

Dear occultation observer,

## IOTA/EA starts collection Asteroids and Lunar occultation report

We IOTA/EA ready to begin report collection business on Dec.15 2023.

The reports from East Asia region will be sent to the central office of IOTA.

These data, from all over the world, are archived at the VizieR Astronomical Data Center. And the data will be used for various purposes, such as understanding the shape of asteroids and improving their orbits. Lunar data will be used to verify the topography of the lunar limb and the positions of stars, and data on double stars will be reflected on the Washington Double star Catalog.

Send your report directly to

**Asteroid occultation :** [asteroid-report@iota-ea.org](mailto:asteroid-report@iota-ea.org)

**Lunar occultation (include grazing occultation ) :** [lunar-report@iota-ea.org](mailto:lunar-report@iota-ea.org)

In addition to above, we recommend introducing your observation to regional community with SNS, Mail list and others.

Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions.

mail to [ Asteroids: [asteroid-report@iota-ea.org](mailto:asteroid-report@iota-ea.org) ]

[ Lunar : [lunar-report@iota-ea.org](mailto:lunar-report@iota-ea.org) ]

Dec. 12, 2023

Asteroids / Lunar department

International Occultation Timing Association / East Asia

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## How to report your observations of Asteroids and Moon occultation

### 1. Reporting addresses

- a. Asteroid occultation : asteroid-report@iota-ea.org
- b. Lunar occultation (include grazing occultation ) : lunar-report@iota-ea.org

Submit report only via e-mail to above address.

In addition to above, we recommend introducing your observation to regional community with SNS, Mail list and others.

### 2. report contents

#### (1) Report in text format [Required]

Asteroids: IOTA/EA standard text report format (Body of email messages)

Lunar: IOTA Lunar occultation report format (Body of email messages)

#### (2) Report in OCCULT4 format [Optional]

Asteroids: XML (for report) format (Body of email messages (or attachment) )

Lunar: [Not required]

#### (3) Camera setting information [Required]

Asteroids: for CMOS camera : Camera setting file

for other camera : Write to detailed description.

Lunar: Only length of frame exposure should be written to comment line of text report.

#### (4) Detailed description of the observation (Body of email messages) [Optional]

About weather conditions or setting of telescope and others.

#### (5) Light curve

\* Since IOTA Central Office has requested the submission of the data, we ask you to submit the data as much as possible.

Asteroids: [Required in the case of

(1) Light drop is observed

(2) Near miss with asteroid's shadow is expected although there is no drop

(3) Case of very small object (several km or smaller) although there is no drop ]

a. Text-type light curve data => Paste it in the body of the email (or as an attached file)

b. Graph image files => As an attached file

Moon: [Required only for characteristic cases such as double stars or slow light change]

a. Text-type light curve data => As an attached file.

b. Graph image file => As an attached file.

#### (6) Other data or materials as deemed necessary. [Optional]

#### (7) Some records for confirm correct time [When requested by the report collection staff.]

\* Some models of GPS sensor show the time a few seconds ahead of UTC, until they read the leap second information (which takes about 12.5 minutes after startup).

Due to turning on the GPS sensor is too late or poor wave receptance, it happens that GPS output incorrect time. For obtaining correct time from these cases, we strongly recommend taking photograph (or record video) of PC monitor which displays both of GPS (or NTP) software and video capture software. Also, record every second time log from GPS during the video observation period.

- a. Time log
- b. Picture (or screen shot) of PC LCD monitor

### 3. reporting process

1<sup>st</sup> Step: Please report via e-mail to the reception address within ~2 weeks from your observation.

2<sup>nd</sup> STEP: You will receive an e-mail from the receptionist within a couple of days.

The person in charge may ask you some questions or some confirmation items. In such cases, please respond as soon as possible.

Final Step: You will receive a confirmation email from the person in charge stating that your report has been fully accepted. Receipt of this email confirms that your observation report is complete.

## Example of Asteroid observation report

### 1. Text format

Dear director of asteroid department.

I'd observed the (599) Luisa's occultation of UCAC4 642-041533 and confirmed positive.

Altitude of star was high and there was little effect from atmospheric turbulence, so I used rather short frame exposure time as 41.8 msec. The duration of light drop is longer than predicted.

\*\*\*\*\* Asteroid occultation Report \*\*\*\*\*

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[Date      ] 2023.11.15 [Approx hour] 17.6
[Star      ] UCAC4 642-041533
[Asteroid  ] (599)Luisa
[Observer  ] 1: Kazuhisa Miyashita 2:
[Location  ] Azumino, Nagano, JPN
[Longitude ] 137o53'47.8" E
[Latitude  ] 36o21'59.9" N
[Altitude  ] 541m
[Datum     ] WGS84
[Event time] D: 17h36m16.125s +/- 0.030s (UTC) S/N=2.60
              R: 17h36m23.939s +/- 0.021s (UTC) S/N=3.00
[Recorded  ] From 17h35m18s
              To   17h38m33s
[Mag. drop ] D: Measured: 0.43 ; Predicted: 0.5
              R: Measured: 0.48 ; Predicted: 0.5
[Telescope ] Aperture: 28cm Type: SCT F=1.95
[Camera    ] Analog or Digital video , Model= ASI462MM
[Exposure  ] Set: 41.8msec, Measure: 41.8msec
[Setting   ] Area: 1024x512 ; Binning=2
              Gain: 496 ; Brightness: 168 ; High Speed Mode: Off
[Time keep ] GPS ; Model: GT902PMGG
[Evidence  ] GPS Time Log : Recorded ; Screen shot: Recorded
[Condition ] Stability: Steady Transparency: Clear
[Remarks  ] Since atmosphere stability is good though this event has small
magnitue drop, I'd selected slight short frame exposure.
[Additional comment]
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## 2. XML report format

```
<Observations>
  <Event>
    <Date>2023|11|15|17.6</Date>
    <Details>
      <Star>UCAC4|642-
041533|0||0.0000000000|0.0000000000|0.00|0.00|0.00|0|0.00000000|0.00000000|25.00|25.00|25.00|0<
/Star>

<Asteroid>599|Luisa|0.00000000|0.00000000|0.00000000|0.00000000|0.00000000|0.00000000|1.00000|0.
00000|0.0|1.0|20.00</Asteroid>
  </Details>
  <Observations>
    <Observer>
      <ID>1|Kazuhisa Miyashita||0|Azumino, Nagano|JPN|+137 53 47.8|+36 21 59.9|541|
|28|3|a|a</ID>
      <Conditions>1|1|2.80||</Conditions>
      <D>17 36 16.125|D|0.030||| </D>
      <R>17 36 23.939|R|0.021||| </R>
    </Observer>
  </Observations>
  <LastEdited>2023|7|17</LastEdited>
</Event>
</Observations>
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## 3. Text-based Light curve

Date: 2023-11-15 17:36:5.61: 28.39: 680

Star: 0: 0: 0: 0: 0-0-0: 642-041533

Observer: +137:53:47.8: +36:21:59.9: 541: Kazuhisa Miyashita

Object: Asteroid: 599: Luisa

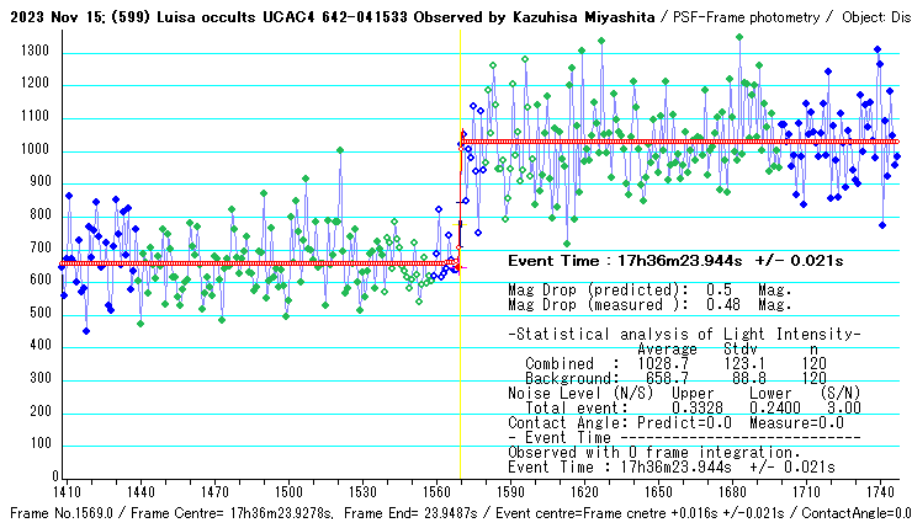
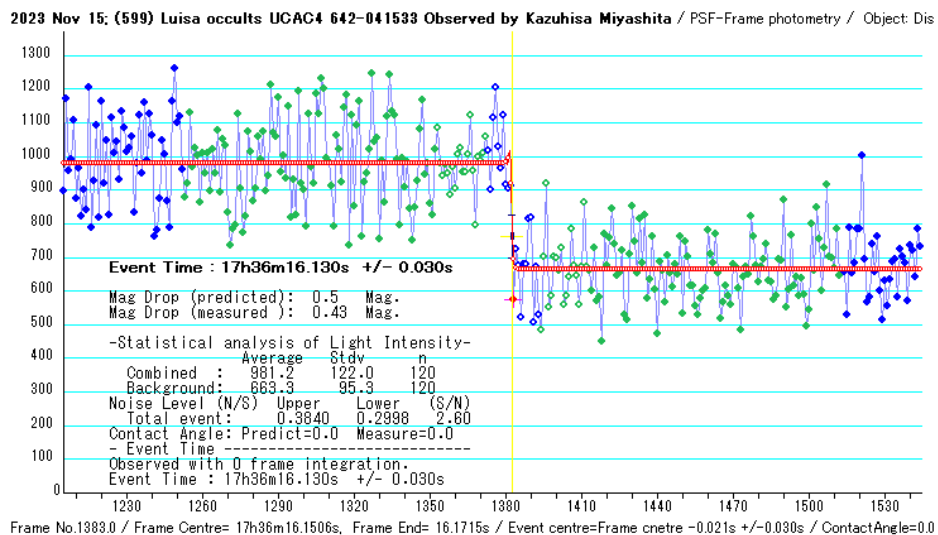
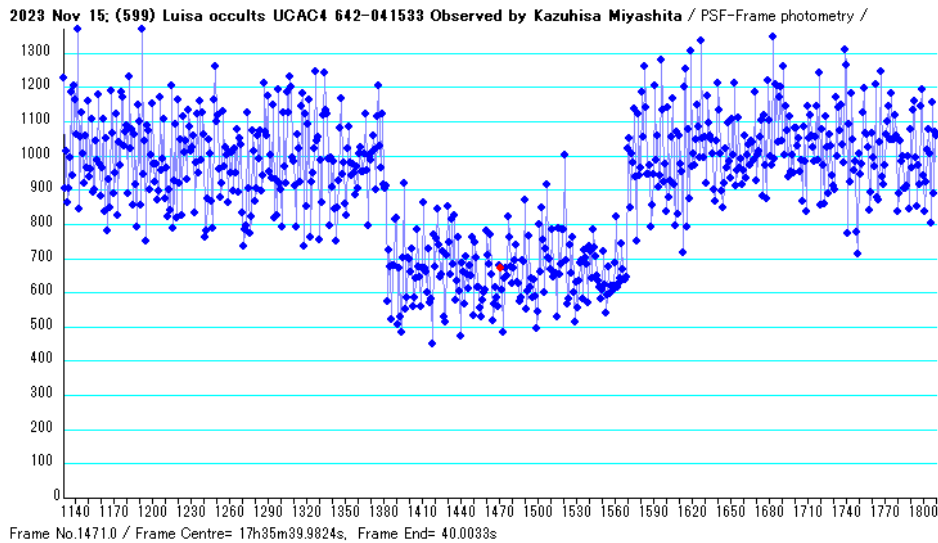
Values:1230:906:1014:862:906:996:1188:943:1206:1164:1062:1370:846:1056:1125:1008:921:1058:964:1162:940:963:110  
8:896:900:1045:986:1181:978:883:966:1108:839:1053:783:930:849:1190:1068:892:952:1124:828:1039:974:1186:1172:10  
30:1068:1091:889:1233:1022:1078:857:1064:916:794:1150:1100:857:1371:948:1046:752:1089:1072:903:1001:1152:975:9  
24:976:872:896:1171:959:992:1107:874:967:822:900:841:1205:790:926:1092:819:1164:922:1049:827:1116:1010:1043:93  
0:1135:1086:1014:1026:1058:833:981:1124:948:1161:986:1127:1063:762:780:876:1050:1007:868:790:1166:1263:1102:11  
18:960:880:920:1131:967:1027:1004:862:1010:948:1009:899:1020:952:1077:896:1051:1032:832:736:786:796:1128:904:7  
74:823:1073:1013:867:904:1058:990:1076:899:941:1214:1069:1058:1174:953:1004:937:1150:818:933:824:1193:920:902:  
793:1127:970:921:1186:1128:1231:1203:996:983:914:792:1062:1020:924:1144:1184:736:1121:852:1092:1163:762:924:95  
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2:828:1023:1087:981:944:975:951:887:968:907:1005:1026:955:955:1007:1122:958:798:1000:989:1011:1058:1019:900:11  
14:1206:1028:967:1122:917:904:912:576:724:676:524:680:679:814:819:507:671:531:485:701:921:552:584:704:697:660:7  
27:560:587:642:784:675:647:559:670:864:672:662:602:729:572:583:450:769:678:758:844:739:648:655:720:528:516:708:  
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74:1308:968:1008:972:1050:1151:1084:993:1336:1051:994:1054:920:1174:1095:1061:1050:1007:900:868:1045:1214:113  
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:968:1211:877:873:1040:1248:940:916:972:1064:1101:1144:1048:1181:1046:1049:1121:1059:839:889:1045:982:998:906:  
906:912:998:845:1079:964:1135:1162:995:852:974:916:1146:1194:942:837:925:1016:1078:1007:803:1157:888:1069:1061

4. Graph image of light curve (Recommend to Make PDF file and attach it to Email or post it to your web site.)

2023.11.15 17.6hr (UT) (599)Luisa occults UCAC4 642-041533(14.1Mag)

Location: Akashina-Nanaki, Azumino, Nagano, Japan

Telescope: 28cm aperture shmidt cassagrain; Camera: ZWO ASI462MM; GPS: GT902PMGG



# Example of Lunar observation report

## 1. Text format (body of messages)

Dear correction officer

Here is Lunar occultation report in Mar. 2023.

I've began to use CMOS camera for Lunar occultations.

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Place name Azumino, Nagano, Japan  
Email address k\_miyash@nifty.com  
Representative Kazuhisa Miyashita

TA NED 30 120 +1375347.8 +362159.9 84 541.7M

OA K. Miyashita k\_miyash@nifty.com

20230329111702.453S 78848 DD EG G0.00315.8 T236 AA  
20230329113840.390X 95083 DD EG G0.10810.9 T236 AA  
20230329114902.234X 95192 DD EG G0.00314.8 T235 AA

Thin cloud which was brighten by moon light.

20230329122046.138R 1056 DD EG G0.00216.5 T232 AA

Thin cloud which was brighten by moon light.

20230329145411.502R 1067 DD EG G0.00821.3F T232 AA

26% light drop

20230329145411.592R 1067 DD EG G0.00314.0B T232 AA

Fainter: 8.67 +/- 0.33 mag., Brighter: 7.39 +/- 0.08mag.

20230330104618.244S 79685 DD EG G0.00216.5 T222 AA

20230330124519.500S 79727 DD EG G0.00219.3 0.042T221 AA

Its non instantaneous light drop is considered that caused  
by large 76.3 deg. contact angle

20230330131915.830X105335 DD EG G0.00219.4 T222 AA

20230330133704.714X105397 DD EG G0.01212.9 T224 AA

20230331115008.818S 80341 DD EG G0.00315.6 T222 AA

20230331115331.738X110985 DD EG G0.05711.2 T224 AA

20230331125459.354X111116 DD EG G0.00713.2 T222 AA

20230331135023.245S 80370 DD EG G0.00216.0 T222 AA

\*\*\* Observation details \*\*\*

Telescope : D=300mm, F4.0 Newtonian

Camera : ASI290MM

Binning = 2

High Speed Mode = On

Star	Mag(R)	Exposure	Gain	Brightness	Capture Area
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Mar. 29

SAO78848	8.9	15.4msec	214	0	1488x 822
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XZ 95083	9.6	15.4	195	0	1488x 822
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XZ 95192	8.6	15.4	195	0	1488x 822
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ZC 1056	7.3	15.4	85	0	1488x 822
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ZC 1067	6.4	15.4	85	0	1488x 822
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Mar. 30

SAO79685	8.2	15.4	148	3	1448x1096
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SAO79727	9.3	20.8	164	0	968x 548
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XZ105335	8.7	20.8	120	0	968x 548
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XZ105397	10.7	20.8	137	0	968x 548
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Mar. 31

SAO80341	8.4	15.4	154	0	1024x 768
XZ110985	10.4	15.4	154	0	1024x 768
XZ111116	9.4	15.4	170	0	1024x 768
SAO80370	9.2	15.4	160	0	1024x 768

Time keeping: Garmin18LVC with HACSZTIP-GPS

The time stamp on capture software was confirmed by telephone JJY.

In R 1067, 90 msec step appeared in the light curve at the beginning of the disappearance. Although this could be considered noise due to atmospheric fluctuations, the fact that the duration of the dimming is longer than the amplitude before the event suggests that the drop is most likely due to a companion star, so it is listed as a double star.

## 2. Image of light curve graph

