

**Poland**

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Over the last two years in most of the Polish EURASLICs member's aquatic sciences libraries, the process of the computerisation of the card catalogues has been completed.

In some of the centres and libraries the process of modernisation of hardware and software has been carried out.

As a result of the increased and improved input to ASFA of Polish literary achievement in the aquatic sciences, the Sea Fisheries Institute (SFI) has obtained a free subscription for ASFA on CD ROM.

In some of the libraries and information centres, intensive arrangements are being made in connection with the anticipation of the Poland's entry to the European Union. In order to achieve this goal, Polish library standards must conform with the existing western European standards. In the frame of these arrangements the specialists of the information centre of the SFI in Gdynia are preparing a Polish vocabulary of the *Multilingual Illustrated Dictionary of Aquatic Animals and Plants* published by Fishing News Books and the Office for Official Publications of the European Communities. It brings together more than 1,500 species.

One of the library and scientific information specialists of the SFI spent two months in Sweden (December 1999 January 2000), in order to be acquainted with the new organisation and methods of work used in big Swedish university libraries (Stockholm, Uppsala, Lund, Linköping and Norrköping).

As a result of the governmental organisational changes in Poland, taking place starting from 1 January 2000, the Sea Fisheries Institute has been subordinated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food (before it was submitted to the Ministry of Transportation and Maritime Economy).