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Collaborating agencies

RIMF : Research Institute of Marine Fisheries

RIA 1 : Research Institute for Aquaculture No1

RIA 2 : Research Institute for Aquaculture No2

RIA 3 : Research Institute for Aquaculture No3

NIO : National Institute of Oceanography.

UF: University of Fisheries

Brief introduction on FICen

The **Fisheries Information Centre (FICen)** under the Ministry of Fisheries (MOFI) of Vietnam established in 24th November, 1983 . But since August 2003, The Center has been renamed to **Fisheries Informatics Center (Ficen)** and transferred the duty of fisheries statistics of the whole sector to other Department of MOFI. Instead, Ficen have be in charge of Informatic Technology for the MOFI and whole Fisheries Sector of VietNam. All other duties concerned to Information and Library are not changed.

That means, The main missions are as follows :

1. Collect all documents concerned to Fisheries, establish Librarian Databases and conduct Management of Library of the Ficen.
2. Conduct the E-library project sponored by DANIDA/ FSPS –VN, in which all Library database is converting from Winisis to ILIB software.
3. Technically manage Library-Network in Scientific-Technology system under MOFI of VietNam
4. Publish fisheries periodicals
5. Web-site establishing
6. Information Services
7. Fisheries Databases Establishing
8. Apply and Management IT into fisheries Sector
9. Carry out International Co-operations in the area of fisheries information and IT
10. Conduct research themes and duties related to Fisheries information and statistcs
11. Others concerned to Fisheries

Activities related to ASFA

The FICen under the Ministry of Fisheries, Vietnam became a National ASFA Partner in 2000, after the Partnership Agreement between FAO and FICen was signed at FAO Headquater in 14th June, 2000.

In June, 2002, FICen staff attended the short training course on ASFA input methodology provided by FAO/ASFA Secretariat.

At the end of 2002, Ficen received the new software for inputting into ASFA Database

Early of 2005, Ficen completed translation the **ASFA guideline for indexing** and **ASFIS subject categories and scope description** into Vietnamese.

Input statistics

- To the end of 2003, Ficen sent to CSA 81 records of document which published years from 1998.
- At the end 2004, Ficen sent to CSA 87 records, the records are in editing by CSA.
- During 2005, a total of 80 records has been made by the Ficen, but haven't sent to CSA for editing (according to CSA arrangement)

Distribution List for complimentary ASFA entitlements

Up to now, Ficen has not received any kinds in ASFA Distribution List.

Usefulness of ASFA products

Ficen recognise that ASFA database is a usefull for seaking necessary documents on Fisheries and concerned sciences although we have limitation in English and other foreign langues.

Monitoring List

During 2004 and 2005, due to the changes of some journals, bulletins and publishers in Fisheries sector, we corrected our monitoring list and gave it to CSA. The list as follow:

1. Monthly fisheries information bulletin - Hanoi - Ficen
2. Fisheries scientific and technical Abstracts –Hanoi -Ficen
3. Fisheries Overviews –Hanoi -Ficen
4. Fisheries Trade magazine – Hanoi - VASEP
5. Fisheries Review (ISSN 0866-7101) – Hanoi -Ministry of Fisheries
6. Magazine on Scientific Activities (ISSN 0866-7152) – Hanoi - Ministry of Sciences & Technology
7. Biology magazine (ISSN 0866-7160) –Hanoi -Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology
8. Vietnam Fisheries Extension bulletin – Hanoi - National Centre for Fisheries Extension
9. Shrimp bulletin - Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam Fisheries Society
10. Review of Science- Technology of Fisheries - Nha Trang - University of Fisheries
11. Journal of Agricultural Sciences and Technology - Ho Chi Minh City - University of Agriculture & Forestry
12. Marine resources and environment - Hai Phong - Institute of Oceanography

PUBLISHERS

1. Publishing House of Agriculture
2. Publishing House of Sciences and Technology
3. Research Institute for Aquaculture No1
4. Research Institute for Aquaculture No2
5. Research Institute for Aquaculture No3
6. Research Institute for Marine Fisheries
7. Institute for Fisheries Economics and Planning
8. University of Fisheries
9. Institute of Oceanography
10. CanTho University
11. Institute of Oceanography
12. Ho Chi Minh city University of Agriculture & Forestry

Problems:

To prepare contribution to ASFA databases, FICEN faces with a lot difficulties, in which the language of staff as well as of readers is the main barrier. More over, the lack of staff, time and budget is a great difficulty also. (We have to establish the Librarian Database TTTS to serve our readers).

Ficen isn't a active member due to hasn't ASFA database

Suggestion:

Please send us ASFA CD-ROM, printed journals or network access.

Inputing staff of Ficen need further training and our input should be further edited with the support of CSA, ASFA

Trust Fund Proposals:

No proposal at this time.

Ha Noi, December 22, 2005
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