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The importance of the fishery sector to the economy of most nations is now widely recognized. Because of the increasing demand for fishery products and the need to exploit marine resources in a cost effective manner, the introduction and application of modern techniques have become important considerations. The rapidly developing science of remote sensing is but one of these technologies. It is not a panacea but, as this manual indicates, it does have considerable potential for assisting fishermen, fishery scientists and managers, air-sea rescue authorities, and many other personnel with responsibilities in this natural resource sector.
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To date, fisheries applications for remotely sensed information have been the prerogative of the fishing fleets of industrialized nations. This situation will change, however, with the increasing awareness of remote sensing applications, the increasing availability of remotely sensed data, the increasing demand and provision for training, and the belated recognition that one of the first and most widely used remote sensing techniques, that of aerial photography, is readily available to all nations.
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