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**DISTRIBUTION, USE AND VISIBILITY OF SEAFDEC AQUACULTURE DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS:
INITIATIVES OF THE LIBRARY**

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Abstract:

The Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) is a regional treaty organization established in 1967 to promote fisheries development in the region. The Aquaculture Department (AQD), based in the Philippines, is mandated to conduct scientific research to generate aquaculture technologies relevant and appropriate for the region; develop human resources; and produce, disseminate and exchange information on aquaculture. In 2009, the Library and Data Banking Services Section identified its information dissemination and services target: to improve accessibility to archived and updated information produced by SEAFDEC/AQD and to increase its visibility. The library has established an exchange program and resource sharing agreements with various universities and institutions in the Philippines, Japan, Southeast Asia and other countries outside the region. It also developed SEAFDEC/AQD Institutional Repository (SAIR), where one can download scholarly work of the Department. The library is a member of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC). In 2012, it joined the IAMSLIC Z39.50 Distributed Library and currently is the only Asian library included in the Z39.50 Broadcast Search of Catalogs. This paper discusses the experiences of SEAFDEC/AQD Library in its document delivery, resources sharing and interlibrary loan activities, and also describes how the library adopted recent technologies to enable scientists, students and the general public to access and make use of aquatic and marine science information. Decision-making based on evidence and statistics, and the strategies and innovations made by the library, will be described. The uses of social media, email, and IR have been found to be innovative and cost-effective ways to deliver information.

The paper could be of value to other institutions and organizations considering similar collaborative efforts and international relations activities.

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