PEST MANAGEMENT - PRACTICAL SURVEY CHECK LIST
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To survey an area [room, gallery or store] and make an IPM assessment.

- Look for good points and bad points.
- Make a rough plan of the layout and mark the main features.

Environment

Is it hot ?	
Is it damp ?	
Is it dark ?	
Is the cleaning poor ?	
Is it difficult to clean ?	
List any problem areas such as, ducts, dead spaces, windows, doors, light fittings etc.	
What sort of objects are present ?	
What are the most vulnerable to pest attack?	
What are the display or storage materials ?	
Are there dead spaces in storage cupboards or display cases ?	
Are the cases or cupboards well sealed against pests ?	
Any other factors such as cafes or staff mess areas	

Pests

Are there signs of insects, if so, what species and where are they?	
Are they alive or dead?	
Are there any insect traps? Are they correctly placed?	

Is there damage to objects?	
Are they in display or storage material?	
Are they in the building structure?	
Are there signs of mice or bats?	

Outside

Attic spaces and ventilators	
Bird nests and roosts	
Signs of bats	
Chimneys	
Leaks from gutters and downpipes	
Encroachment of vegetation	
Soil against walls and blocked air bricks	

Recommended action to be taken

Cleaning	
Repairs	
Proofing	
Treatment of objects	
Treatment of environment	
Change in future practice	