

**DIGITIZATION OF THE MASTERS THESES AND PHD. DISSERTATIONS OF
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ABSTRACT: El Centro Interdisciplinario de Ciencias Marinas (CICIMAR) is a marine science research institution of the federal government of Mexico founded in 1976 in La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico. CICIMAR supports postgraduate research at both the Masters and the PhD. level, from which the library has amassed a collection of theses and dissertations on a wide range of marine science topics, including marine ecosystems of the Mexican Pacific, conservation of marine resources, biodiversity, sustainable use of natural resources, and coastal zone management. Most of this primary, in-depth research is not available elsewhere and it constitutes an important resource, both for this region of Mexico, and for researchers worldwide. At present, the only access to this collection is on site in La Paz, while there is significant demand for them from numerous researchers throughout Mexico and elsewhere. The Reuben Lasker Library proposes to digitize its entire collection of 218 theses and dissertations, creating a publicly accessible electronic archive in Adobe Acrobat PDF format on their web site. Its availability has been announced to IAMSLIC and the international marine science research community, the project should be considered successful.