

### Towards the harmonization of digital field data entry for geological mapping: an in-house QGIS-QFieldbased template

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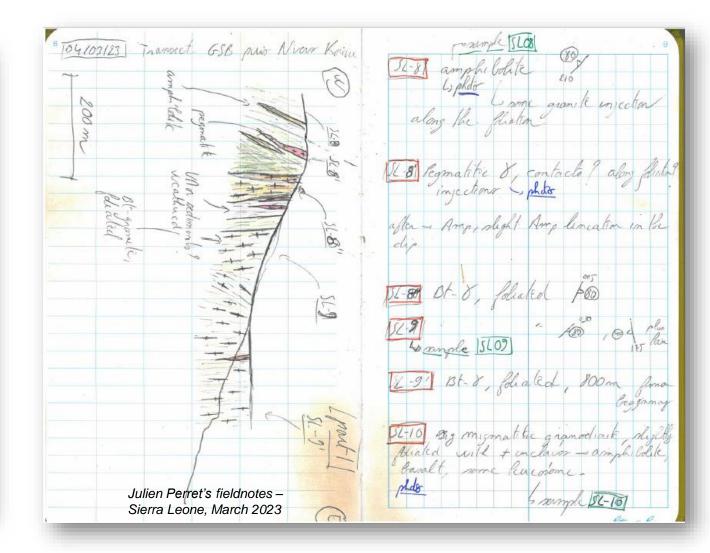


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Conventional field data reporting uses pencil, paper and clipboard

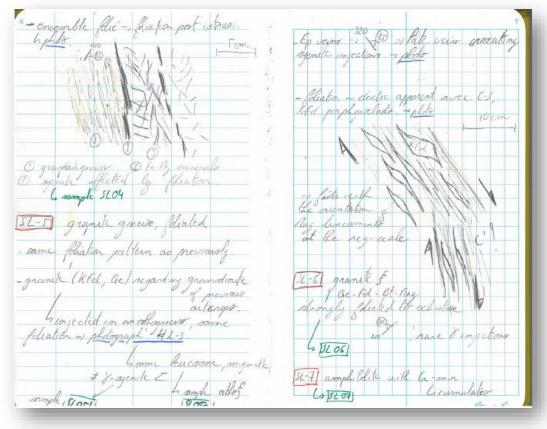




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From field notes...

#### WAXI 4 – Sampling map, Sierra Leone field work, March 2023



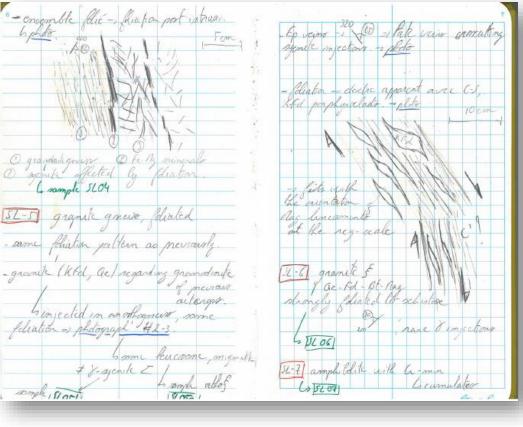
... to georeferenced digital data





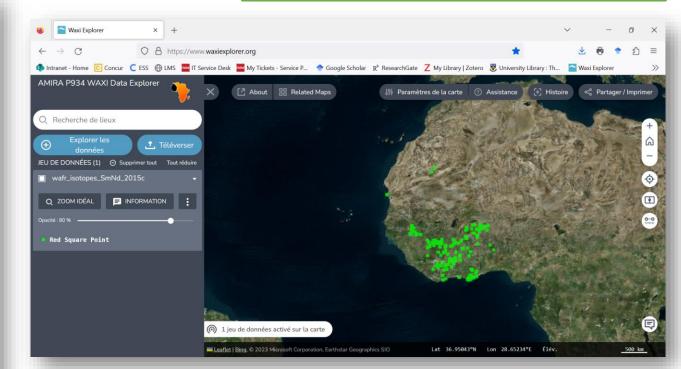
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#### A single group of geologists in a given location: easy process



# ... to geodatabase building and sharing (Mark's talk)



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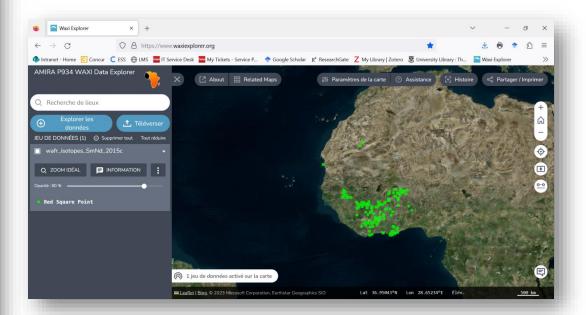
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From field data reporting by different groups...

#### Several groups of geologists in different locations: much trickier process



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Need for a comprehensive template enabling the digital report of field data and favoring:

- ✓ a free, flexible and total control on the design of the field database,
- post-field processing significantly faster,
- ✓ much easier data compilation and data sharing with industrial and academic partners.

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# ✓ facilitating data compilation into a GIS-based repository,

- direct access on field to georeferenced data when implemented in the project (geological / geophysical maps, former field work data, geochronological / geochemical datasets, *etc...*),
- ✓ diminution of post-field processing time spent to edit and homogenise data,
- Iess georeferencing issues, e.g., missing GPS datapoints, misreporting of coordinates, missing CRS information, etc...

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Several groups of geologists in



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#### FieldMOVE

- $\checkmark$  Points, lines and polygons,
- sketching on photographs
- ✓ in-app clinometer,
- ✓ user-friendly and flexible nomenclature,
- ✓ expanded library of geosymbols.
- Export as CSV or KMZ files.





#### StraboSpot

- ✓ From field to lab data, a large range of observation scales,
- ✓ collaborative platform,
- ✓ export to QGIS or ArcGIS possible.
- ✓ Spots and tags, mostly convenient for structures.
- CSV files required to set up dropdown lists in data entry forms.



#### Mergin Maps

- ✓ Points, lines and polygons,
- ✓ georeferenced pictures,
- ✓ in-app clinometer,
- ✓ offline editing and online cloud sync desktop/mobile device/geodatabase,
- ✓ QGIS-compatible.
- ✓ Cost of licences.



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#### Arc Field Maps

#### QField

- ESRI support to customise a project the most convenient way,
- ✓ collaborative platform,
- ✓ direct sync to ArcGIS.
- ✓ Cost of licences.

#### $\checkmark$ Free, easy to share with partners,

- ✓ flexible to set up / optimise,
- collaborative platform (QFieldCloud),
- ✓ direct sync to QGIS.
- Need for QGIS know-how and a fair amount of time to properly set up and customise attributes form and edit styling.



#### **Proposed template – Demo**

✓ Blank QGIS project and related files – last release = v1.1 (Zenodo repository)

✓ Extra options *via* the WAXI\_QF QGIS plugin developed by Mark Jessell

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The provided archive file contains: - a tutorial .pdf presentation (i) explaining the workflow to customise/edit the core QGIS project template, export it as a QField package ready to use on the field and post-processing syncing to QGIS desktop, and (ii) providing details about attribute forms of field data entry shapefiles available. Two files are available, one with full page slides and hypertexts and the other with notes,				help	initial commit	last month	م <u>ل</u> ه MIT license
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#### Now it's your turn!

#### Feel free to join the team: give it a try and provide us with feedback!

- <u>Execution at the office</u>: are the tutorials straight-forward enough to facilitate the combined use of QGIS desktop and QField app?
- ✓ Execution on the field: what could be improved to make your QField experience more user-friendly and/or more efficient?
- Accuracy and comprehensiveness of attribute forms:
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  - ✓ any missing information you would like to add as an attribute? Any missing attribute form?,
  - ✓ what items could be added/deleted in drop-down lists? What are your preferred nomenclatures to describe textures, structures, deformation patterns, *etc...*?

FEEDBACKS FROM DIFFERENT USERS ARE NOW NEEDED AND WILL GREATLY ASSIST IN IMPROVING THE TEMPLATE!



