

Society's understanding of the historic environment, and its access to knowledge of the past, is enhanced when standards for the recording of heritage information are employed. Such standards facilitate easy retrieval and integration of the information allowing research, appreciation and understanding of the historic environment. FISH exists to meet this need.

**Objectives**

To co-ordinate, develop, maintain and promote standards for the recording of heritage information.

**Aims**

To enable information created within the heritage sector to be gathered into a retrievable, reusable and interoperable form. To produce, review, maintain and update data content standards, metadata standards, indexing and terminology standards for the heritage community.

**Composition**

The Forum draws upon the time and expertise of staff from all the major UK heritage organisations, who provide the Core Membership and funding for Forum projects.

If you would like your organisation to become a Core Member, contact the Forum Convenor (see [www.fish-forum.info](http://www.fish-forum.info) for details).

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# MIDAS

A manual and data standard for inventories of the historic environment.

## INSCRIPTION

Terminology standard to improve indexing and access.



**Interoperability Toolkit**  
Tools to assist the exchange and communication of digital data.

Standards Profession

Discussion Peer Review Documentation



Heritage Community

Software Developers

Outside World/  
Stakeholders  
Government  
IT Industry  
ISO and BSI standards  
Publishers  
Memory institutions  
Educationalists  
Public

## The Work of FISH

Is mainly done through the activities of the Core Members who:

- Have twice yearly face-to-face meetings
- Maintain existing standards
- Make existing standards available
- Develop new standards
- Map existing standards
- Lead discussion, debate and peer review
- Co-ordinate communication and promotion of standards
- Represent FISH

## How to get involved

### Become a Discussion List Member

Forum discussion list membership is open to anyone with an interest in heritage data standards and their application. List members will receive news about forum activities. They may ask questions of the forum and can participate in discussion and peer review of new standards.

To find out more about the work of FISH, and the FISH Discussion List visit the FISH Forum website at

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