

Fig.129 Picture of an archival box in which a further selection of the trash I scan is kept. This selection is not only based on special trash I find but also on trash that are not too corrupted and are clean and solid enough to withstand time. The dates written with the marker on the zip bags are the date in which the scanning occurred.

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The size used in each scan is 567 by 567 pixels (15 by 15 centimeters) and the resolution is set to 96 dpi. Each scan is then placed in a 60 by 60 centimeters 4 by 4 tile collage corresponding to a month. After arranging the 16 scans in the collage starting from the left top corner, I convert the result into a .pdf file. Once the trash has been scanned it is sorted according to paper, plastic and metal. Later this material is brought to a recycling station. In this respect this work also provides a service to society and if everyone would conduct a project like mine the world would be a nicer place. At the end of each scanning section I use a spray cleaner to sanitize the scanner glass which usually gets quite dirty. Also my desk and my laptop get dirty in the process and I make sure I clean them. So far I have never got any disease from the trash picking and scanning. Nonetheless picking trash is not like gathering berries in the forest. There is something filthy about it. There are no squirrels around the trash by rats. But removing this layer of filth is my contribution to enhance the process of rewilding. If this rewilding does not occur in the urban environment it certainly occurs in my own self. My nature is enriched not only by this work but by all other works making up a beautiful biodiversity within me.