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1. Tasks of IMROP

The institute was founded in 1978 with the following tasks:

- stock assessment of the resources and monitoring of their exploitation
- environmental protection, control of pollution, conservation of biodiversity
- sanitary inspection of fishery products and fish factories
- fish processing

2. The Documentation and Information Service (SDIS)

Objectives

The task of the Documentation and Information Service is to respond to requests for information from scientists, and to disseminate the scientific and technical results of the institute among all interested parties.

Therefore, the Service supervises the management and development of the library, the acquisition of new books, the modernisation of the library, and the training in the use of specialised computer software.

The Service is responsible for the distribution of scientific and technical information in different forms, especially the regular distribution of the information bulletins, but also the organisation of scientific gatherings (meetings, colloquia).

3. Partnership with ASFA

IMROP has signed in April 2004 a partnership agreement with ASFA. The objective of this partnership is to disseminate information on aquatic sciences in the global community, taking into account the special interests of developing countries.

Chief of the Scientific Documentation and Information Service will come to FAO (20- 24 September) for training in the input methods.

4. Input statistics

During the inter-session period (2004-2005), a total of 19 records prepared and send to CSA for CSA for publication.

5. Usefulness of ASFA products to IMROP users

The AFSA and AGORA websites have allowed scientists, technicians, students and visiting scientists at IMROP to access several important scientific journals in the fields of food sciences, agriculture, environmental and social sciences.

6. Constraints

IMROP experiences several problems that limit its possible contribution to ASFA. These include:

- Low speed of Internet at the institute
- Lack of sufficient equipment, such as PCs, scanner and printer
- Limited budget
- No translation service