

All the water in the ocean— all the books on the sea: collaborative collection development in Oregon's marine laboratory branch libraries and beyond

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We are not alone



Our story

- Diversify collections
- Strengthen sections
- Eliminate duplication
- Save resources
- Communicate



Our neighbors/partners

- University of Washington
 - Fisheries Oceanography Library
- Oregon State University
 - Hatfield Marine Science Center
- University of Oregon
 - Oregon Inst. of Marine Biology
- Stanford University
 - Hopkins Marine Station
- U. C. San Diego
 - Scripps Inst. of Oceanography











Marine monographs: 2008

	2008	FTE
UW/Fish Oceans	\$15,000	\$21
OSU/HMSC	\$8970	\$30
UO/OIMB	\$3,914	\$26
Stanford/Hopkins	???	???
UCSD/Scripps	\$101,062	\$108

Caveats to sharing:



The promise of 2-day turn around ...

The rising specter of ebooks...

Prickly faculty & administrators....

One year: 2008

OIMB

- 52 books
- 33 % overlap with main campus
- 34% overlap with HMSC
- 38% of budget spent on items unique to OIMB

HMSC

- 112 books
- 12% overlap with main campus
- 14% overlap with OIMB
- 60% of budget spent on items unique to HMSC



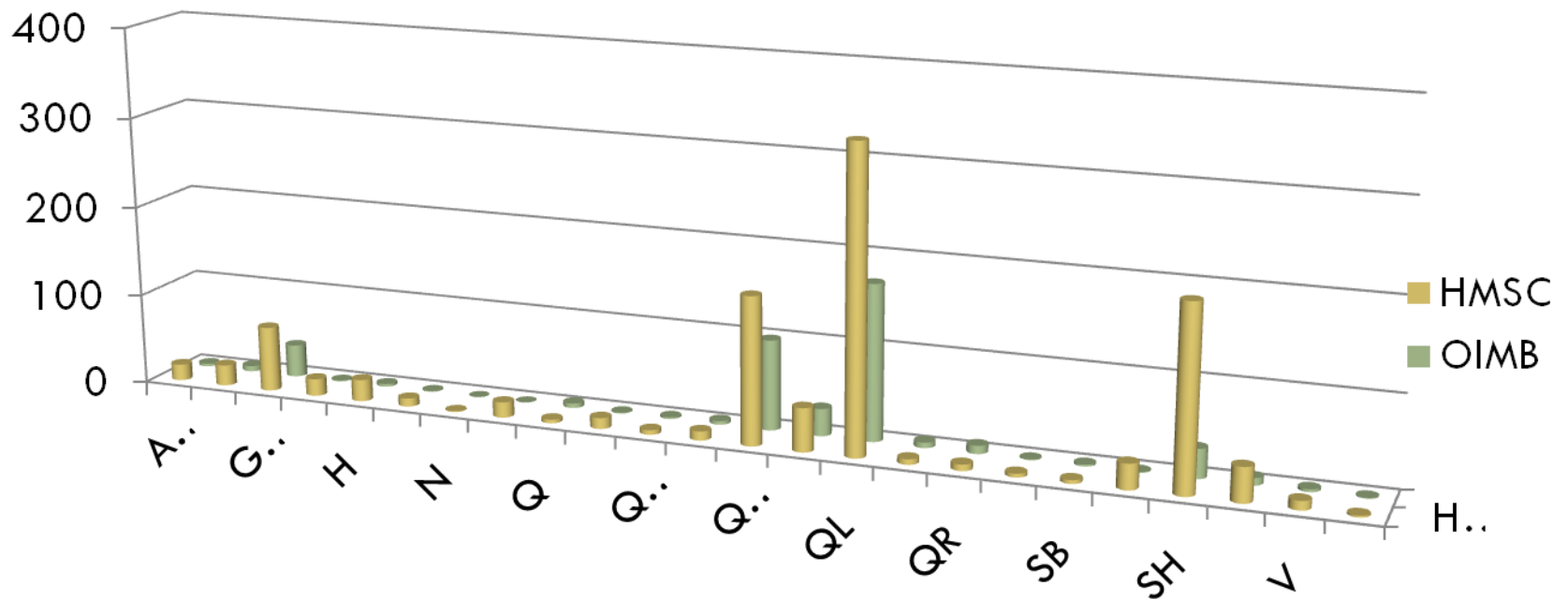
A bigger picture: 2000-2008

OIMB bought 361 books.

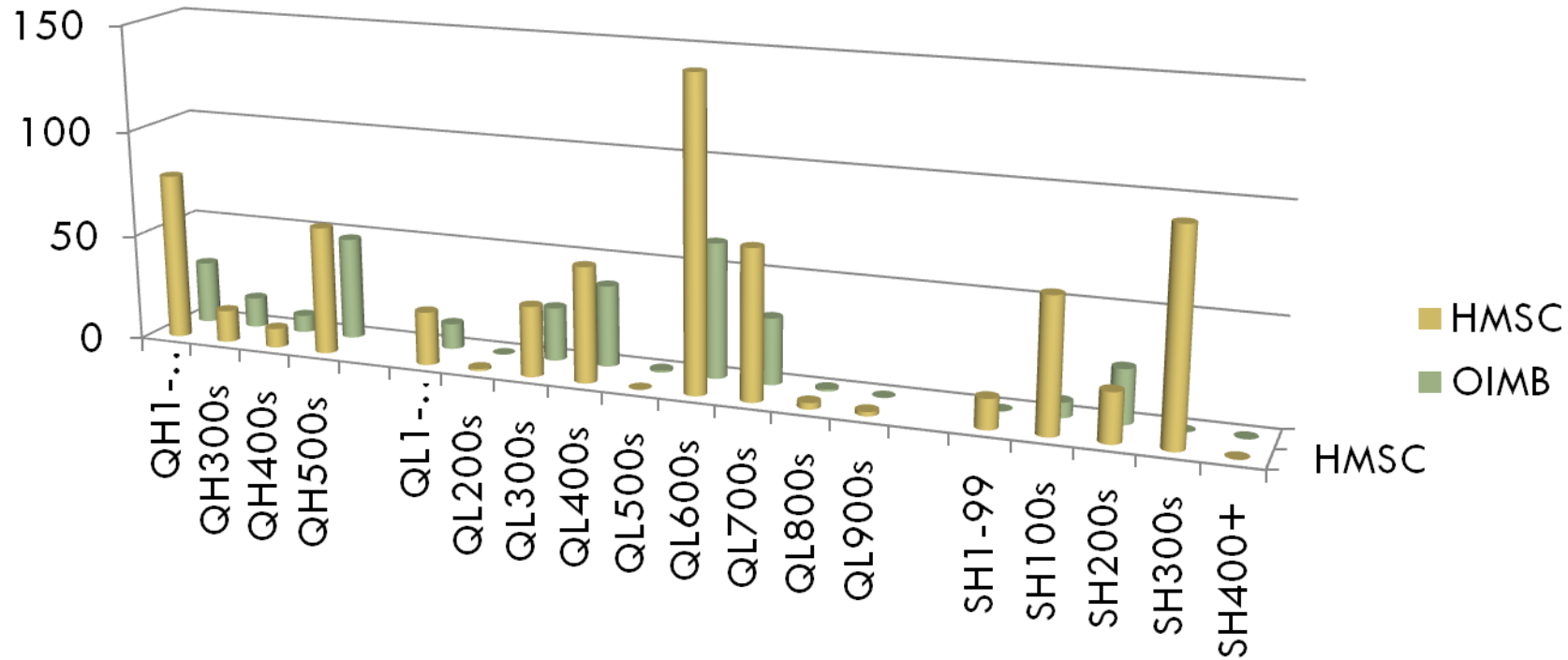
HMSC bought 1056 books.

We bought 127 of the same books.

Comparing our two collections



Comparing in more detail



2000-2008	OIMB	HMSC
QHs marine biology & ecology	36%	32%
QLs zoology	21%	15%
SHs fisheries	9%	19%

What does the duplication mean?



HMSC

OIMB

2000-2008	OIMB	HMSC
Books bought	361	1056
% of purchased items circulated	72%	71%
% of duplicates circulated	74%	90%

How do we do it?

- Learned each other's collections.
- Weekly calls/daily emails
 - ▣ Open discussions
 - ▣ Brainstorming
- Spreadsheet of titles to consider
- Don't sweat the small stuff

Keeping it fun



The future?

Within the next 5 years collection development as we now know it will cease to exist as selection of library materials will be entirely patron-initiated. Ownership of materials will be limited to what is actively used. The only collection development activities involving librarians will be competition over special collections and archives.

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What do we do now?

- Keep talking.
- Share a vendor.
- Refine our collection policies.
- Consider a pooled fund.
- Set up courtesy faculty status.

Can you be us?

- Collaboration (productive, successful or both?)
- Policies
- Processes
- Personalities

Back to you!

- Scale us up?
- Expand access with less money?
- Regional strategies?
- How do you measure success?

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