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The concept of data library and its opportunities

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Data: existing information or knowledge that is represented or coded in some form suitable for better usage or processing.

VS

Data: meaningful information in the form of images like (aerial) photos, films and recorded testimonies, documents like archivalia and maps, objects, and inventories.

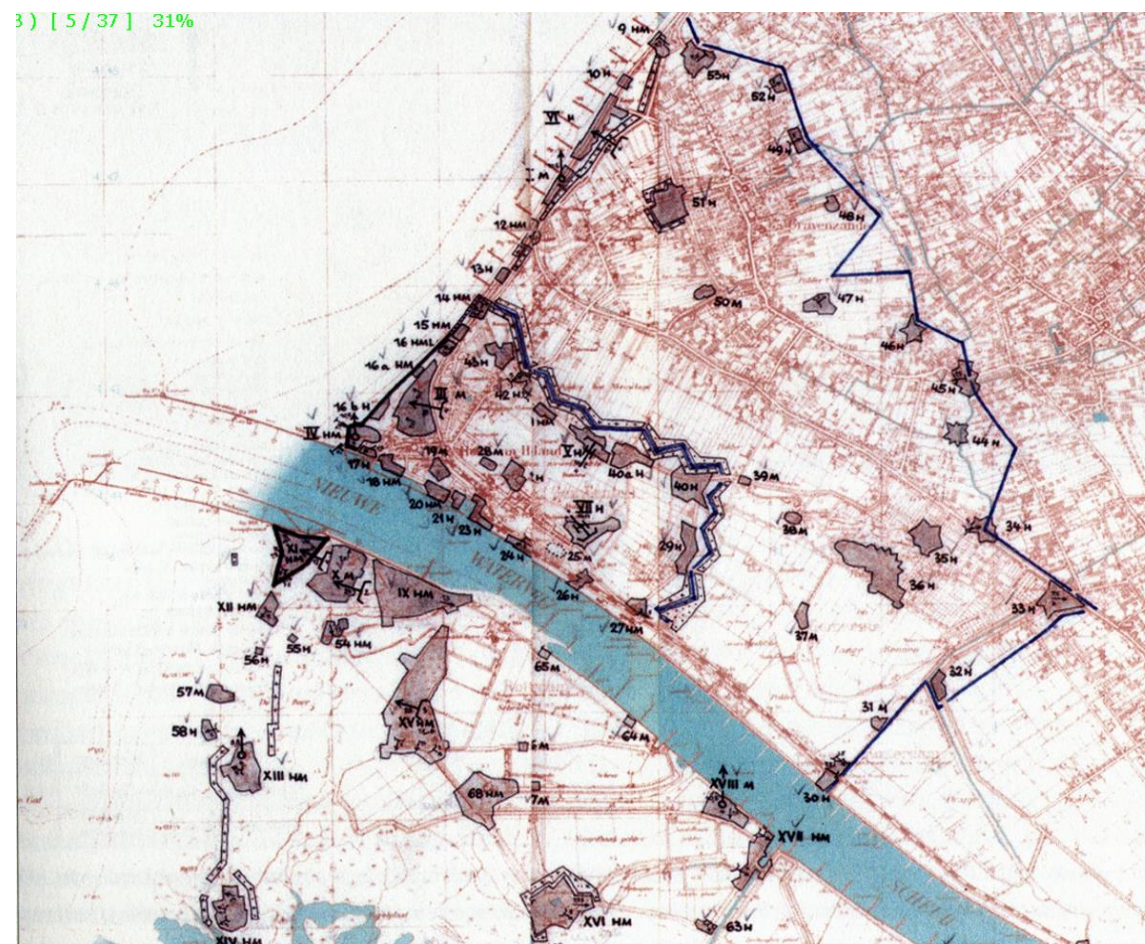
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Practically: digital collections of information that we can make accessible and share through platforms like apps and websites.

VS

Theoretically: a concept of inventarising, collecting, selecting, sharing and making accessible of meaningful data (information).

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Opportunities:

- More information available for research, protection, exhibitions
- Online marketplace
- Better policy making, e.g. spatial planning and area development

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Drawbacks:

- Inventory: more information about objects and sites can give way to illegal activities en tresspassing.
- Inventory: overwhelming amount of objects and levels of description
- Dichotomy amateur-professional

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Conclusion:

- The concept of data library is promising, but comprehensive and should be discussed thoroughly
- Without the cooperation and knowledge of amateurs, the concept of data library is doomed to fail.