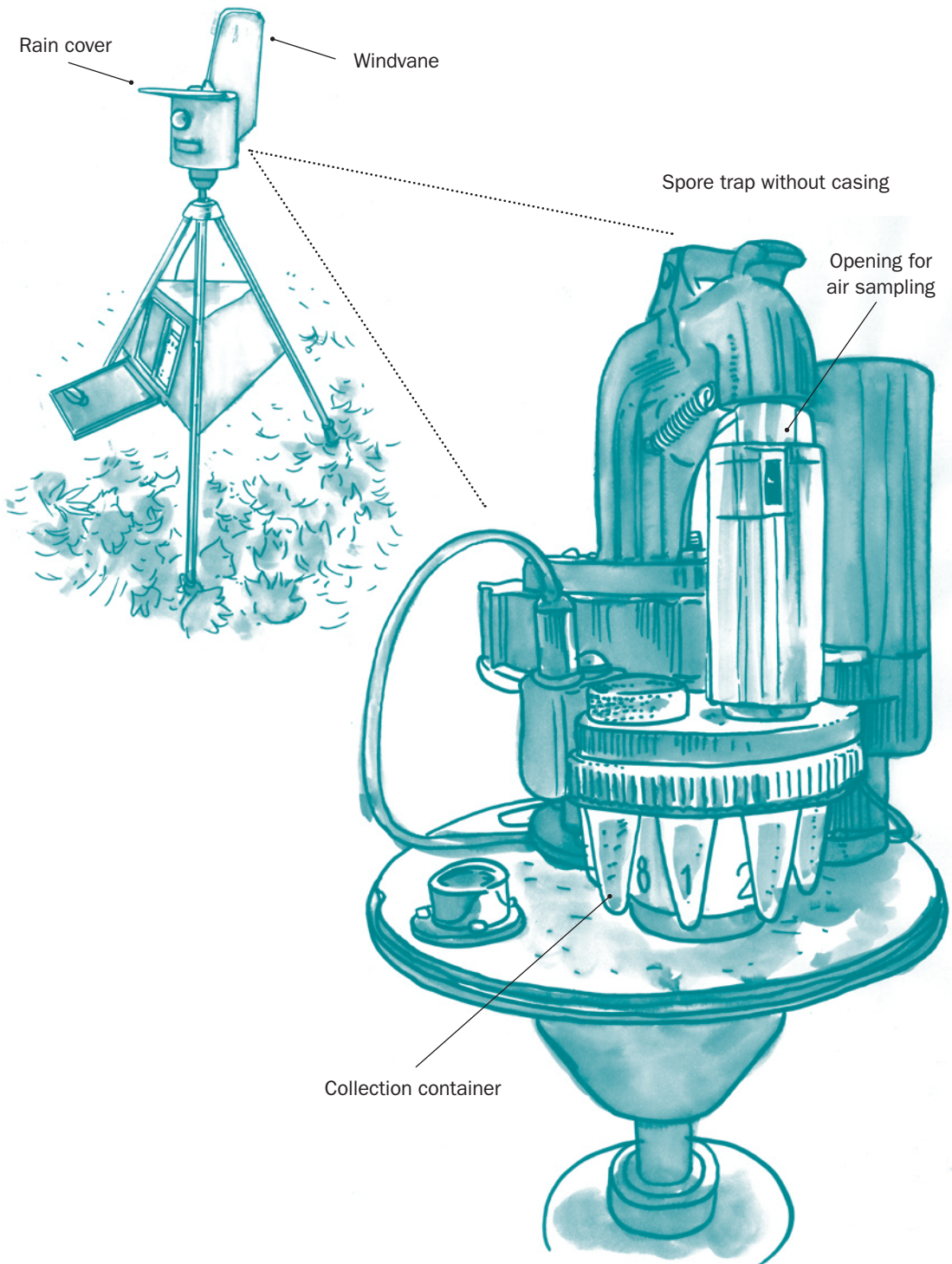


SPORE TRAP



The spore trap sucks in air from the environment constantly, collecting the particles it traps, which include spores from fungi, in a small container. The spore samples are analysed genetically to determine the species they come from. The trap on the WSL site in Birmensdorf is part of the Global Spore Sampling Project. Up until now, only 150,000 species of fungi have been scientifically described, but it is assumed that there are actually between two and 13.2 million. The sampling project should help to obtain more accurate estimates.

Video at:
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