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**REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL MEETING
ON FISHERIES FROM
THE EIGHTH PACIFIC ISLANDS MARINE RESOURCES
INFORMATION SYSTEM (PIMRIS)
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT USP, SUVA, FIJI: 1 - 2 JULY 1996**

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REPORT TO THE 26TH SPC RTMF 1996
FROM THE 8th PIMRIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT USP, SUVA, FIJI : 1-2 JULY 1996

For the benefit of the RTMF delegates the list of resolutions/agreements and recommendations of the PIMRIS Steering Committee have been collated at the beginning of this report followed by the full adopted minutes, agenda, work plan, and the list of participants.

RECOMMENDATIONS & RESOLUTIONS

The Meeting agreed that:

- * the core activities of PIMRIS should be information services and focus on document delivery and networking, and database development including support for database work at national level as needed and support for equipment and document delivery facilities to national focal points through any funding sources;
- * when project proposals are presented to a donors a component for information activities must be included;
- * SPC Library should make all efforts to contribute records to the MOANA Database.
- * the SDN's offer to incorporate a demonstration session on the use of PEACESAT for information exchange be accepted for the forth coming workshop.
- * in view of the importance of PIMRIS services it is essential to maintain the operations of the PIMRIS Coordination Unit.
- * the technical assistance that began with Fiji Fisheries should be continued in order to assist the library to return to its normal operations.
- * in view of the importance of the services of the Public Marine Education programme particularly to Curriculum development in schools, USP should make all efforts to continue this programme.
- * all the PIMRIS contacts be listed on the Public Marine Education mailing list to receive any publications.
- * since the MOANA database is a unique product its development must be continued.
- * the venture of a 30 day free database searching and evaluation of Cambridge Scientific Abstract's database over Internet should be continued by the Coordination Unit on behalf of the PIMRIS network.
- * 1.) in view of the countries's inability to pay, 2) the need to have an accounting system in place to manage any charging, and 3) to promote information usage,
no charging scheme should be introduced within the PIMRIS network. However the participating regional organizations should always incorporate information services and document delivery cost in their budgets. Document delivery within the PIMRIS network should be on reciprocal basis.
- * the PIMRIS Coordination unit should continue as the contact with ORSTOM and establish bilateral understanding for information sharing. However any activities which will require commitment of major resources have to be dealt by USP and ORSTOM.

- * completed Value-Analysis questionnaires be sent to the Coordination Unit. This will assist in evaluating PIMRIS and assessing countries' contributions to network.
- * to either use the provided statistics recording form or adapt to their needs and six monthly statistics on types of users, total number of users and users by country be sent to the PIMRIS Coordination Unit.

The Committee Recommended that:

- * FFA and SOPAC explore the possibility of integrating the two map databases for ease of information access.
- * being based in Solomon Islands, FFA, IMR and Solomon Fisheries explore means of using and sharing information resources held at these institutions.
- * in view of the importance of a professional librarian, SOPAC should make all efforts to allocate resources for filling in that professional position.
- * a letter of appreciation be sent to Dillie George (former SOPAC Librarian) for her contributions to the PIMRIS network.
- * a letter be written to the SPC executive expressing its appreciation of the new management's view towards the library and indicate a concern at the poor status of the SPC reference collection.
- * PIMRIS Coordination Unit explore the possibility of providing some assistance to Cook Islands marine resources department in obtaining basic library material.
- * the countries should attempt to use the PEACESAT facility more often for information exchange and dissemination.
- * ISIS usage courses be conducted for fisheries staff.
- * FFA provide assistance with the organisation of the Solomon Fisheries Library.
- * a letter of thanks be sent to IAMS LIC expressing PIMRIS' appreciation to IAMS LIC for providing US\$2020 to establish an Ariel station at PIMRIS Coordination Unit
- * all efforts should be made by the countries to retain their trained staff and sustain the operations of the fisheries/marine library/information centres.
- * PIMRIS Coordination Unit should pursue the MOU for PIMRIS network with SPOCC through the Vice Chancellor of USP.
- * PIMRIS Coordination Unit should continue pursuing the idea of establishing a CDS/ISIS group in the region.
- * since the South Pacific Commission's Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries (RTMF) had initiated the establishment of PIMRIS and there has been a formal reporting practice since the start of PIMRIS, the PIMRIS Coordinator should discuss with SPC to seek time for a verbal presentation during the 1996 RTMF. *(Thanks to the RTMF organisers for accommodating this).*

MINUTES OF THE 8th PIMRIS STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD AT USP, SUVA, FIJI : 1-2 JULY 1996

OPENING

Ganeshan Rao (PIMRIS Coordinator) as chairperson welcomed all participants and the observers and then invited the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr Vijay Naidu to do the official opening of the 8th PIMRIS Steering Committee Meeting and The Regional Workshop on Introduction to Computers, CDS/ISIS and Marine Information Management.

Dr Naidu gave his address in which he highlighted:

Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System (PIMRIS) is a networking system (of regional institutions ie USP, SPC, SOPAC, FFA & SPREP and Pacific Island countries) devoted to the storage, retrieval and dissemination of information on fisheries and other living and non-living marine resources in the tropical Pacific.

The PIMRIS Steering Committee Meeting will: review the current status of marine/fisheries information in the Pacific Islands Region; provide direction to the PIMRIS Coordination Unit; and identify areas of information need. The country participants will be required to present a report explaining the status of Library/information activities in your department.

The Workshop will involve very much hands-on practical training and is designed for the individuals who are actually doing the practical duties in a fisheries/marine library/information centre. This is the first workshop whereby the national contacts in the PIMRIS Network will be able to attend a well structured course. It will also provide an opportunity for country delegates to establish regional contacts.

Dr Naidu went on to elaborate that information is power and those who are involved in information collection, organisation and dissemination have a strong influence on our society.

He acknowledged the International Association of Aquatic & Marine Science Libraries & Information Centres (IAMSILIC's) part sponsorship of this Meeting. IAMSILIC contributed USD1,000.00

He also announced the support of USD2,020.00 from IAMSILIC for a Direct Document Delivery Project over Internet using ARIEL software package.

Dr Naidu explained that this will be the first time for such a project at USP Library. It will be done between PIMRIS and Scripps Institute of Oceanography, California. Scripps has agreed to provide documents free of charge as their gesture of supporting the PIMRIS network.

He also acknowledged the USP Computer Centre's advice to PIMRIS technical capabilities of USP for such a service and commented that there is a lot of capabilities with in USP's computer network.

Dr Naidu thanked CIDA for funding the PIMRIS Project and CORA for their executive role.

ADDRESS BY THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN - MRS ESTHER WILLIAMS

She gave a brief history of PIMRIS

She explained the role of the Steering Committee:

- review the current status of marine/fisheries information in the Pacific Islands;
- provide direction to the PIMRIS Coordinator Unit

Esther focussed on two issues: one, the need to address the sustainability of PIMRIS and two, the need to review and expand the information responsibility role of PIMRIS and all its partners.

Esther pointed out that is important that we are able to communicate valuable information to the common people in the region. She emphasised the importance of countries to increase their commitment to library/information activities and consequently the Network.

She emphasised that participants should maximise the benefit to the meeting participants the Workshop has been organised.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT

The Chairperson announced some administrative arrangements concerning convenience, meals, meeting schedule and paper, and participant address and contact

Adoptions of the Agenda

Chairman personally thanked the committee members and observers for making themselves available for the meeting.

Agenda was adopted with minor changes.

Apologies

Were received from : Deveni Temu (SPC Librarian), Jean-Paul Gaudechoux (SPC Fisheries Information Adviser) ORSTOM, Nauru, Northern Marianas, Marshalls, Niue, Vanuatu, and Canadian Ocean Resource Associates (CORA).

MATTERS ARISING FROM 7TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

- p.1 The Chairperson informed the Committee that all Regional organisations have access to internet as well as email services.

PIMRIS Coordination Unit

- As a result of a suggestion from CORA's rep, the core activity of PIMRIS were identified to be Information Services and Database development
- Non USP staff and students can join USP as External Borrowers except for school students

- Country assistance will be continued under the PIMRIS Coordination Unit as needs are justified

p.2 SPREP staff have not yet been able to convert records from In Magic to CDS/ISIS.

p.5 The Chairperson had written a letter to PNG National Fisheries Authority (NFA) as per a recommendation from the last Steering Committee Meeting. The letter was read to the meeting which raised the concern re: staffing situation at their library. The reply from the Acting Executive Director (NFA) was read to the meeting. The Director appreciated PIMRIS assistance that had been provided and assured that under the proposed new organisational structure additional staffing positions will be allocated.

p.5 Fiji Fisheries has appointed a library assistant

p.6 Tuvalu staff benefitted significantly from a two week attachment at USP in December 1994.

p.7 Regional workshop will follow this meeting.

p.8 PIMRIS and USP Marine Studies - Budgetary matters

Elaborate discussions were held to review the strategies that were recommended by the last meeting. The Head of Marine Studies, Prof. Robin South, explained the various strategies:-

- . He thanked the PIMRIS Coordinator for stretching the funding from the intended 4 years to 8.
- . There are indications for funding under CSPODP II
- . He thanked the University Librarian for her support in funding proposals for staff and overall support to PIMRIS.
- . A brief history of the operations of ICOD leading to CORA - CSPODP I was provided.
- . PIMRIS Coordination funding has been extended till December 1996 under phase I
- . CIDA mission had conducted a review meeting of regional organizations in November 1995 at USP.
- . It seems 14.5m CAD (for the region) will be available under phase II over 5 years - expected to start in 1997.
- . Forum Secretariat will coordinate the projects with CIDA staff (one gender officer & one private sector liaison officer).
- . Focus under phase II will include gender, environmental and private sector.
- . There is a strong support from USP and the region for the continuation of PIMRIS services.
- . USP Library and Marine Studies have jointly supported a submission for the 1997 - 1999 University Grants Committee funding. This will cover for a senior position, a full-time and a part-time library assistant.
- . JICA has approved FJD18.5M for the Marine Studies Complex which will have modern facilities and a Marine Studies Information Centre. It is planned that PIMRIS Coordination Unit will operate its activities from this Centre.

The Meeting agreed that:

when project proposals are presented to a donors a component for information activities must be included;

the core activities of PIMRIS should be information services and focus on document delivery and networking, and database development including support for database work at national level as needed;

support for equipment and document delivery facilities be provided to national focal points through any funding sources;

REPORTS

FFA

FFA delegate presented the report highlighting the history of FFA library, staffing, library and collection development and future planning. The Data Librarian has assumed a supervisory role of the Library's operations.

A library awareness programme has been implemented and a survey is been done within FFA to identify the information needs, demands and expectations. This will help in formulation of policies and plans.

After discussions on map databases at FFA and SOPAC, the Committee recommended that the two organizations explore the possibility of integrating the two databases. The meeting noted that IMR is based in Solomon Islands. It recommended that being based in Solomon Islands, FFA, IMR and Solomon Fisheries explore means of using and sharing information resources held at these institutions.

SOPAC

The SOPAC programme assistant presented the report. The meeting noted that the programme funding for the position of the librarian had ended in December 1995. Hence there is no professional librarian. Although the current services are maintained there is a lot more that can be done with a professional in place particularly assisting the countries.

The Coordinator had been requested by SOPAC to provide advice which was done jointly with the University Librarian.

The Meeting recommended that SOPAC make all efforts to allocate resources for a professional position. The Meeting recommended that a letter of appreciation be sent to Dillie George for her contributions to PIMRIS.

SPC

A report from the SPC Librarian was read by the PIMRIS Coordinator. The meeting noted with discouragement the poor and outdated state of their reference collection. It also noted that the under-funding of the library has made it an ineffective technical library. However it was noted that the new SPC executive is keen to provide a strong funding base to improve the library's collection.

The Committee recommended that a letter be written to the SPC executive expressing its appreciation of the new management's approach and indicate a concern at the status of the SPC reference collection.

The Meeting agreed that SPC Library should make all efforts to contribute records to the MOANA Database. The Chairperson expressed his appreciation to Deveni Temu (SPC Librarian) for sending this report.

USP MARINE STUDIES PROGRAM

The Professor of Marine Studies outlined marine studies as interdisciplinary, university-wide programme directed by the MSP Advisory Board. He highlighted the BSc Marine Science and BA in Marine Affairs Programmes. New courses in Post-Harvest fisheries will be introduced in 1997 in collaboration with SPC.

He also explained about the new Marine Studies Complex, IMR facilities (in Solomons), and Atoll Research programme in Kiribati.

The International Ocean Institute Operational Centre at USP's (IOI-SP) activities were outlined. A total of 4 courses were conducted in 1995 and a major report was prepared for the Oceania Region as a contribution to the Independent World Commission on the Oceans. A number of cooperative programmes that are being carried out with various Universities were described. IOI-SP will become the contact for a major reef research venture called REEF, a Canadian based NGO.

SPREP

The SPREP library and information coordinator described the objectives of SPREP Library. He described the activities involved to support information activities. He highlighted under phase I six countries were provided in-country technical assistance to set up environmental information centres. The second phase will include a review and assistance to more countries. Additional funding had been obtained from AUSAID to support this project.

The library establishment project under New Zealand Aid will end in Mid 1997. Efforts are being made within SPREP to continue the staffing and operations of the library information centre.

PACIFIC SDN

The SDN training and Information Officer outlined the SDN's activities, highlighting: electronic information setup; development of sources of information and assistance to NGOs and government agencies in repackaging of information. The first phase involved 3 countries and second phase involved a further 4 countries. He explained information flow through the SDN network, network training and development of meta-information.

The Meeting agreed to accept the SDN's offer to incorporate a demonstration session on the use of PEACESAT for information exchange during the forth coming PIMRIS workshop.

PIMRIS COORDINATING UNIT

The PIMRIS Coordinator highlighted regional & international cooperation, regional communication, collection development, library instructions, database development, staffing and training. The various information services were outlined with statistics. The Outreach

Project ended in August 1995. He explained the technical assistance provided to countries under the outreach programme and outlined the short and long-term funding arrangements for the PIMRIS Coordination Unit.

The Meeting agreed that in view of the importance of PIMRIS services it is essential to maintain the operations of the PIMRIS Coordination Unit. The meeting appreciated the efforts made by the Head of Marine Studies and the University Librarian to support PIMRIS. The PIMRIS Coordinator thanked CIDA for the funding assistance and CORA for their continued communication and assistance in implementing the project.

COUNTRY REPORTS

COOKS

Rangi presented the Cooks report.

She informed participants of services and work done. (including inputting of entries into the database system). Until now about 253 entries were already in the system. She expressed Cook Islands appreciations for assistance from PIMRIS Coordination. There has been some difficulty in obtaining basic library material. The Meeting recommended that PIMRIS Coordination Unit explore the possibility of providing some assistance to Cook Islands marine resources department in obtaining basic library material.

FIJI

Mr Sharma of Fisheries Department presented the report.

Their present librarian joined in 1995. She organised the library and now it can offer services to the staff and general public.

The Chairperson was happy to hear from the representative that there has been a move to establish such program for Northern and Western Division staff and the public.

The Meeting agreed that the technical assistance that began with Fiji Fisheries should be continued in order to assist the library to return to its normal operations.

After discussions on the degree of usage of PEACESAT by countries the Meeting recommended that the countries should attempt to use this facility more often for information exchange and dissemination.

The Meeting also recommended that ISIS usage courses be conducted for fisheries staff.

The Fiji delegate also thanked CIDA the funding Agency for funding PIMRIS.

KIRIBATI

Kiribati representative thanked PIMRIS Coordinator for inviting her to the 8th Steering Committee meeting. She also presented the Kiribati Fisheries Dept Report. She expressed Kiribati's appreciation for CIDA funding assistance and strongly suggested that PIMRIS be continued.

NAURU

The Chairman presented the Nauru Country's report on behalf Nauru. The Fisheries division office will be upgraded. The new name will be Nauru Fisheries & Marine Resources Authority. It is anticipated that a proper fisheries library will be established. A request for staff attachment will then be sent to the PIMRIS Coordination Unit or FFA.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Papua New Guinea report was presented by Henry Yule. He said that it was way back since 1993 that PNG has been participating in the Steering Committee meeting. He outlined the new Library and Information branch of the National Fisheries Authority.

He requested that whenever possible the PIMRIS Coordinator assist PNG with technical assistance.

He thanked CIDA for funding PIMRIS

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Since the delegate had been with the Dept. for only 4 months, there was no report presented. Since the delegate will receive basic training during the forthcoming workshop, the Meeting recommended that FFA provide assistance with the organisation of the Solomon Fisheries Library.

TONGA

Tonga's report was presented by the delegate. She explained the staffing situation, database works and information activities. There is a plan to provide separate computer for the library later this year.

TUVALU

Tuvalu report was presented which explained the present status of their Library. Concern was expressed at the security in the library. There is plan to renovate an old workshop to be the new library. A request was made for PIMRIS staff to visit Tuvalu. But this would only be possible if there is a justified need and availability of funds. Some computer problems had made it difficult for usage of ISIS system. This is expected to be rectified when the computer problems are solved.

The Meeting appreciated the Fisheries Dept. had allocated funds for collection development.

WESTERN SAMOA

The report was noted by the Meeting. Special assistance can be obtained from SPREP particularly in receiving marine related SPREP publications.

AMERICAN SAMOA

The delegate outlined the information activities of the Marine and Wildlife Dept. She highlighted that library management and compiling of topic papers are shared duties among the education and information division. She offered to share education material with other PIMRIS partners and USP marine public education programme.

PUBLIC MARINE EDUCATION (PME)

The PME Coordinator outlined the 1995 activities highlighting the workshops, countries visits, publications and resource materials. The Meeting noted the uncertainty associated with the Coordinator's position at Institute of Education (IOE). In view of the importance of the services Public Marine Education particularly to Curriculum development in schools, the Meeting agreed that USP should make all efforts to continue this programme.

The Meeting agreed that all the PIMRIS contacts be listed on the PME mailing list to receive any publications.

TECHNICAL SERVICES

MOANA

The PIMRIS Coordinator outlined the process of MOANA Database development. He reiterated the importance of participating organizations and countries to send records so that a newer version of MOANA can be released. The Meeting agreed that since this database is a unique product its development must be continued.

Cambridge Scientific Abstracts Internet Database Services

The PIMRIS Coordinator described CSA's free internet database searching facility.

The Meeting endorsed the discussions between PIMRIS coordination unit and CSA. The Committee recommended that the venture of a 30 day free database searching and evaluation of CSA database over internet should be continued on behalf of the PIMRIS network. Any progress information will be shared with participating agencies.

INFORMATION SERVICES

Inter-library loans

The Meeting discussed a paper formulated by Deveni Temu with contributions from Ganeshan Rao on this issue. The Chairperson thanked Deveni for the paper.

The Committee was agreed that:

- 1) in view of the countries's inability to pay,
 - 2) the need to have an accounting system in place to manage any charging, and
 - 3) to promote information usage,
- no charging scheme be introduced.

However the participating regional organizations should always incorporate information services and document delivery cost in their budgets. Document delivery within the PIMRIS network should be on reciprocal basis.

Ariel Project

The meeting was informed of the document delivery over Internet project between PIMRIS and Scripps Institute of Oceanography using ARIEL software. The committee expressed its appreciation to IAMSLIC for providing US\$2020 to establish an Ariel station at PIMRIS Coordination Unit. The Meeting endorsed the Ariel Document Delivery project and recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to IAMSLIC for the financial support.

SPC Information Fisheries Project

The PIMRIS Coordinator presented the report of the SPC Fisheries Information Advisor, Jean-Paul Gaudechoux. The Meeting agreed that the SPC fisheries special interests groups, their bulletin, and fisheries address book have been very useful to the region. Also the other publications of the information section have benefitted the fisheries sector. The Meeting appreciated the services from Fisheries Information Section of SPC. The gathering, repackaging and dissemination of information is an important component of information services within the PIMRIS network. The special interest groups are of special value to the region.

The Chairperson thanked Jean-Paul for the detailed report.

International Links

The Meeting noted the list of institutions with which the PIMRIS Coordination Unit has established bilateral arrangements for information exchange in outside the region.

ORSTOM:

The Meeting was informed of a meeting between USP and ORSTOM on possible avenues of information sharing. The Meeting agreed that the PIMRIS Coordination unit should continue as the contact with ORSTOM and establish bilateral understanding for information sharing. However any activities which will require commitment of major resources have to be dealt by USP and ORSTOM. The Committee approved exchange of documents, list of marine related periodicals, filling information request and probable join publishing the activities that the Coordination unit has agreed to pursue.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Regional Workshop

The PIMRIS Coordinator informed the meeting of the regional workshop on introduction to computers, CDS/ISIS database management system and introduction to marine information management. This is the result of a recommendation from the last steering committee meeting. The workshop will run from 3 to 12 July. The country participants expressed their appreciation for part funding assistance to support them to attend this workshop.

The Meeting was appreciative of the funding assistance from CIDA.

Country Training

The PIMRIS Coordinator reported 15 countries had been given assistance. 14 were visited by PIMRIS Coordination unit, FFA, and SPC staff. The PIMRIS Outreach Project provided funds for collection development, in-country training and attachments. The Meeting recommended that all efforts should made by the countries to retain their trained staff and sustain the operations of their library/information centres.

The Coordinator explained that request for in-country assistance should be justified and can be provided subject to availability of funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Memorandum of Understanding

The draft MOU which already been agreed by SPC, FFA, USP and SOPAC was given to SPREP during the last steering committee meeting for its feedback. This meeting was informed that SPREP has agreed to the draft MOU. The Committee recommended that the PIMRIS Coordination Unit should pursue the MOU for PIMRIS network to SPOCC through the Vice Chancellor of USP.

PACIFIC SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTER-CONGRESS

The Committee discussed the background information on Pacific Science Association's conference (to be hosted by USP in July 1997) and agreed that PIMRIS should actively participate (on behalf on IAMSLIC). Members of PIMRIS have been encouraged to contribute materials that can be used at the PIMRIS display. It was also suggested that IAMSLIC members be approached to send some material that can be used at the display during the Congress.

OTHER BUSINESS

PIMRIS Value Analysis

The meeting discussed and agreed that it was appropriate for all corporating partners of PIMRIS to complete the Value Analysis questionnaire in order to estimate a value of the investments in establishing the network. The Committee agreed that the completed value-analysis questionnaires be sent to the Coordination Unit. The Coordinator explained the importance of this value analysis task in order to assist in evaluating PIMRIS and assessing countries contributions.

ISIS Users Group

The Meeting recommended that the Coordination unit should continue pursuing the idea of establishing a CDS/ISIS group in the region.

Information Statistics

The meeting discussed the PIMRIS Information Request form and agreed that such a mechanism should be in place at all libraries in PIMRIS in order to collate users statistics to justify any information activity. The Committee agreed to either use the provided statistics recording form or adapt to the needs of the libraries and that six monthly statistics on types of users, total number of users and users by country be sent to the Coordination Unit.

Report to RTMF

The meeting was informed that SPC will not be able to allocate time for a verbal presentation of the steering committee report instead it will be distributed as information paper. The Meeting strongly recommended that since RTMF had initiated the establishment of PIMRIS and there has been a formal reporting practice since the start of PIMRIS, the PIMRIS Coordinator should discuss with SPC to seek time for a verbal presentation.

1996/1997 WORKPLAN

The Committee discussed and endorsed a workplan (attached)

CLOSING

The Committee agreed that this meeting be held every two years prior to the SPC's Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries so that a report will be ready for presentation at that Meeting. The next Meeting to be held in 1998 with venue to be decided later.

The University Librarian thanked everyone for attending this Meeting including the Chairperson and the Head of Marine Studies. She re-iterated that PIMRIS had come a long way and stressed that a lot depend on the staff and heads of fisheries departments in sustaining the in-country work and retaining trained staff to look after libraries/information centres. She mentioned that it was evident from the discussions that technical assistance and collection development were the needy areas in the countries.

She also emphasised the importance of library workers in getting formal education in library & information studies.

The Chairperson thanked everyone and also expressed appreciation to IAMS LIC and CIDA for funding assistance.

The minutes of the Meeting were adopted with amendments and the meeting ended at 6pm - 2nd July 1996.

8th PIMRIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, 1-2 JULY 1996**USP, Suva, Fiji.****AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome & Official Opening - 9am, 1st July 1996, USP Library Conference Room**
Tea
- 2. Administrative Arrangements**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 4. Matters Arising from the minutes of the 7th PIMRIS Steering Committee Meeting.**
To be discussed under matters arising :
PIMRIS & USP Marine Studies funding developments(Refer PIMRIS/96/PIM)
Status of CSPODP I and CSPODP II
- 5. Reports from Regional Organisations**
 - i. FFA PIMRIS/96/FFA
 - ii. SOPAC PIMRIS/96/SOPAC
 - iii. SPC PIMRIS/96/SPC
 - iv. USP Marine Studies Programme PIMRIS/96/MSP
 - v. SPREP PIMRIS/96/SPREP
 - vi. Pacific SDN PIMRIS/96/SDN
 - iv. PIMRIS Coordination Unit PIMRIS/96/PIM
- 6. Reports from Countries**
USP Public Marine Education Programme PIMRIS/96/(country)
PIMRIS/96/MPE
- 7. Technical Services**
 - * MOANA (PIMRIS Database) (Refer. PIMRIS/96/PIM)
 - * Cambridge Scientific Abstracts Internet Services. PIMRIS/96/CSA
- 8. Information Services**
 - * Inter-Library Loans PIMRIS/96/ILL
 - * Document Delivery - PIMRIS
 - SCRIPPS/IAMSLIC Ariel Project PIMRIS/96/ARIEL
 - * SPC Fisheries Information Project PIMRIS/96/SPC Inf
 - * International Links PIMRIS/96/Links
- 9. Education & Training**
 - * Regional Workshop: Marine Information Management
 - * Country Trainings (Refer. PIMRIS/96/PIM)
- 10. Administrative Matters**
 - * Memorandum of Understanding PIMRIS/96/MOU
- 11. PIMRIS representing IAMSLIC at Pacific Science Association's Inter-Congress July 1997 at USP (IAMSLIC = International Association of Aquatic & Marine Science Libraries & Information Centres)** PIMRIS/96/PSA
- 12. Other Business**
 - * PIMRIS Value Analysis
 - * ISIS Users Group
 - * Information Statistics
 - * Report Presentation at RTMF
- 13. 1996/1997 Workplan**
- 14. Approval of Minutes.**
Report for the 1996 SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries.
Closing.

8TH PIMRIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
1-2 JULY 1996, USP, SUVA, FIJI
PIMRIS WORKPLAN FOR 1996/1997

1. **Document Delivery**
PIMRIS Coordination Unit to implement the trial document delivery over Internet project with Scripps Institute of Oceanography.
2. **Database Development and Management (USP)**
 - 2.1 Update Moana database by importing new records received from PIMRIS Regional members (SPC, SOPAC, FFA & USP) and national departments to produce a newer version.
 - 2.2 Use mechanisms to improve quality of MOANA records using input from PIMRIS Technical Group.
3. **Information Collection and Dissemination**
 - 3.1 Continue with efforts of establish bilateral arrangement with marine institutions worldwide for information sharing (USP)
 - 3.2 Identify and collect marine resources documents produced in the region for deposit at USP Library. Encourage marine resource workers to submit reports.
 - 3.3 Newsletter:

SPC Fisheries Newsletter (French and English)	Quarterly
FFA News Digest	Bi-monthly
PIMRIS Newsletter	Quarterly
SOPAC Newsletter	Quarterly
SPREP Newsletter(s)	Quarterly
 - 3.4 Information bulletin (French & English) (SPC):

Beche-de-mer Information Bulletin	Bi-annual
Pearl Oyster Information Bulletin	Bi-annual
Ciguatera Information Bulletin	Bi-annual
Trochus Information Bulletin	Bi-annual
Traditional Marine Resources	Bi-annual
Management and Knowledge Information Bulletin	
Fisheries Education and Training	
Information Bulletin	Bi-annual
FAD Information Bulletin	"
Live Reef Fish Bulletin	"
 - 3.5 Current Awareness Services:

Periodicals table of contents (USP + SOPAC + SPC + FFA + SPREP)	Monthly
Incorporate ORSTOM periodicals (USP)	
Compile a list of serial titles held at all the PIMRIS cooperating institutions (USP)	
New acquisitions lists (USP)	Quarterly
Additions to the SPC Library (SPC)	Quarterly
A Pacific Directory of Videos (SPC)	Annual
SPC Fisheries Address Book	Annual

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| 3.6 | Information Packages (USP)
'Environmental Impact of Tourism'
Fisheries Programme Brochure
(French English SPC)
SOPAC Bibliography | On-request
In progress

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- 3.7 Information Requests
Continue bibliographic searches; literature searches on Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA); Fish & Fisheries Worldwide CD Database; Question and answer services; Document delivery: Provide Bibliographic Instruction.
4. Assistance to National Centres
- 4.1 Provide assistance with collection development
 - 4.2 Respond to request for assistance to enhance information handling capabilities. Continue to advise the national centres which have received such assistance.
 - 4.3 Continue with the work on the PNG fisheries bibliography (USP & PNG) and Palau Bibliography.
 - 4.4 Provide training in information handling in the countries and through library attachments on requests.
 - 4.5 National Fisheries/Marine Resources departments attempt to provide resources to further develop the information management skills for their library/information Centre staff and take steps to put them on permanent established positions in view of the training provided under PIMRIS.
5. Update mailing lists.
6. PIMRIS Coordinator to continue participating in the USP-MSP, and ORSTOM
7. Coordinate PIMRIS participation in the Pacific Science Association Inter-Congress 1997 at USP.
8. Future Direction:
- Coordination Unit is to:
 - i) coordinate a formal agreement between the participating agencies;
 - ii) coordinate the Value Analysis Survey ie estimation of the cash and kind value of PIMRIS in the region ie. each of the participating institutions to estimate their own and send to the Coordination Unit.
 - iii) attempt to establish a ISIS user group in the region (USP)
 - Continue exploring and usage of modern technological means of communication such as Internet (e-mail, telnet) and Peacesat facilities for information sharing.
 - Develop links with other libraries & information centres, information networks ; explore on possible international connections

**8TH PIMRIS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (1-2 JULY)
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