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#### **Latin America and Caribbean regional network project: collection of research and data related to SDG indicator 14.4.1**

FAO ASFA Secretariat Trust Fund project proposal

**Project title: Identification of research and data related to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) indicator 14.4.1. produced in Latin America and Caribbean - \$16,500.00**

#### **Aims and outputs:**

Following the completion of the FAO-SEAFDEC project: *“Identifying research and data related to SDG indicator 14.4.1: case studies from Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Viet Nam”* the FAO ASFA Secretariat is proposing to conduct a similar project focusing on the Latin America and Caribbean region. The aim of the project is to identify and record on OpenASFA research publications and datasets related to SDG indicator 14.4.1 – the proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels. The project will focus on recording hard to reach, grey literature and grey data on OpenASFA, therefore helping to increase the available knowledge and data on the status of stocks in the region. Up to ten individuals will be recruited to work on the project, who will each receive online training in the search methodology and OpenASFA.

The outputs will be:

- an OpenASFA collection of research and data related to SDG indicator 14.4.1.;
- up to 10 individuals trained in OpenASFA input;
- a report and promotional materials summarizing the project and collection.

#### **Timeline**

The project will be conducted in three phases:

1. January 2024 – March 2024: Identification of project participants. The ASFA Secretariat will work with regional focal points from Latin America and Caribbean to identify up to ten individuals affiliated to relevant institutions in the region. To be considered relevant, an institution will produce or publish marine fisheries research. Individuals with a background in either libraries and information management or stock assessment, shall be preferred.
2. April 2024 – June 2024: Online training and creation of records. Together with regional focal points, the ASFA Secretariat conduct online training sessions with participants in the search methodology – used to identify a resource relevant to 14.4.1 – and OpenASFA. Participants shall each have 10 working days to attend training and record resources on OpenASFA. It is expected that each participant will create 100 records during this time though that number may vary due to the status of the resource (whether digitised or not).
3. July – August 2024: Quality control. The ASFA Secretariat will take a brief period of time to perform quality control on the OpenASFA collection to ensure relevancy and accuracy. Following this period the full collection will be made available on OpenASFA search interface on FAO website.
4. September – December 2024: Project report and promotional materials. When the OpenASFA collection is finalized, a project report and promotional materials shall be created by the ASFA

Secretariat. The project report will summarise the work undertaken by participants as well as a brief analysis of the contents of the collection and any recommendations for future work.

**Justification:** The number of active partners and records created in the Latin America and Caribbean region has increased in recent years. There has not been an ASFA Trust Fund project conducted in the region since 2012, therefore the region has not benefitted from the financial resources ASFA has provided to other regions. As the search methodology and training materials have previously been prepared for the FAO-SEAFDEC project, the rollout to Latin America and Caribbean can be achieved with minimal preparation from the ASFA Secretariat.

**Participants:** Participation will be open to up to ten individuals affiliated to relevant institutions in Latin America and Caribbean. Although participation will be open to individuals affiliated to non-ASFA centres, priority will be given to individuals who are already familiar with OpenASFA input process.

**Administration:** The ASFA Secretariat will administer this project with support from Regional Focal points in Latin America and Caribbean. Up to \$15,000 will be reserved for payments to up to 10 participants, with further \$1,500 for 10 days support from the Regional Focal point. The total cost is therefore \$16,500.