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Use of Fishbasefor Assembling Information on the Fishes of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

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The large database of information of fishes called FISHBASE, covering nomenclature, distribution, ecology, reproduction, growth and mortality, etc. Is described, which is presently being built up at ICLARM through a cooperative project at FAO and various national institutions in France, Malawi, Philippines, Ghana, Germany and others, and with funding from the European Community. This contribution describes how structured qualitative and quantitative information is presently entered into FISHBASE and how this will be made widely available to institutions throughout Asia, to promote research and resource management. Emphasis is given here on the fishes of Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam, as these countries formerly made up "French Indochina", we describe how information on these fishes, presently "locked up" in the French literature will be made available through their incorporation into FISHBASE.

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