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WHAT IS FIPIS?

- FIPIS is:
- a register of fisheries focal points in donor agencies, showing names and addresses;
 - information on fishery and aquaculture external assistance projects funded by bilateral and multilateral aid agencies.

Information about projects is contained within a database using dBase III+ software. Each data unit consists of the following features in English:

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- project status (completed, ongoing, pipeline, proposed);
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Currently, there are 32 fisheries focal points listed together with information on 2 100 projects.

THE PURPOSE OF FIPIS

FIPIS enables donor agencies to coordinate their activities more effectively by providing access to a database from which there can be retrieved a wide range of information about external assistance projects in the fishery sector. For donors who wish to obtain further information about projects, the register of fisheries focal points is a source of reference.

FAO has the mandate to monitor and report to COFI on external assistance flows to the fishery sectors in developing countries. The FIPIS database already contains significantly more information than has been available previously, making it a valuable source of information for the analysis of multilateral and bilateral assistance to the sector.

OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM FIPIS

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CURRENT STATUS OF FIPIS

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Fisheries Department
FAO, Via delle Terme di Caracalla
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As you are aware, one of the conclusions of the Fishery Development Donor Consultation, held in Paris in October 1986, was that FAO should establish a register of fisheries focal points within donor agencies and initiate a fishery project information exchange system.

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The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the action taken by FAO to conform to the above request and to seek your cooperation in providing information for use in FIPIS.

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Information will be updated annually.

... The attached Guide to Using FIPIS describes the following:

- how FIPIS information can be delivered to donors;
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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A.D. Insull
Senior Fishery Planning Officer
Fishery Development Planning Service
Fishery Policy and Planning Division

GUIDE TO USING FIPIS

I. WAYS IN WHICH INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY FIPIS

1. List of Fishery Focal Points in Donor Agencies

- In hard copy (printed) only.

2. Project Information

- In electronic documents which can be viewed, edited and printed on an IBM PC compatible micro-computer;

- in a database structure for those donor agencies able to use the MS/DOS dBase III-plus software as a basis for data exchange;

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II. HOW TO REQUEST INFORMATION FROM FIPIS

Please specify the information you require and the form in which you
... prefer to receive it on the enclosed form, Request for Information
from FIPIS.

III. INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM DONORS

1. On Fishery Focal Points

... Enclosed is a copy of the information about your fishery focal point(s) according to our records. Please amend the information where appropriate.

2. On Project Information

... (i) Enclosed are worksheet print-outs showing projects for which some information is available in plain language in the FIPIS database.

Please check the information in respect of each project shown to ensure that it is correct and complete.

N.B. Some information, e.g., status of project, completion date and type of project (TA or capital aid) is often not available in the source of information from which project information has been derived. Sometimes, project objectives/ descriptions are extremely brief and may not provide another donor with sufficient information. You may wish to enter some additional information under the "Remarks" heading in order to clarify or expand certain information you have provided or to show reports which are available.

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(ii) Enter details of your remaining projects on photocopies of the enclosed blank worksheet.

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Please provide information in respect of both country and regional projects.

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SYSTEME D'INFORMATION SUR LES PROJETS DE PECHE

GENERALITES

Lors de la Consultation de donateurs sur le développement des pêches tenue à Paris en 1986, la FAO avait été priée d'établir un registre des points de contact sur les pêches au sein des organismes donateurs et de promouvoir les échanges d'informations sur les projets concernant la pêche. En 1987, avec la coopération des organismes donateurs, la FAO a produit un registre des points de contact, ainsi qu'une liste de projets qui permet de voir quels sont les pays et les sous-secteurs auxquels les donateurs s'intéressent le plus. Cette approche a été approuvée à la Consultation sur le développement des pêches en Afrique qui s'est tenue à Abidjan en 1987, à laquelle il a été décidé que la FAO devrait s'efforcer de développer ce système.

QU'EST-CE QUE LE FIPIS?

Le FIPIS est:- un registre de points de contact sur les pêches au sein des organismes donateurs, indiquant les noms et les adresses;

- une information sur les projets d'assistance extérieure en matière de pêche et d'aquaculture financés par des organismes d'aide bilatérale et multilatérale.

L'information concernant les projets est stockée dans une base de données sur logiciel dBBase III+. Chaque unité de cette base de données comprend les renseignements suivants en anglais:

- pays bénéficiaire;
- organisme donateur;
- organisme d'exécution, s'il est différent de l'organisme donateur;
- titre du projet et numéro de référence du donateur, s'il y a lieu;
- objectifs du projet;
- état d'avancement du projet (achevé, en cours, dans la filière, proposé);
- dates de lancement et d'achèvement;
- type d'assistance (assistance technique, aide en équipements);
- coût du projet (contribution du donateur, contribution du gouvernement);
- renseignements sur le cofinancement, s'il y a lieu.

Actuellement, la liste comprend 32 points de contact sur les pêches et des renseignements sur 2 100 projets.

BUTS DU FIPIS

Le FIPIS permet aux organismes donateurs de coordonner leurs activités plus efficacement en leur donnant accès à une base de données qui leur permet de rechercher une large gamme de renseignements sur les projets d'assistance extérieure dans le secteur de la pêche. Le registre de points de contact sur les pêches est une source de références pour les donateurs qui souhaitent obtenir un complément d'information sur les projets.

La FAO est chargée de suivre les apports d'assistance extérieure aux secteurs des pêches des pays en développement, et de faire rapport sur cette question au COFI. La base de données du FIPIS contient déjà un nombre de renseignements considérablement plus important que ce dont on disposait précédemment, et constitue donc une source d'information précieuse pour l'analyse de l'assistance multilatérale et bilatérale au secteur des pêches.

OBTENTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS

La liste des points de contact sur les pêches au sein des organismes donateurs sera disponible sous forme d'imprimé uniquement.

Les renseignements concernant les projets seront mis à la disposition des organismes participant au FIPIS sous les formes suivantes:

- documents électroniques qui peuvent être visionnés, mis en forme et imprimés sur micro-ordinateur compatible avec le système IBM PC;
- une base de données pour les organismes donateurs qui sont à même d'utiliser le système MS/DOS dBase III+ comme base pour l'échange d'information;
- sous forme d'imprimé.

ETAT ACTUEL DU FIPIS

La conception du FIPIS a été revue en 1988 pour permettre d'utiliser le système dBase III+. Les organismes donateurs révisent actuellement les renseignements contenus dans la base de données. Le FIPIS devrait être opérationnel en août 1989.

POUR PLUS DE RENSEIGNEMENTS

Veuillez contacter:

Service de planification du développement de la pêche
Division des politiques et de la planification de la pêche
Département des pêches
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SISTEMA DE INFORMACION SOBRE PROYECTOS DE PESCA

ANTECEDENTES

En la Consulta de Donantes para el Desarrollo Pesquero celebrada en París en 1986, se pidió a la FAO que preparara un registro de los centros de coordinación pesquera en los organismos donantes y que promoviera el intercambio de información sobre los proyectos de pesca. En 1987, con cooperación de los organismos donantes, la FAO presentó un registro de centros de coordinación y una relación de proyectos, con indicación de los países y los subsectores en que los donantes tienen un interés primordial. Esta idea fue acogida favorablemente en la Consulta sobre Pesca en África celebrada en Abidján en 1987, en la que se convino que la FAO debería tratar de ampliar el sistema.

¿QUE ES EL FIPIS?

El FIPIS es:- un registro de los centros de coordinación pesquera en los organismos donantes, con indicación de los nombres y direcciones;

- información sobre los proyectos de asistencia externa en el sector de la pesca y la acuicultura financiados por organismos de ayuda bilateral y multilateral.

La información sobre los proyectos está contenida dentro de una base de datos que funciona con el sistema dBase III+. Cada unidad de datos contiene los siguientes elementos en inglés:

- país beneficiario;
- organismo donante;
- organismo de ejecución, si es distinto del donante;
- nombre del proyecto y número de referencia del donante, en su caso;
- objetivos del proyecto;
- situación del proyecto (terminando, en curso, en cartera, propuesto);
- fechas de comienzo y conclusión;
- tipo de asistencia (asistencia técnica, ayuda en capital);
- costo del proyecto (contribución del donante, contribución del gobierno);
- información sobre la cofinanciación, en su caso.

Actualmente aparecen relacionados 32 centros de coordinación pesquera y se suministra información sobre 2 100 proyectos.

OBJETIVO DEL FIPIS

El FIPIS permite a los organismos donantes coordinar sus actividades con mayor eficacia, ya que ofrece acceso a una base de datos de la cual se puede recuperar una amplia gama de informaciones sobre los proyectos de ayuda exterior en el sector pesquero. Para los donantes que deseen obtener más información sobre los proyectos, el registro de centros de coordinación pesquera constituye una fuente de referencia.

La FAO tiene el mandato de supervisar e informar al COFI sobre la ayuda externa destinada a los sectores pesqueros de los países en desarrollo. La base de datos del FIPIS contiene ya mucha más información de la disponible con anterioridad, lo que le convierte en una valiosa fuente de información para el análisis de la asistencia multilateral y bilateral al sector.

COMO OBTENER INFORMACION DEL FIPIS

La lista de los centros de coordinación pesquera en los organismos donantes se distribuirá sólo en forma de publicación impresa.

La información sobre los proyectos se pondrá a disposición de los colaboradores del FIPIS en las siguientes formas:

- documentos electrónicos que puedan ser examinados, editados e impresos en un microordenador compatible con los PC IBM;
- una estructura de base de datos, para los organismos donantes capaces de utilizar el sistema MS/DOS dBase III+ como base para el intercambio de datos;
- publicación impresa.

SITUACION ACTUAL DEL FIPIS

El FIPIS fue remodelado en 1988 para poder utilizar el sistema dBase III+. Los organismos donantes están revisando actualmente la información de la base de datos. Se prevé que el FIPIS entrará en funcionamiento en agosto de 1989.

PARA MAS INFORMACION

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