

We are happy to announce a new service for fisheries researchers in tropical developing countries. This is a question/answer service in ICLARM's areas of expertise. It will provide in-depth information to enquiries based on ICLARM's library collection, ICLARM's publications in the subject areas, ICLARM's Contribution Series (see Newsletter, April 1983) and our online access to computer databases, such as Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts. In addition, the ICLARM library holdings in areas of expertise are to be computerized to improve the efficiency of the service.

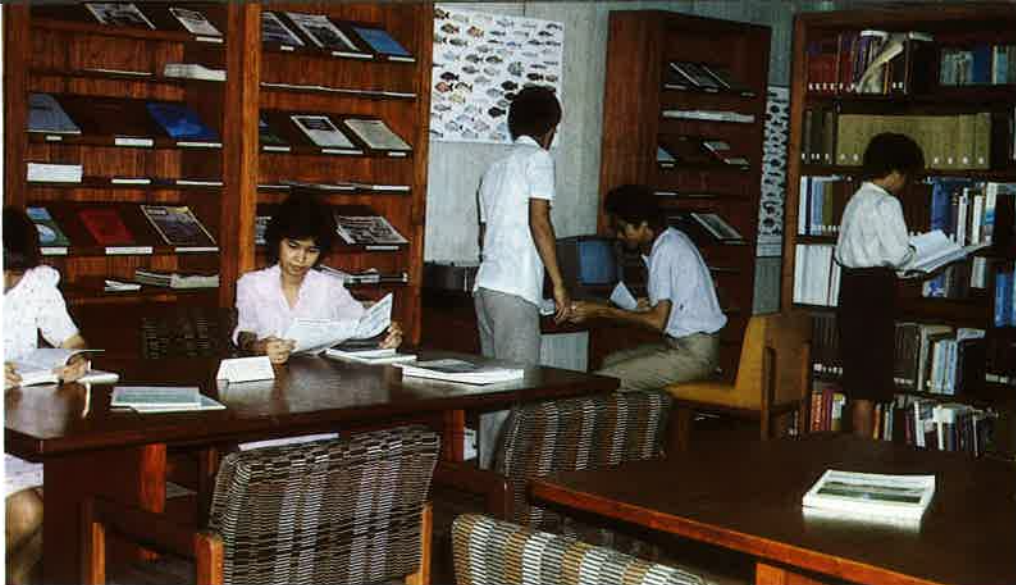
The service is headed by an information specialist who is also responsible for developing secondary literature in important fields of research as shown by trends in enquiries. Thus, the information specialist will prepare and commission bibliographies and reviews. These in turn will make it easier and quicker for future researchers to obtain the background information they need.

The Selective Information Service goes beyond this, however. The information specialist will be available on request to help other institutions to develop their own information capability.

Here are the broad subject areas in which the question/answer service is extended.

Aquaculture

- economics, socioeconomics
- reproductive physiology of finfish, especially of carps, tilapias and mullets
- integrated animal-fish farming
- tilapia biology and culture



ICLARM's Selective Information Service

Resource Management

- methods of stock assessment, especially in tropical and multispecies fisheries

Small-Scale Fisheries

- biology, economics and socioeconomics
- appropriate research methodology for small-scale fisheries



ICLARM's Information Service includes the library (top), computer database searching (center), and publications (bottom).

Readers who are researching topics related to these areas are invited to make use of the information service. No charge is made for the service.

Selective Information Service products include copies of important documents, lists of references to previous research and usually indications of other current research in the requested subject area.

Also being developed are microfiche products. ICLARM's library is obtaining a microfiche reader/printer to facilitate access to rare documents and other material not available in hardcopy. Various items from the ICLARM publication and contribution series will also be prepared in microfiche form as an alternative medium for dissemination.

The service is made possible by funding for a two-year period initially from the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) of Canada. IDRC has been behind a number of information projects in developing countries.

To Use ICLARM's Selective Information Service

Send your research enquiry, being as specific as possible, to:

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