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New



Ecosystem Modelling

The CDEENA program (Comparative Dynamics of Exploited Ecosystems in the Northwest Atlantic) Web site opened on the Internet on May 24, 2002. This site features results obtained by scientists from Quebec, the Maritimes, and Newfoundland, and presents the interactions between the different groups of species within an ecosystem. Results for the Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence ecosystem are the first to be displayed on the site. Other areas will be presented as data become available over the coming months.

Real-Time Buoys

The Real-Time Buoys Web site has been revised and improved; the new version came on-line on April 15, 2002. All systems are in place to receive and display real-time information on parameters such as water temperature and salinity, atmospheric pressure, and wind speed and direction. The IML-4 buoy was moored offshore of Rimouski on June 26, 2002.



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Search Engine

Since March 11, 2002, users of the OSL portal have access to a keyword search engine to help them more rapidly find what they are looking for.

Coming Soon

Sentinel Fisheries

The development of the "Mobile Gear" section of the Sentinel Fisheries Web site is completed and the prototype is now being validated. This new information should soon be available to all users of the OSL portal.

OSL Portal Traffic Statistics

This third year on the Internet promises to be an excellent one based on the statistics available for the first six months. If the current trend continues, last year's performance will be greatly exceeded. Currently, the OSL gets a **monthly average** of 130,000 hits, 5,000 sessions, and 2,100 organisations and groups of unique visitors. The average session duration is 17 minutes. Visitor origins are still quite diverse and include countries from around the world.



Events

Open House²⁰⁰²
MAURICE LAMONTAGNE INSTITUTE
Getting to know our world

The OSL team met with visitors at the "MLI Open House 2002," demonstrated the functionality of its Internet portal, and answered various questions from a public composed of all age groups. This event was an excellent opportunity to promote the OSL and to have direct interactions with users.



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