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**A CD-ROM on Northwest African Marine Ecosystems**

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This CD-ROM presents a compilation of material in support of the aims of the Symposium on *Marine fisheries, ecosystems, and societies in West Africa: half a century of change* and consisting of the following elements:

- Regional and national lists of marine fishes, incorporating the results of the “FishBase” module of the SIAP project, i.e., covering the 7 member countries of the N.W. African sub-region (Mauritania, Cape Verde, Senegal, The Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea and Sierra Leone);
- Description and files of the Ecopath models for major marine ecosystems in the seven member countries of the sub-region, mostly covering two time periods with contrasting ecosystem structures and constructed by SIAP project and SAUP team members during two workshops in Dakar, Senegal and one in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, and representing the key results of the Ecopath module of the SIAP project;
- The raw data and full documentation of the Guinean Trawling Survey, conducted in 1963-1964, which established baseline abundances for the demersal resources along the West African coast, offered here as a contribution to the TrawlBase module of SIAP;
- Time-series of FAO catches allocated to the EEZ of the all West African countries from Morocco to South Africa, using an original procedure developed by Reg Watson and colleagues of the Sea Around Us Project, offered here as a contribution to the StatBase module of SIAP; and

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- An exhaustive documentation of the fisheries of the sub-region, presented in the form of bibliographies and of PDF files of articles from various newsletters and journals.
- The creation of this CD-ROM was funded by the SIAP project and it is freely available to all SIAP members and scientific partners. An updated version of this CD-ROM will be available this fall for distribution to a wider audience. This will contain, in addition to updated versions of the material above, the Power Point versions of selected presentations at the Symposium and any other material deemed useful. Please contact the first author at the address given below if you have any suggestion on how the updated version of this CD-ROM could be improved.

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