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3. ASFA Input Statistics:

104 records have been created for ASFA since 1 January 2005. These records include 2004 and 2005 publications from SPC Marine Resources Division. These include journal articles, conference reports, technical reports and monographs.

However, at the time of writing this report only 61 records have been exported to CSA, because of a technical problem that has not yet been solved. The remaining records have been edited and are waiting to go to FAO for correcting as soon as the technical problem has been fixed. As a new input staff, all of our records are still going to the FAO for verification. I thank and appreciate the support and on-going help and instruction from Luciana Lombardi and Helen Wibley, both of whom are quick to reply, thorough, clear and unfailingly kind and patient. Isabella Pieroni has also been very helpful. Thank you to FAO ASFA secretariat staff. Our thanks also to Richard Pepe for SPC inclusion in ASFA.

Monitoring and data entry of SPC marine resources and fisheries publications was previously done by PIMRIS, the Pacific Islands Marine Resource Information System coordinator, based at the PIMRIS Co-ordination Unit at the University of the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji or by the FAO until 2003. In 2004 SPC became an ASFA partner. SPC Librarian Rachele Oriente received ASFA training in November 2004 and in January 2005 began entry into ASFA and monitoring of SPC publications. Retrospective entry work was completed for 2004 as well as being current with 2005 publications.

4. Distribution list for the complimentary ASFA products:

None. However, we do perform occasional searches for our focal points in the 22 island member countries and territories of SPC.

5. Usefulness of ASFA products:

SPC Library uses ASFA online daily for research, citation verification, current awareness, bibliographies, and for tips and help such as indexing terms. It is our first resource when looking for information in the marine sciences. Staff in the Library and in SPC Marine Resources Division use ASFA daily. It is invaluable. We then use IAMSLIC Z39.50 or other local networks such as PIMRIS or Kinetica to source the documents.

SPC Marine Resources staff report that it is very useful and now request ASFA searches. We do regular individual instruction on how to

The ASFA Board member listserv is also useful: I consider it as a kind of professional development as it provides useful and thoughtful information.

6. Title changes:

SPC now inputs data for eighteen SPC publications.

Additions:

- SPC Sea Safety
  - No ISSN assigned yet

7. Problems, issues, suggestions:

The thesaurus terms have presented some difficulties. In particular, for SPC's publications a thesaurus term "gender" would be useful. We have a publication, "Women in Fisheries" and every article is related to women or children in fisheries and usually that is coastal or artisanal fisheries. "Sociological aspects" does not do justice, I think, to the particular aspects of gender in fisheries.