1.9 SIFRA COMPENDIUM

The Committee for Inland Fisheries for Africa Source Book for the Inland Fishery Resources of Africa (SIFRA) (Vanden Bossche and Bernacsek, 1990a; 1990 b; 1991) is a compendium of information on physical characteristics, limnology and fisheries in Africa, organized by country (Figure 1.145 and Table 1.34).

FIGURE 1.145
The SIFRA Compendium

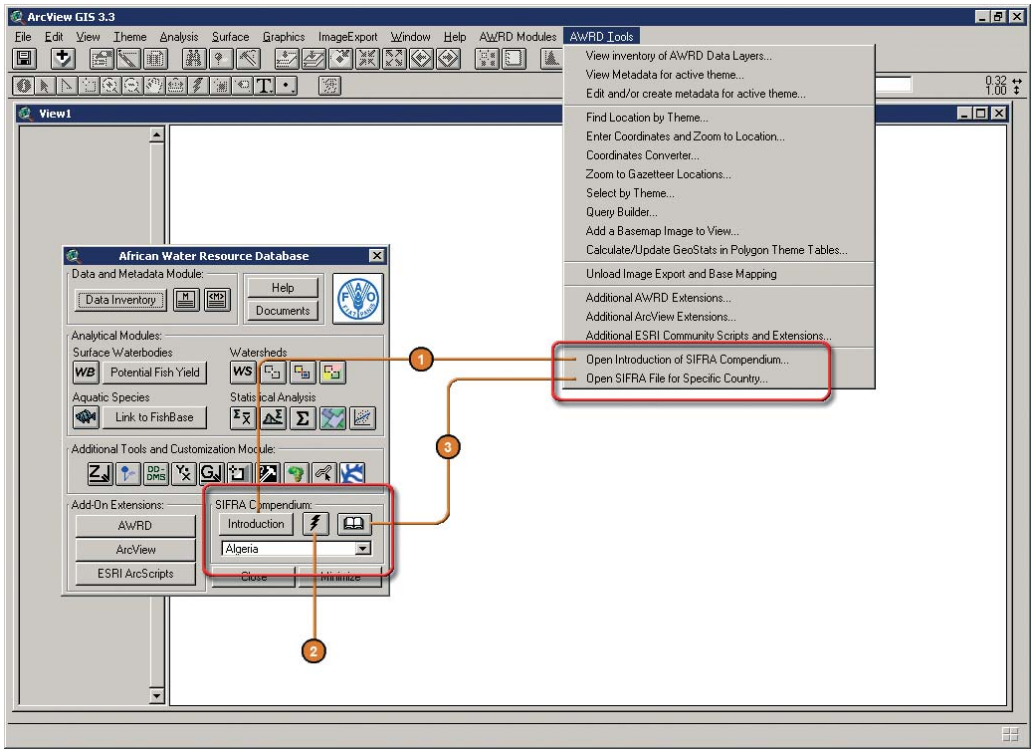


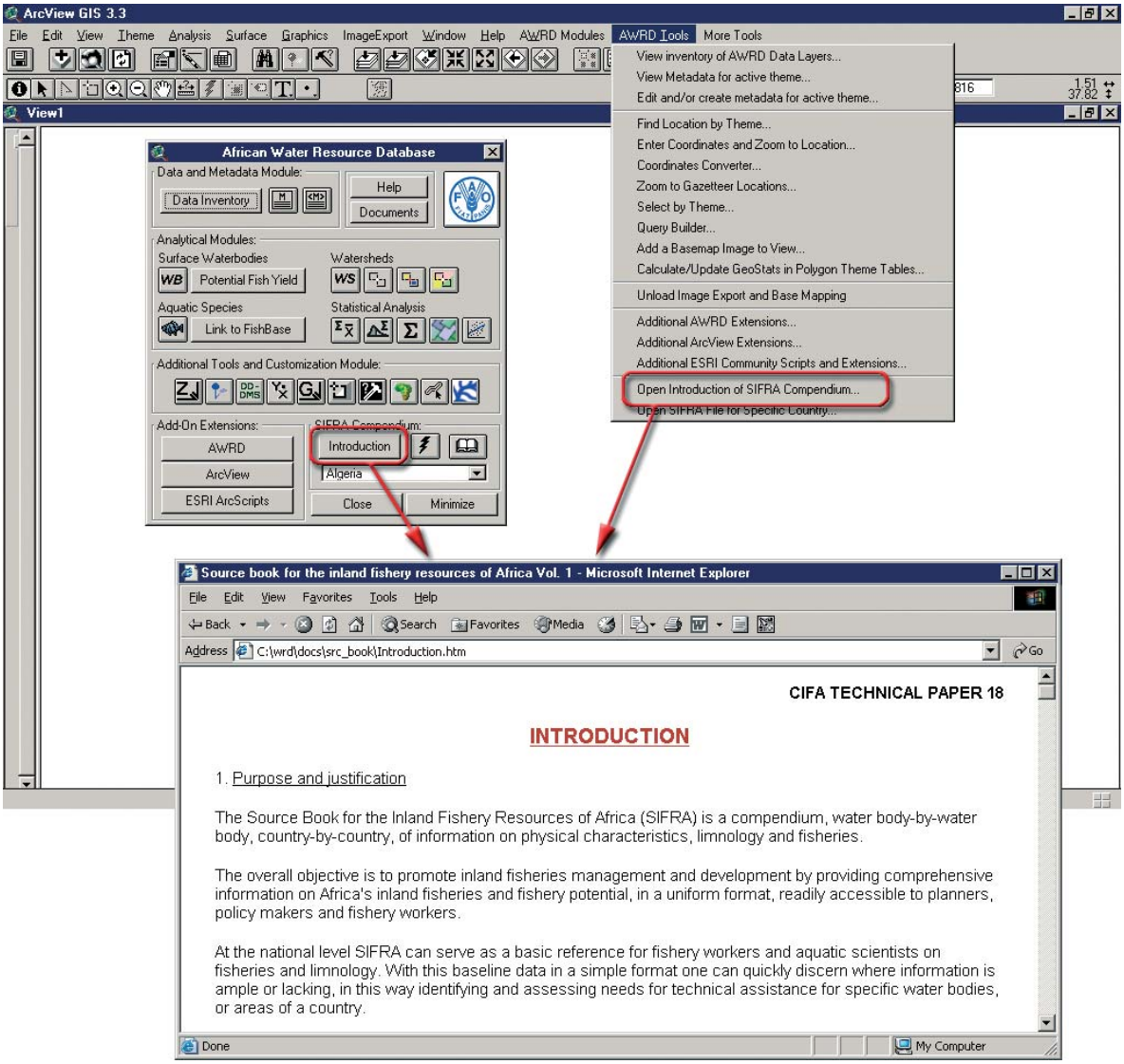
TABLE 1.34
SIFRA Compendium buttons and menu items

Label (Fig.1.145)	AWRD Interface button	AWRD Tools menu option	Action executed
1	Introduction	"Open Introduction of SIFRA Compendium…"	*Open Introduction of SIFRA Compendium*: this function opens the introduction to the Committee for Inland Fisheries for Africa - Source Book for the Inland Fishery Resources of Africa (SIFRA). The SIFRA Compendium is a comprehensive compendium of information on physical characteristics, limnology and fisheries in Africa, organized by country.
2		N/A	*Open SIFRA data by Clicking on Country*: this function can be used to open any country based SIFRA file for Africa by clicking over the appropriate country in the active View.
3		"Open SIFRA File for Specific Country…"	*Open Selected SIFRA File*: this function depends on the drop-down list of the alphabetized countries in Africa. Select a country from the list and then click the button to open the SIFRA file on that country.

Overview of the SIFRA Compendium

For an overview of the SIFRA Compendium, review the Introduction by clicking on the SIFRA Compendium Introduction button on the AWRD Interface (Figure 1.146) or by selecting the AWRD Tools menu option "*Open Introduction of SIFRA Compendium…*".

FIGURE 1.146
Opening the SIFRA Compendium introduction



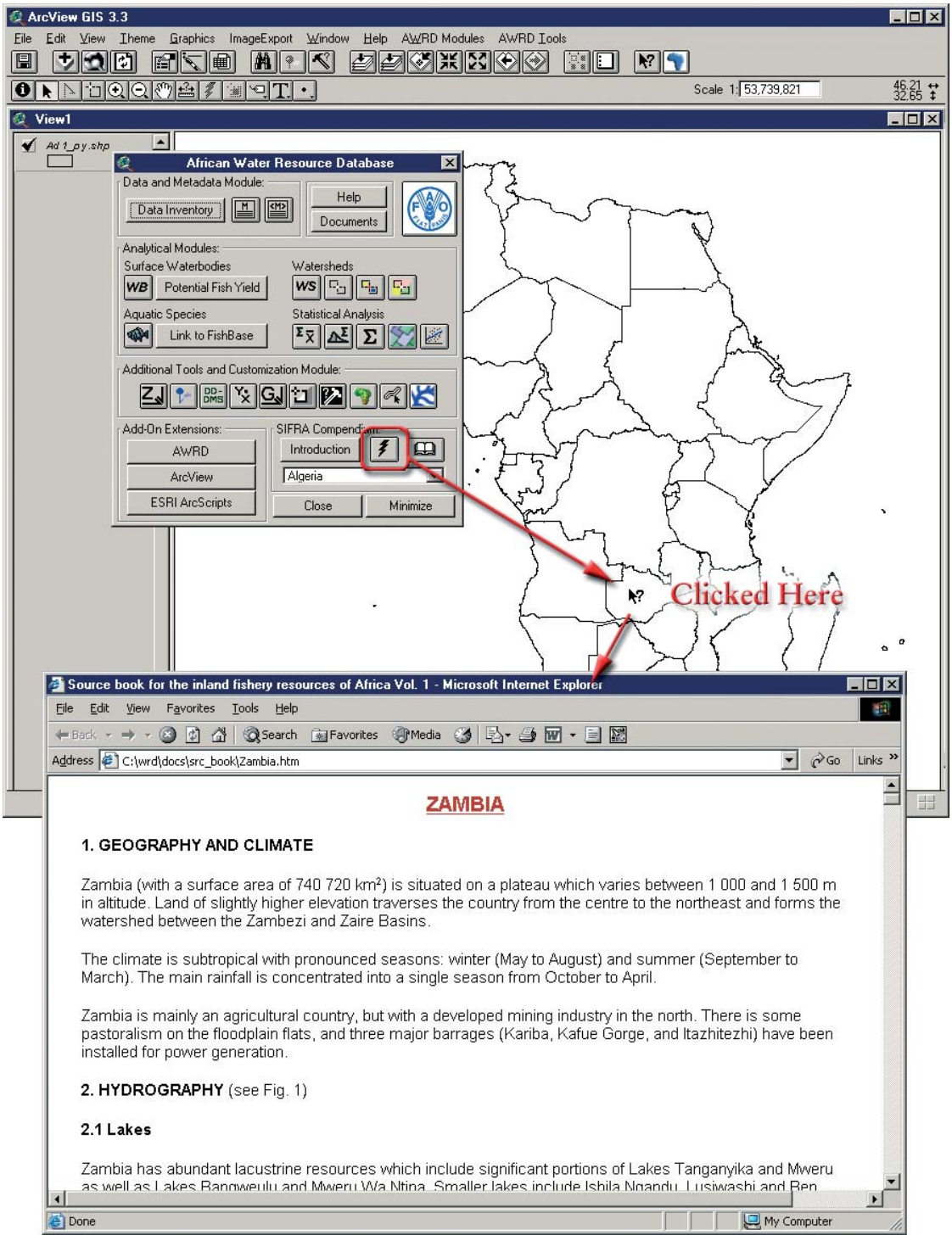
Review SIFRA Compendium data by clicking on a country

The AWRD includes two simple ways to review the SIFRA Compendium data for a particular country.

You can open the SIFRA Compendium file on a country by clicking on it in your View.

1. Click on the "Data Inventory" button to load one of the administrative boundary themes (e.g. "FAO National-Ad1 Boundaries", or "Ad1_Py.shp") from the Additional Vector database component.
2. Click the "Open SIFRA data by Clicking on Country" button on the AWRD Interface to enable the tool. When the tool is enabled, the button will look indented and your cursor will change to a symbol. Now use the cursor to click on a country or region in your map. If you click on any of the countries in Africa, the SIFRA Compendium file for that country will open in your internet browser (Figure 1.147).

FIGURE 1.147
Reviewing the SIFRA Compendium data by clicking on a country



Review SIFRA Compendium data selecting from list

The drop-down list contains an alphabetized list of countries in Africa.

1. Select a country from the list and then click the button to open the SIFRA Compendium file on that country. Alternatively, click on the AWRD Tools menu option "*Open SIFRA File for Specific Country…*" to view the same list and then select the country of your interest directly from there (Figure 1.148).

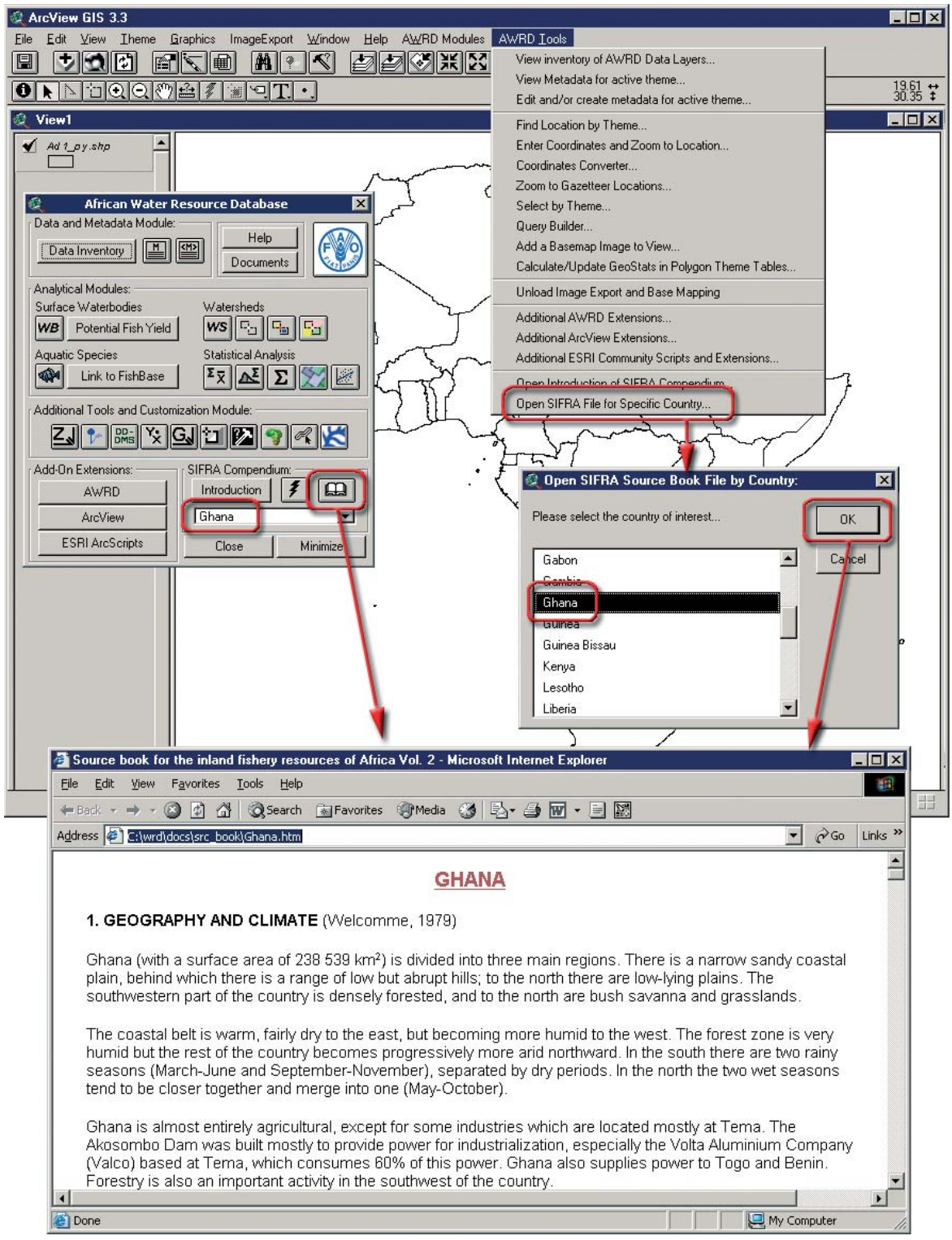



FIGURE 1.148
Reviewing the SIFRA Compendium data by selecting from list through the AWRD Interface or through the AWRD Tools menu