

Library Aquaculture Workstation

Pacific Regional Aquaculture Information Service for Education (PRAISE)

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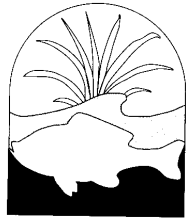
Principal Accomplishments

Objective: Evaluate the effectiveness of the “dial-up” remote access information network that was expanded to the Pacific Islands during the project’s sixth year.

In August 1993, Guam residents gained access to PRAISE through a toll-free telephone service. The service cost \$2,000 for a year. However, that service was discontinued when PRAISE entered a cooperative agreement with PEACESAT, a communications satellite, to provide access to information to more locations at a lower cost.

During 1994, a cooperative agreement was begun under which residents of five Pacific Island sites can directly access the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) database through an Internet connection between their local PEACESAT station and the mainland vendor. Plans call for a year-long test of the reliability and accessibility of this method, which costs \$1,000 per location per year – a 50 percent savings over the toll-free telephone line to Guam – and which serves four additional locales.





AquaNIC
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Objective: Increase and ensure the continued usefulness of the PRAISE program through the use of CD-ROM database searching, telecommunications and new technologies as they develop, and disseminate information products as needed by the industry.

The Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA) decided that legislative materials on the development and support of aquaculture should be included on AquaNIC, an Internet gateway to the world's electronic resources in aquaculture that is supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. David Coleman, a member of the JSA's Aquaculture Information and Technology Transfer Task Force, is attempting to gather relevant legislative materials from Hawaii and the Pacific Islands for AquaNIC. He will meet with AquaNIC coordinators in October 1995 to establish a procedure for downloading the information. The project investigator gave a presentation on the cooperative project between PRAISE and PEACESAT and participated in discussions of Internet uses and procedures at the 1995 CYAMUS Marine Librarians Meeting.

Objective: Increase the support base for the PRAISE project through cooperative agreements with other agencies.

The Pacific Islands Gray Literature project was established to gather and index the wealth of reports produced in the Pacific but never integrated into journals and conference proceedings. The effort is being assisted by the Pacific Islands Network, the National Agricultural Library and the vendor for the ASFA database.

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