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NATIONAL FOREWORD

(Formal clauses to be added later on)

The text of the International Standard has been approved as suitable for publication as an Indian Standard without deviations. Certain conventions are, however, not identical to those used in Indian Standards. Attention is particularly drawn to the following:

- a) Wherever the words 'International Standard' appear referring to this standard, they should be read as 'Indian Standard'.

Annex A is informative only.

Note: The technical content of the document is not available on website. For details, please refer the corresponding ISO 18461: 2016 or kindly contact:

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Scope

This International Standard specifies rules for the museum community on the collection and reporting of statistics. It provides definitions and counting procedures for all types of resources and services that museums offer to their users.

It is recognized that not all measures specified in this International Standard can be collected by museums of different type and size. The aim is to ensure that, where a particular statistic is collected, the same definitions and methods are used.

This International Standard is not intended to exclude the use of methods not specified in it. There are many different types of museums, with different tasks and audiences, having a range of unique characteristics (structure, funding, governance, etc.), and affected by a number of situational factors. Since there is such a wide variation around the world, it is important to understand that not all methods described in this International Standard may be required by or useful to all museums.

Introduction

This International Standard provides guidance to the museum community on the collection and reporting of statistics

- for the purpose of strategic planning and internal management of museums,
- for reporting to stakeholders such as funding institutions, politicians, or the public,
- to promote the museums' role and value for learning and research, education and culture, social and economic life, and
- for comparing and aggregating results at a regional, national or international level.

[Clause 2](#) and [Clause 6](#) form the core of this International Standard. [Clause 2](#) provides definitions for most of the elements which constitute a museum or museum service; these are for statistical purposes only. [Clause 6](#) recommends how each of these elements should be counted. Users will need to consult both clauses for the complete information.

In order to show the setting in which the defined museum services appear, [Clause 3](#) describes the current structure and tasks of museums. [Annex A](#) gives a structure for differentiated collection counts.

Describing and publicizing museum activities consistently can only be realized if data collection in museums follows the lines of this International Standard. As far as possible, museums should collect all data named in this International Standard that concern their activities.

This International Standard will be maintained by a Working Group that will monitor developments and incorporate additional statistical measures as needed.

This International Standard has been developed in close cooperation with International Council on Museums (ICOM) and takes advantage of, particularly, the work of European Group on Museum Statistics (EGMUS) and of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (US).