

PREFACE

Considering the vast ocean resources and the potential it holds, fisheries in the Southeast Asia and the South Pacific has become an area of international interest and concern. It is not only an important means of earning foreign exchange but also a means of securing livelihood for majority of the coastal population of these regions.

However, there have been very limited interdisciplinary studies on the situation of fisheries of these developing economies, as much effort so far has been directed towards industrial fisheries development, scientific and technical issues. In light of this view, this preliminary bibliography has been basically compiled towards providing information on the socio-economic aspects of fisheries which is in fact central to understanding of the situation of fisheries of these regions.

The bibliography reflects the character of our study on fisheries issues which has been orientated towards social sciences, therefore it does not cover all aspects of fisheries; particularly scientific and technical publications have been limited.

Entries in this bibliography are based on the notion that to provide sufficient background and information on the socio-economics of fisheries, it is essential to include works on general economic and social conditions, geography, history, sociology and politics where possible.

All data had been personally collected for the purpose of our own use. A large part of the collection consists of photocopied materials and unpublished works such as research materials, administrative reports, statistical data and so on. Commercial publications which are easily accessible and can freely be purchased have been limited.

It must be admitted that there would be more works on the subject but which could not be reached or was not available during the data collection period.

The data attempts to provide a conceptual framework towards study on fisheries problems of the developing countries. It also tries to introduce the basic information for persons concerned with various aspects of fisheries study, including those researching and working on planning and management of fisheries.

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