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Overview

This compendium presents the activities of the ASFA Africa Regional Network in 2022 showcasing the efforts of ASFA partners, collaborating centres and associates in the region to share research on aquatic sciences, fisheries and aquaculture. The compendium is presented at the 2023 ASFA Advisory Board meeting in draft format for two purposes: to receive feedback from Advisory Board members and to agree target areas for improvement in the region.

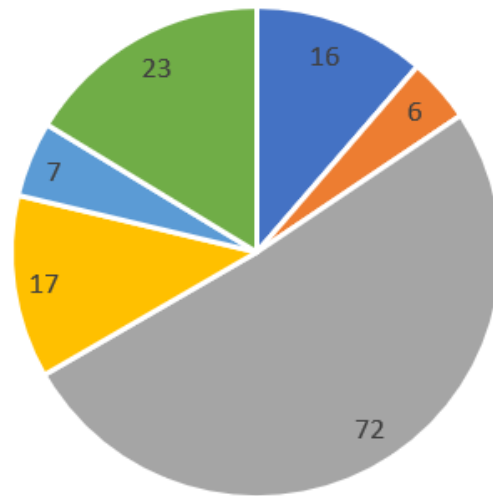
There are 54 countries in Africa according to the United Nations, 16 of which are landlocked. The ASFA partnership in Africa includes 1 international partner (IOTC) , 15 national partners, two collaborating centres, and 12 associated institutions.

Of the 30 ASFA centres that make up the ASFA partnership, only 11 are registered on OpenASFA (8 partners, two collaborating centres and one associate). Of these 11 registered users, only seven created records in 2022: CNRDPA (Algeria, ASFA Associate), IRHOB (Benin), NIFFR (Nigeria), DPM (Senegal), DITP (Senegal, Collaborating Centre), INSTM (Tunisia), and NaFIRRI (Uganda). In 2022, these seven institutions created a total of 141 records which are presented below in the form of a bibliography.

Summary of Africa Regional Network activities in 2022

- 141 records created;
- 92% of records for grey literature documents types – 11% dissertations and theses; 50% conference proceedings; 33% institutional series and reports;
- 1 individual training session delivered during 2022 – following the training, DITP (Senegal) created 12 records;

- There are two focal points for the ASFA regional network – Saida Messaoudi and Alice Endra. Both Saida and Alice are active in the Impact and Strategies Committee, with Saida having also co-chaired the Partnership Agreement Working Group and Alice participating in the Vocabulary Working Group. No other ASFA contacts from Africa are active in working groups.



■ Algeria ■ Benin ■ Nigeria ■ Senegal ■ Tunisia ■ Mali
 Figure 1 Number of records by ASFA Africa regional network centres in 2022

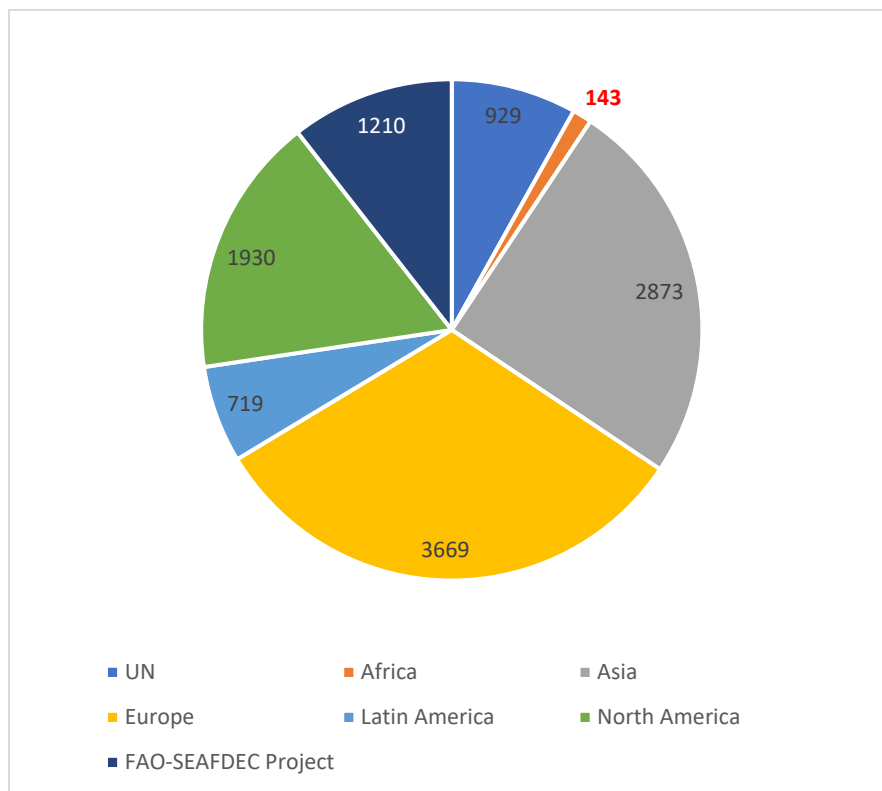


Figure 2 Number of records prepared by ASFA regional groups in 2022

Directory

National Partners

- Benin - IMROB (**active in 2022**)
- Botswana - Okavango Research Institute (inactive in 2022)
- Cote d'Ivoire - CRO (inactive in 2022)
- Egypt - NIOF (inactive in 2022)
- Guinea - CNSHB (inactive)
- Kenya - KMFRI (inactive in 2022)
- Mauritania - IMROP (inactive in 2022)
- Morocco - INRH (inactive in 2022)
- Mozambique - INAHINA (inactive in 2022)
- Namibia - NatNIRC (inactive in 2022)
- Nigeria - NIFFR (**active in 2022**)
- Senegal - DPM (inactive in 2022)
- Tanzania - IMS (inactive in 2022)
- Tunisia - INSTM (**active in 2022**)
- Uganda - NaFIRRI (**active in 2022**)
- IOTC (inactive in 2022)

Collaborating Centres

- Kenya - KMFRI-Kisumu (inactive in 2022)
- Senegal - DITP (**active in 2022**)

Associated Institutions

- Algeria - CNRDPA (**active in 2021**)
- Ghana - University of Cape Coast, Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
- Kenya - Moi University
- Liberia - NaFAA
- Libya - MBRC
- Malawi - LUANAR
- Namibia - SANUMARC
- Nigeria - NIOMR
- South Africa - NEPAD
- Sudan - IMR
- Uganda - LVFO
- Zambia - Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, DoF

Target areas for improvement

The below table presents the areas targeted for improvement by the Africa Regional Network in 2024. Focal points will be charged with delivering these improvements with success measured against the corresponding metrics. During the 2023 ASFA Advisory Board Meeting, we ask that steps to achieving these targets are identified.

Target Area	Description and steps to achieve improvement (to be agreed during 2023 ASFA ABM)	Success metric
Increase number of active partners	The number of active partners remains very low. Options for importing via Excel have been provided, but what else can be done to encourage input to ASFA from Africa region?	Active ASFA centres increases to 20 by end of 2024
Increase number of records	Africa produces the lowest number of records for ASFA regions. How can this be improved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harvesting from repositories? (please suggest repositories which OpenASFA could harvest from) Rewarding institutions who contribute high levels of input? Recruiting of new institutions? Create a list of institutions interested in joining ASFA. Convert ASFA Associates to Partners? Training needed. 	1000 records created in 2024
Support SDG 14 – Life below water	The ASFA Secretariat has proposed a project to be conducted in the region related to SDG indicator 14.4.1 – proportion of fish stocks within biological levels. The project will likely involve a workshop in Alexandria, Egypt. Please consider what support you/ your institution could bring to this project.	Collection on SDG 14.4.1 completed by December 2024
Promote ASFA in the region	We are looking to all ASFA Partners in the region to suggest events, either virtual or in person, that ASFA can attend and promote its work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can you promote ASFA at your institution? What materials are needed? Do you know of events, either virtual or in person, that ASFA could participate in? 	ASFA database more widely used in Africa Better awareness of ASFA in Africa
Improve geographic balance in the region	With the exception of KMFRI, countries in East Africa are not well represented. ASFA would like to address this imbalance as well as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What institutions do you know that would be interested in joining ASFA? 	3 x centres in East Africa join ASFA

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