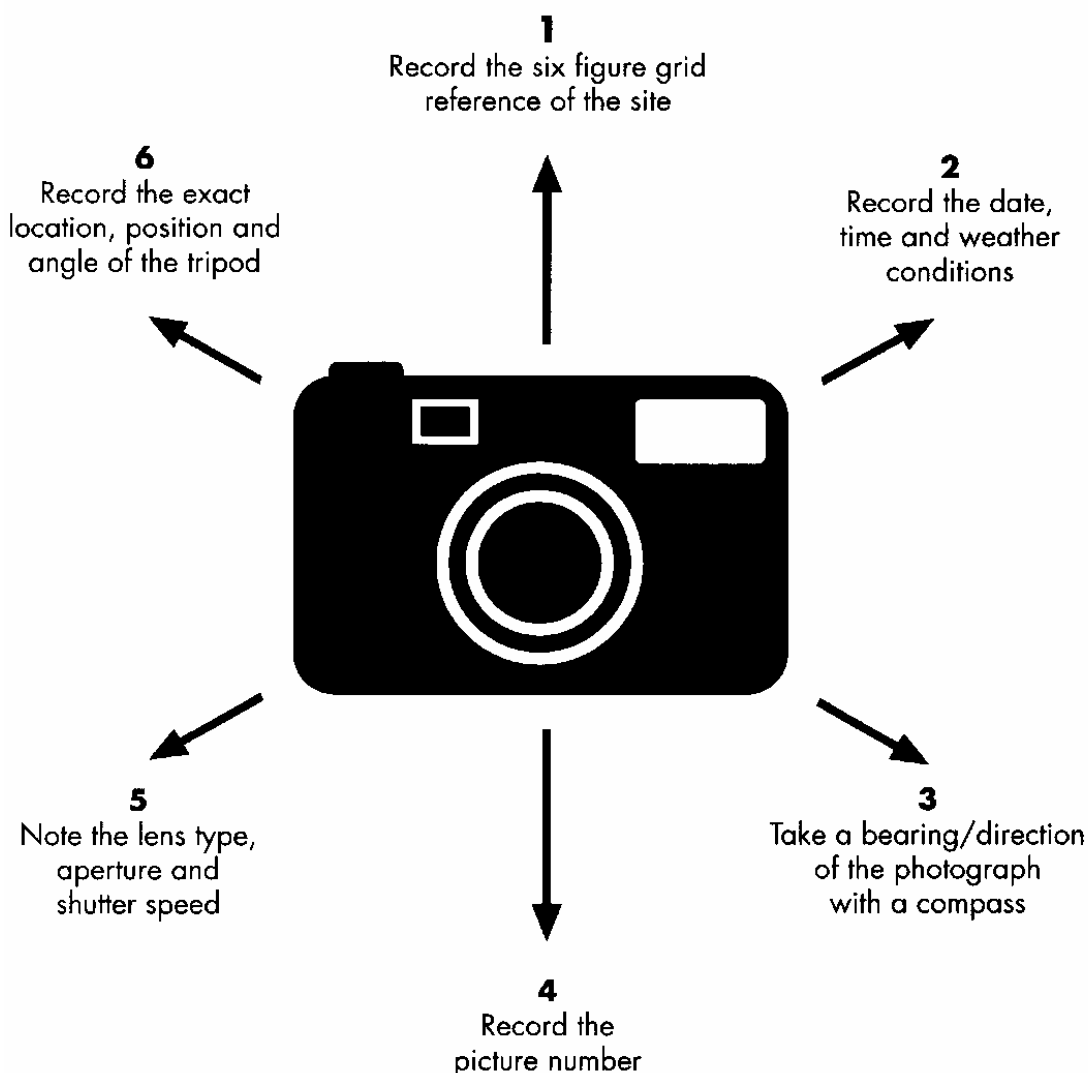


Appendix 17

Monitoring Technique: Photo-points

Photo-points are useful for long term site monitoring. They enable comparisons to be made showing changes on the site over different periods of time. The technique basically involves photographing the site from a fixed point at regular, repeated intervals. For a large site, several different points would be used.

The diagram below explains how to establish and use photo-points.



Adapted from Davies *et al.* (1996)

Suggested equipment: Use a good quality SLR camera with a wide angle lense (28-35 mm) and coloured film or high resolution digital images. For sites that will be monitored over a very long term (e.g. over 10 years), black and white film is preferable as it does not fade and loose detail as fast as coloured film.

Include an object for scale, e.g. ruler, people.

You may want to mark the site of photo-points with a permanent marker to make it easier to relocate the point.

