THE BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES OF THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS: TOOLS IN THE DISSEMINATION OF FISHERIES INFORMATION RESOURCES.

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ABSTRACT

The David Lubin Memorial Library of FAO contains some 1 million items, 80,000 FAO documents and receives 7,000 current periodical titles. In order to disseminate information to the FAO user community at headquarters and in the field and to provide access to the published information of FAO to users in Member Countries, the Library and Documentation Systems Division has developed secondary search tools and specialized products derived from library databases. These products are described in relation to the various categories of users of fisheries information. In response to a growing demand for local databases, the increasing availability of micro-computers and the availability free of charge to economically developing countries of the Micro CDS/ISIS software, FAO has developed the REPDOC package in order to facilitate the distribution of subsets of library databases. In strengthening national and regional documentation services in developing countries, emphasis is placed on the free exchange of information between participating centres and the provision of a mechanism to facilitate this exchange.

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