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INPUT STATISTICS

250 entries

COMPLIMENTARY ASFA ENTITLEMENT

The Institute receives only the ABAFR CD-ROM. This we think is because we take part in the FAO/SAIAB project. Other entitlements have not been extended to us. Could it be because we are a member?.

USEFULNESS OF ASFA PRODUCTS TO USERS

Each of the ABAFR CD received is brought to the notice of scientists through internal memo posted on the Institute's notice boards. Also the NISC Discover is installed on as many computers as possible in the different offices. This is to allow researchers to loan the CD for office use at their convenience. The usefulness are:

- The Library searches the CD for literature on Nigeria to beef up the special collection on Nigerian Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences.

- The CD has been a major source of detail current awareness most especially before we recently had access to internet facility. This is still so because of the cost of internet facility in the Institute.
- The immediate users of the CD are the scientists of the institute numbering over 100, and scientists and student from over 30 departments of fisheries from Nigerian Universities who are either visiting or on industrial attachment.

MONITORING LIST

Being a new member, we identify 21 journals titles and 10 grey publications for monitoring. Thus presently only 13 journals are covered and about 6 institutional publications.

PROBLEM

Like any new project, fund is our problem. We need fund to acquire those journals and equipments like scanner. Presently the abstracts are manually typed. This slows down the entry and makes the work tedious.

OTHER ASPECT OF INTEREST

As a way to carry the publishers of relevant journals along, an Accession List of Nigerian Input to ASFA was produced and circulated to all identified publishers/editors. The introduction to the Accession List drew out the advantages inherent in the coverage of the journals in ASFA, such as creating international awareness for Nigerian journal titles, articles and their authors in the website of csa. As a result of this one publisher has offered a complimentary for each issue of his journal while another one has agreed that we pay half the cost of subscription.
