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Overview

This compendium presents the activities of the ASFA North American partners in 2022 showcasing the efforts of ASFA partners in the region to share research on aquatic sciences, fisheries and aquaculture. The compendium is presented at the 2023 ASFA Advisory Board meeting in draft format for two purposes: to receive feedback from Advisory Board members and to agree target areas for improvement in the region. Based on feedback from Partners, the compendium can be further developed and presented to an external audience to promote the work of partners in the region to a wider audience.

There are two countries in Northern America according to the United Nations – Canada and United States of America – both are ASFA partners (Fisheries and Ocean Canada & NOAA, USA). Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) is an international ASFA partner located in Halifax, Canada.

Two partners, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and NAFO are registered on OpenASFA and create records. For NOAA, input to ASFA Database has been submitted by ProQuest until 2017, however attempts to harvest from the NOAA repository were made.

Summary of Africa Regional Network activities in 2022

- 1 930 records created in the region, by NAFO and Fisheries and Oceans Canada.
- Alexis Pacey (NAFO) is Chair of the ASFA Software working group and also an active member of the Impact and Strategies Committee.

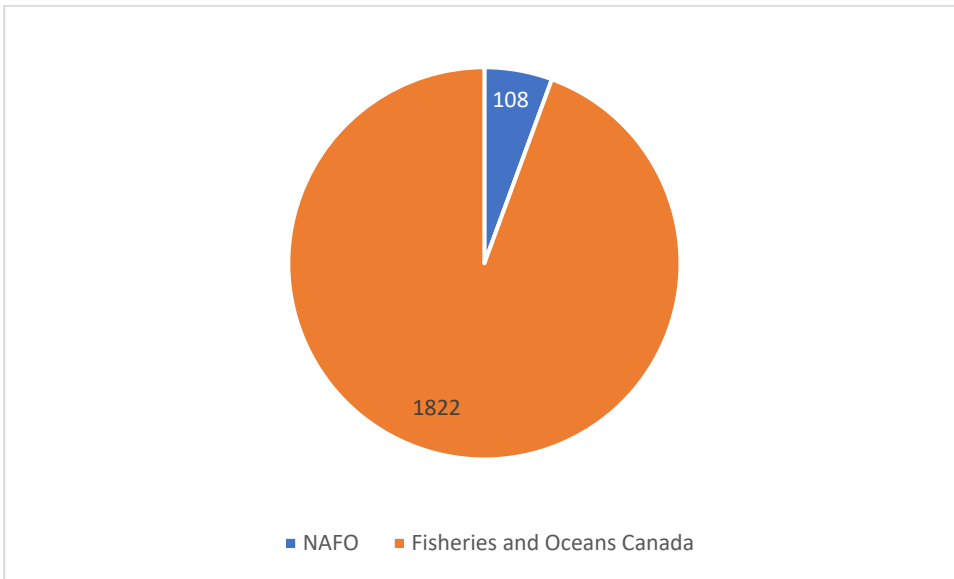


Figure 1: Number of records by ASFA North America regional network centres in 2022

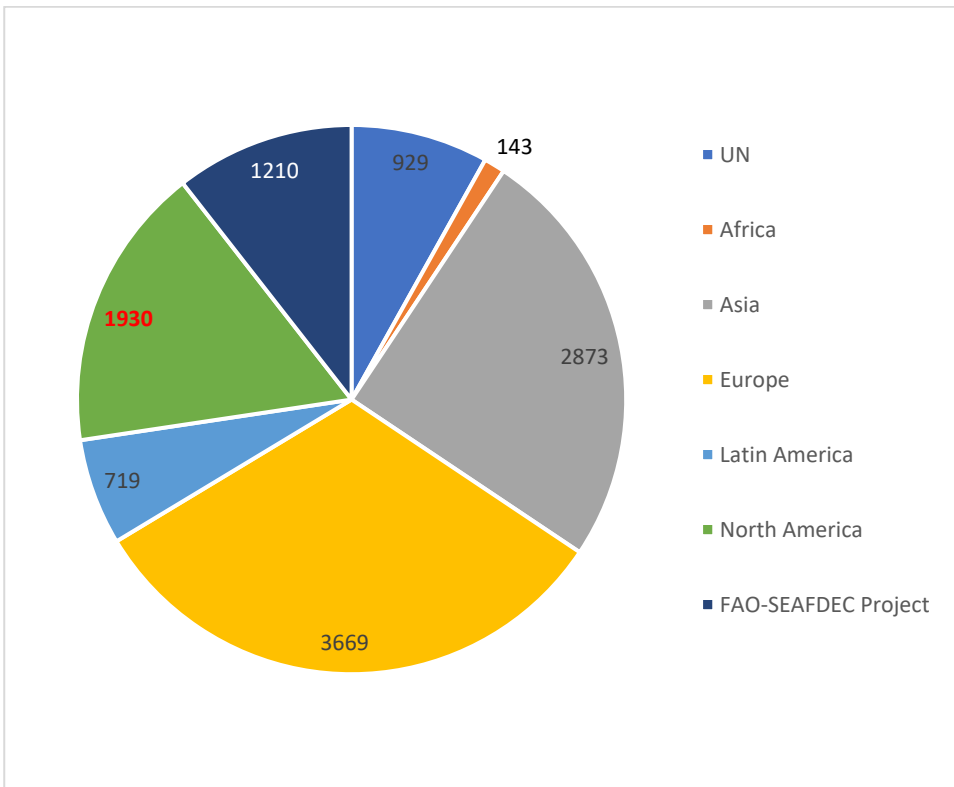


Figure 2 Number of records prepared by ASFA regional groups in 2022

Directory

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Target areas for improvement

The below table presents the areas targeted for improvement by the North America Regional Network in 2024. These areas, steps and success metrics are to be discussed by the regional group, further developed or edited where needed, and endorsed by the Advisory Board.

Target Area	Steps to achieve improvement	Success metric
Increase number of ASFA centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When new Partnership Agreement is approved by FAO, launch a recruitment drive in North America • Work with IAMSLIC and other networks to disseminate brochure presenting benefits of participating in ASFA • Target key events/ conferences in North America to promote ASFA 	5 new ASFA centres by end of 2024
Begin harvesting of repositories in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As a way to increase geographic coverage of records created on OpenASFA, begin harvesting from repositories when workflow for harvested records is finalized on OpenASFA (records display on search interface) • Resolve problems with harvesting from NOAA • Identify further institution to harvest from 	2 repositories harvested by OpenASFA by July 2024
Promote ASFA in the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate ASFA brochure at key events in the region 	ASFA promoted at key events in ASFA partner institutions/ across region

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