Structure of the database storing the ASFIS list of species

Field	Type	Notes
ISSCAAP	Text	The ISSCAAP codes was assigned to all the species items included in the ASFIS list. The only species items to which has not been possible to attribute an ISSCAAP code are the sea birds and the sea snakes as these animals are not included in any ISSCAAP group.
TAXOCODE	Text	The taxonomic code is a twelve-digit alpha-numerical code for classificatory purposes. In few special cases, three additional digits have been added.
3A_CODE	Text	Inter-agency 3-alpha code. Only in few cases the three letters of the 3-alpha code are related to the scientific or English name of the species items. In all the other cases the 3 letters are assigned at random.
Scientific_name	Text	This field includes scientific names at the species, genus, family or higher taxonomic levels. In a few cases, hybrids have been included given their importance in aquaculture. Subspecies are not considered in both the ASFIS list and the FAO databases of fishery statistics.
English_name	Text	Only the English names of species items with production statistics have to be considered as official FAO English names; in all other cases they are suggested English names that should be verified before assigning them as an official FAO English name.

French_name	Text	Only the French names of species items with production statistics have to be considered as official FAO French names; in all other cases they are suggested French names that should be verified before assigning them as an official FAO French name.
Spanish_name	Text	Only the Spanish names of species items with production statistics have to be considered as official FAO Spanish names; in all other cases they are suggested Spanish names that should be verified before assigning them as an official FAO Spanish name.
Author	Text	The author(s) of the scientific name is provided for 92% of the species items.
Family	Text	
Order	Text	This field does not include only orders but also other high taxonomic levels (e.g. divisions, classes, suborders, etc.) corresponding to those used to assign the 2nd, 3th and 4th digits of the taxonomic code.
Stats_data	Yes/ No	"Yes" records are those for which either capture or aquaculture statistics are available in the FAO databases.

Meaning of the taxonomic code digits

	Main grouping	Order or other high taxonomic level	Family	Genus	Species
Digits	1st digit	2nd-4th digits	5th-7th digits	8th-10th digits	11th-12th digits
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