Annex 7
Proposed Activities for 2020-2021
Summary of Contributions

- IAMSLIC to enable opportunities for promotion of ASFA partnership and products, such as ASFA Database & ASFA Subject Vocabulary, at the IAMSLIC conferences, through the website and social media channels;
  
  
  - IAMSLIC promoted above presentation and other ASFA activities on their Twitter channel.
  
  - ASFA Panel session at 2021 IAMSLIC virtual conference: ASFA - providing a platform for collaboration in the frameworks of CECAF-PESCAO project to enhance dissemination of marine fisheries research output in Western Africa (Tamsin Vicary & Maria Kalentsits (FAO), Daryl Superio (SEAFDEC).
  
  - AFRIAMSLIC promoted above presentation and other ASFA CECAF-PESCAO project related activities on their Facebook page.

- IAMSLIC to assist with identifying ASFA Associates [particularly, in non-ASFA affiliate countries];
  
  No ASFA Associates identified.

- IAMSLIC to provide expert’s advice via participation in the ASFA Strategic Advisory Group;
  
  Advice provided by Sally Taylor and Brian Voss – members of the Strategic Advisory Group (the group was established in 2019, discontinued in 2020 upon reaching its primary objectives)

- IAMSLIC to contribute to the ASFA 50th Anniversary Conference (Rome, Italy) in 2021.
  
  Conference postponed until Autumn 2022 and will be held as joint ASFA-IODE event, dates TBC

- ASFA to promote collaboration and networking between fisheries and aquatic science libraries by promoting membership in IAMSLIC and supporting IAMSLIC regional groups (through paying IAMSLIC membership fees for ASFA partners and hosting ASFA and IAMSLIC events back-to-back which would enable participation in both events of the ASFA partners concerned);

  - IAMSLIC membership sponsored by ASFA (27 memberships) – 2020-2022 – 13 3-year memberships (780 USD); 2021-2023 – five 3-year memberships (300 USD); 2022-2024 – nine 3-year memberships (540 USD)

  - Due to Covid-19 pandemic all events were held virtually;
• The ASFA Secretariat to participate as members of the Aquatic Commons Board and Joint Repository Working Group to plan for a joint repository formed by the merger of Aquatic Commons and OceanDocs.

• Tamsin Vicary and Maria Kalentsits – members of the JRWG, now represent the ASFA Secretariat in AquaDocs Steering Group.

• ASFA to promote the use of the Aquatic Commons repository at the ASFA events, through the website and social media channels until the development of a joint repository.

• Discussion on AquaDocs and OpenASFA collaboration, including joint marketing of the products to end-users, held at 2020 ASFA virtual Advisory Board meeting (10-14 Aug 2020);

• Planned Letter of Agreement with VLIZ to deliver training programme and promotional activities for AquaDocs

• 2021 ASFA virtual Advisory Board meeting – Action Item 10: Joint marketing with AquaDocs to be part of the project for outreach activities next year. The FAO ASFA Secretariat will work with the AquaDocs Steering Group to ensure the production of joint marketing materials and that opportunities to promote the two systems (AquaDocs and OpenASFA) are shared.

• ASFA Secretariat shared contacts to facilitate design of AquaDocs logo and branding.

• ASFA to improve access to grey literature from developing countries through increased coverage in the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) database (through the Trust Fund (TF) Special Projects); To implement mandatory requirement to upload documents digitized as part of the ASFA TF projects into the Aquatic Commons or new joint repository,

• KMFS-Kisumu TF project: “ASFA bibliographic records preparation for approximately 350 (Kenya Moi University, an Associate ASFA partner, and University of Eldore) PhD and MSc thesis relating to aquaculture, fisheries, and other relevant topics from 1980 to 2019” – completed June 2021

• WorldFish: TF project: “Communication products for ASFA’s 50 Year Anniversary and 1 279 ASFA records for WorldFish grey literature” – completed September 2021

• IAMSLIC to allow ASFA’s new software (VRE) to harvest its repository, and to jointly investigate ways of contributing to open information products and services.

As part of the activities included in the ASFA TF project proposal, the UNESCO/IUC Project Office for IODE (hosted by VLIZ) will configure the export of records from AquaDocs to OpenASFA.

• If Aquatic Commons and OceanDocs were to merge into a new joint repository, IAMSLIC and ASFA to investigate the opportunity of development trilateral MOU between IAMSLIC, IODE, and ASFA which would detail collaboration on 1) joint repository, 2) advisory services, 3) training activities, 4) events, etc.

  • to discuss and agree on ASFA’s financial (and in-kind) contribution to the ongoing maintenance of the joint repository, if created. ASFA to become a member of the repository Board/Steering Committee.

  • to ensure the interoperability of ASFA’s new software with the joint repository and to set up harvesting metadata from the repository.
• to include ASFA brand in the repository branding.

• It has been decided not to proceed with a trilateral MOU between IAMSLIC, IODE and ASFA; Instead, the LOA between FAO and VLIZ (IODE) has been signed. Services to support “Outreach activities, establishment of export from AquaDocs to OpenASFA and creation of OpenASFA records for historic IOC Grey Literature” will be provided in 2022 and will include (1) Training materials and sessions on using AquaDocs repository delivered to ASFA Partners. IODE will produce and disseminate training materials on the use of AquaDocs to ASFA Partners, particularly targeting those who used Aquatic Commons or Ocean Docs as a repository; (2) Training sessions on depositing to AquaDocs and searching the repository will be delivered to the ASFA network; (3) A conference jointly held by ASFA Secretariat and IOC-IODE; (4) Export mechanism for records from AquaDocs repository on to OpenASFA agreed and implemented;

• ASFA Secretariat staff participates in the AquaDoc Steering Group;

• ASFA logo and a statement acknowledging ASFA support are included in the AquaDocs webpage.

• **ASFA** to investigate the opportunity of hosting the ASFA mini-workshop back-to-back with the 46th IAMSLIC Annual Conference and PIRG Regional Meeting in 2020 (Wellington, New Zealand)

  The conference was held virtually by NSU Oceanographic Campus Library, Dania Beach, FL, USA, 13-14 October 2020.

• **ASFA** to investigate the opportunity of hosting the 2021 ASFA Board meeting (Rome, Italy) back to back with the 47th IAMSLIC Annual Conference and the 19th EURASLIC Biennial Meeting in 2021 (Bremerhaven, Germany) to enable those ASFA partners that will receive financial support from ASFA to participate in both events.

  The conference was held virtually by The Marine Institute, Galway, Ireland, 12-14 October 2021.

• **ASFA and IAMSLIC** to review the status of joint activities for 2020-2021 and produce a draft outline of activities for 2022-2023 biennium by December 2021.

• Activities for 2022-2024 currently under discussion.