

Repatriation 2: Discussion Summary

Yellow= influence

Red=process

Blue= outputs

Trigger: Internal/external claim that an object belongs to someone else

Conservation department would be notified formally or informally

This would set parallel processes

- authentication of claim
- authentication of object

Legal and political ramifications

Output—written documentation with images, user of that information would need quite a high level of interpretation, free text

Neutral report would be developed and a decision taken

If a decision could not be taken clearly there might be a reevaluation

If decision = yes

- that might prompt a number of elements
- treatment
- packing and transportation
- etc.

If decision = no

- you would end up with an archive report on the process.

Outputs: Even if the decision is yes there is no assumption that the object is going to be returned—there might be an ongoing duty of care

Timeframe—there might be legal limits to time of process

All based on allocation of resources and priority of project/decision within an institution