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INFORMATION HABITS OF THE FISHERIES NON-SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN ARGENTINA

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The INIDEP Library is a government research information center, the only one in the Argentine Republic specializing in fisheries and marine science. Almost 35% of the external users correspond to the fishery sector which includes: industrials, stakeholders, government officials, policy makers, fishermen, etc. This group is geographically distributed along 2400 km of the 5 coastline provinces off the Argentine Sea (SW Atlantic). An Alert e-mail service is distributed regularly to part of this group and the subscribers number has increased a 100% during the last 2 years. In order to improve the use of fisheries information resources and the approach to the non-scientific community a survey is prepared to identify in depth the information needs and habits within this type of users. In support of the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries importance, the surveyed audience is also requested about the knowledge and use of FAO information.