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BELGIUM

(R. De Clerck)

Recording of densities and growth rates of the 1984 and 1985 year classes of sole, plaice, dab, flounder, cod and whiting was carried out.

Two cruises were also undertaken for the international demersal young fish survey.

A programme was initiated in order to estimate the stock size of adult flatfish in the Southern North Sea by means of a groundfish survey in August.

The market sampling was continued covering cod (North Sca), whiting (North Sea), haddock (North Sea), plaice and sole (North Sea, English Channel, Celtic Sea and Irish Sea).

Species	Season	No of	samples	No of s	amples
Area	50250	Research	Market	Measured	Aged
Sole	1		10	1053	210
IV	2	-	12	1146	210
	3	-	11	11 83	203
	4	•	12	1238	209
VII f, g	1	•	11	1046	200
	2	-	6	573	210
	3	<u>.</u>	5	418	120
	4	-	-	.	-
VII a	. 1	-	1	70	70
	2	-	6	561	210
	3	-	2	140	140
	4	-	1	70	70
/II d, e	1	-	3	210	200
	2	•	3	210	210
	3	-	3	217	130
	4	•	3	210	210
Plaice	1	-	10	598	130
IV	2	-	12	682	140
	3	-	12	897	252
	4	-	12	715	140
VII f, g	1	-	1	50	50
	2	-	1	50	50
	3	-	1	50	50
	4	-	-	-	-
VII a	1	-	1	40	40
	2	-	6	275	120
	3	-	2	80	80
	4	-	1	40	40
VII d, e	1	•	1	50	50
	2	•	1	50	. 50
	3	-	1	50	50
	4	-	1	50	50

Species	C	No of	samples	No of sar	No of samples		
Area	Season	Research	Market	Measured	Aged		
Cod	1	-	4	299	130		
IV	2	-	2	115	115		
	3	-	5	504	60		
	4	•	6	332	200		
Whiting	1	•	9	596	170		
IV	2 .	-	4	576	30		
	3	-	8	605	70		
	4		9	732	105		
Haddock IV	1-4		3	169	70		

CANADA

(R. Wells)

Canada had no fisheries and $_{\rm no}$ research activity in the ICES area in 1985. Activities in the Northwest Atlantic in 1985 have been reported to NAFO.

DENMARK

			No of s	amples	No of	fish	
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "	`	144 172 48 44	664 575 540 590	660 575 540 · 590	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	" "		32 22 24 7	435 655 327 324	380 653 287 324	
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		34 30 36 27	564 429 473 405	562 428 395 405	
The Belt Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed " "	·	2 5 6 10	192 130 176 267	192 130 175 266	
Baltic	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		18 17 25 25	1306 1128 1307 2127	1304 1126 1296 2125	

Species: Plaice

			No of s	samples	No of	fish	
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		144 172 48 44	1434 1295 1212 1216	1403 1265 1200 1209	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed " "		32 22 24 7	818 786 698 764	775 748 660 717	,
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		34 30 36 27	1354 1566 1466 1540	1325 1540 1405 1494	
Baltic	1 2 3 4	Mixed " "		18 17 25 25	163 24 121 176	162 23 119 174	

Species: Dab

			No of s	amples	No of	fish	
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		34 30 36 27	194 0 227 225	193 0 226 . 222	
The Belt Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		2 5 6 10	0 185 0 0	0 183 0 0	
Baltic	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		18 17 25 25	143 294 94 214	142 291 90 213	

Species: Whiting

			No of s	samples	No of fish		
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		114 172 48 44	131 39 122 635	130 39 118 -630	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		32 22 24 7	772 208 16 1	772 208 11 0	
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		34 30 36 27	662 17 15 168	661 17 14 168	

Species: Saithe

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		No of s	amples	No of		
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "	·	144 172 48 44	393 382 400 0	381 378 364 . 0	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		32 22 24 7	3 0 0 0	1 0 0	

Species: Haddock

			No of	samples	No of	fish	
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "	,	144 172 48 44	450 311 303 436	445 309 302 .418	,
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		32 22 24 7	533 425 290 305	529 422 267 300	
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed " "		34 30 36 27	4 1 1 0	4 1 1 0	

Species: Sole

		_	No of s	amples	No of	fish	
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		144 172 48 44	0 0 25 7 0	0 0 255 . 0	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		32 22 24 7	0 0 0	0000	
Katte- gat	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		34 30 36 27	159 222 265 299	158 217 262 294	

Species: Sandeel

			No of samples		No of	No of fish		
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially	
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		144 172 48 44	1793 14575 1662 0	1793 14575 1662	,	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		32 22 24 7	0 448 0 0	0 448 0 0		

Species: Norway Pout

			No of samples		No of		
Area	Season	Type of fish	Research vessel	Market	Measured	Aged	Examined racially
North Sea	1 2 3 4	Mixed "		144 172 48 44	6970 1183 913 2135	6970 1183 912 · 2135	
Skager- rak	1 2 3 4	Mixed " "		32 22 24 7	1025 393 68 0	1025 393 68 0	

FINLAND

(V. Sjöblom and E. Aro)

No work was carried out on demersal fishes other than that reported to the Baltic Fish Committee.

FRANCE

(A. Souplet)

I. CAMPAGNES SCIENTIFIQUES A LA MER

Le N/O "THALASSA" a participé, du 27 janvier au 23 février 1985, au programme International Young Fish Survey. Il a été effectué 17 stations dans la division IV A, 42 en IV B et 22 en IV C.

Le programme de suivi des ressources du Golfe de Gascogne (divisions VIII A-B) a été poursuivi à bord du N/O "PELAGIA" avec les campagnes trimestrielles RESSAS : 29 stations ont été écantillonnées au ler trimestre, 27 au 2ème, 26 au 3ème et 37 au 4ème.

II. MENSURATIONS ET AGEAGE

Les opérations d'échantillonnage à terre et à la mer sont résumée dans les tableaux joints.

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			NB. OF S	SAMPLES	. N	B. OF FIS	H
SPECIES	AREA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MESURED	AGED	OTHER
SAITHE	IV A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	8	+ + +	116 + + +	140 252 241	
	VI A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	1389 2142 1779 1742	313 433 331 347	
COD	IV A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	16	+ + +	132 + + +	140 472	
	IV B	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	32	+ + +	636 + + +	624	
	IV C	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	26	+ + +	300 + + +	139	
	VIA	15t Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	269 815 719 775		
	VII A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		2 2 3 3	299 377 405 435		
	VII FG	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		6 7 3 3	642 1087 443 372	217 235 97 128	

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IV A IV B IV C VI A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q	RESEARCH VESSEL 17 30	MARKET SAMPLES + + + + + + + + + +	3059 + + + 1317 + + 10 1027 1323 1347 1597	947 234 534 419 +	OTHER
IV C	2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	30 ·	+ + + + + +	1317 + + + 10 1027 1323 1347	234 534 419	
IV C	2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	7	+ + + + +	+ + 10 1027 1323 1347	+ 1	
VI A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+	1027 1323 1347		
	2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+	1323 1347		
IV A				: 1	1	
	2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	17	+ + +	1167 + + +	458 385 407 48	
IV B	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	30	+ + +	3826 + + +	998 + + +	
IV C	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	26	+ + + +	2809 + + +	461 + + +	•
A IIV	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		2 2 3 2	523 531 722 457		
VII D	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	* * *	187 302 125	
VII F	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		4 6 2 2	1021 1584 568 435	259 283 252 147	
VII not alloca- ted			+ + +	600 1120 1120 240		
V	IV C VII A VII D VII F6	IV B 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 3	IV B 1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	IV B 1st Q 30 + 2nd Q 4th Q 26 + 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q 2 2 2 3rd Q 4th Q 3rd Q 4th Q 2 3rd Q 4th Q 3rd Q 4th Q	IV B 1st Q 30 + 3826	IV B 1st Q 30 + 3826 998 2nd Q + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

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			NB. OF S	AMPLES	N	B. OF FIS	Н
SPECIES	AREA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MESURED	AGED	OTHER
HAKE	VI A	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		15 22	382 728		
	VII	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		13 20 19 30	448 611 661 1005		
	VIII	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	25 29 25 36	72 54 47 71	5742 6390 6431 5961	166 442 275 594	
NORWAY POUT	IV A	1st Q	16		666	113	
MONKS (various)	VII EF	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	463 450 704 640		
	VII AG	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	491 933 2296 2124		
	VII H+ VIII A2			+ + +	1561 3433 2940 2261		
	VII not alloca- ted			15 18 12 28	331 404 330 760		
	VIII	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	23 22 19 29	+ + +	3262 5114 4550 3864	88 87 41	:

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	T T		NB. OF E	SAMPLES	N	B. OF FIS	Н
SPECIES	AREA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MESURED	AGED	OTHER
SOLE	VII D	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	· ·	+ + +	5291 4398 4247 1138	87 82 182 289	
	VII E	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		4 3 3	269 79 257		
	VIII	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q	24 24 18 29	44 42 43 33	3023 2658 2801 2501	478 196 42 210	
PLAICE	VII D	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q		* * *	856 1525 252		
	VII E	1st Q		2	228	ĺ	
	VII (other)	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	300 600 200 50		
DAB	IVA	1st Q	+		534	268	
	IVB	1st Q	+		15340	1709	
	IVC	1st Q	+		4917	731	
	VII D	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	1002 1416 808 538	434 488 97 364	
	VII (other)	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		* + +	500 1000 1500 240		
LEMON SOLE	VII BC- GK	1st Q 2nd Q 3rd Q 4th Q		+ + +	300 600 600 200		

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			NB. OF	SAMPLES	N	B. OF FIS	н
SPECIES	AREA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MESURED	AGED	OTHER
MEGRIM	VII EF	1st Q 2nd Q		1	325		
		3rd Q 4th Q		2 1	485 325		
	VII AG	1st Q 2nd Q		9 8	1485 1475		
		3rd Q		6	1300		
		4th Q		5	1135		
	VII H+ VIII A2	1st Q 2nd Q		19 11	3755 2745		
	VIII 112	3rd Q		4	980		
		4th Q		8	1475		
	VII not	1st Q 2nd Q	į	;	300 1600		
	ted	3rd Q]	+	3200		
		4th Q		+	1000		
CONGER EEL	AIII	1st Q 2nd Q	7 26		348 1278		
		3rd Q	6		136		
		4th Q	14		219		
SKATE (Raja naevus)	VII not alloca-	1st Q 2nd Q		÷ +	800 800	100	
	ted	3rd Q 4th Q		:	800 800	100 100	
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>		800	100	

German Democratic Republic (B. Vaske)

			No. of S	amples	No. of f	ish
Specie/Area		Season Quarter	Research Vessel	Commercial vessel	Measured	Aged
Redfish		•				
(S. mentella)	IIa	II	-	32	5304	784
	XII X IVa	II II II II	35 60 -	17 17	4647 70 8632 3141 31	645 50 1292 335 31
Greenland hali	III	-	11	1492	489	

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

(G. Rauck)

The biological sampling programme of demersal species on board research vessels, commercial trawlers and on fish markets has been continued.

This sampling scheme, including length frequency measurements, otolith samplings, single weights of fish, tagging of fish, stomach sampling, as well as studies on fish density and distribution of demersal fish species were carried out during ground fish surveys.

The monthly bycatch analysis of the shrimp fishery as well as joint investigations in the Wadden Sea area of Niedersachsen and Schleswig-Holstein have been continued in spring and autumn together with vessels from the Netherlands and Belgium.

Investigations on cod discards in the commercial fisheries and cod selectivity studies using mesh sizes of 90 and 100 mm mesh openings were carried out in the German Bight. $\,$

The cod sampling scheme off Greenland has been intensified aiming at a stock separation by means of different otolith structures.

A North Sea groundfish survey with special emphasis on the gadoid and pelagic species covering the area IVa and b has been repeated.

Cruises of research vessels and commercial factory ships related to the national sampling scheme of the demersal species were as follows:

Months	ICES area	Objectives									
R.V. "Walter Herwig"											
Sept./Nov.	XIV	Groundfish survey									
R.V. "Anton Dol	hrn" IVb	Groundfish survey									
Febr./March	IVabc	IYFS									
April/May	AI AII AIII	Pelagic fish survey									
July/Aug. Sept.	IVabc IVa YIa VIIb VIIg-k	Groundfish survey Pelagic fish survey									

Months	ICES ares	Objectives
R. V. "Solea"		
January	IVb	2 Groundfish surveys
Febr./March	IVbc	Groundfish survey
June	IVb	Sole beamtrawl survey
June/July	IVb	Groundfish survey
August	IVb	17 11
Sept./Oct.	IVb	17 11
Nov.	IVb	17 11
Dec.	IVb	11 11
Commercial vess	<u>els</u>	
FebrMay	XIV	Redfish.cod fishery
June/July	IIb	Groundfish fishery
Aug./Sept.	IIb	ti ti

	i	Research Vessel Samples					Market Samples		
	8		No. of Fish				No. Of Fish		
Species Season	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged		
Cod									
IIa IIb IVa	I II+III I III	52 60	1.076 675	703 674		2 51*	613 11.847*	310	
IVb	I II III	203 37 142	9.277 314 6.839	749 - 2.195		2*	1.241*		
IVC VIa	IV II III	26 8 1 16 37	7.248 25 1 45 188	25		3*	1.417*		
VIb	I	6	37						
AİIP	II	10	52 2						
/IIe	II	1	1			1			
VIIf	II	2	5						
VIIg-k	II	9	32					-	
VIIh	III	8	20						
XIAP	I	103	1.940	1.940		18 29*	1.722	1.161	
	II	117	4.974	1.900		2	8.472* 731	590* 367	
* Sample	es of com	mercial ca	tches taken at	sea					

1 1		Res	search Vessel	Samples			Market	Market Samples			
Species	Season		No. of Flah				No. Of Fish				
Areá	30000	;	,	342501	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged
Haddock ,											
IIa	I					1	207				
IIP	II+III				1	7*	2.129*	163			
IVa	III III	61 63	11.177 9.064	507 493		2 1	1.160 457	550			
1 1	III II	104 36 86	5.523 380 8.022	450 347			437	169			
1 1	I II III	2 28 52	236 6.508 10.869				,				
VIb	I II	7 3	2.542 694								
	III	19 1	422 81								
	11	1	3		1						
VIIg-k	III	5 6	18 168								
* Samples	of comm	ercial ca	ches taken at	sea							
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	Res	search Vessel	Samples			Market Samples			
S		No. of Fish				No. Of F	lsh		
Area	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged		
III	53 54	4.083 1.400	228 226						
III	95 144	5.412 8.033	225 208						
II	47 36 8	2.585 1.763 184					·		
III	24 49	2.960 4.640							
III	11 1	238 215							
11	4	169	1		•				
II	3	273			1				
III	7 6	192 95							
II	2	7							
	III III III IIII IIII	Season No. of Samples I 53 III 54 I 95 III 144 I 47 II 36 II 24 III 11 III 1 III 4 II 3 III 6	No. of Fish No. of Fish Samples Measured	Season No. of Samples Measured Aged	No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Samples No. of Fish No. of Fish	No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Samples No. of Samples No. of Samples No. of Samples	No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Samples No. of Sample		

		Research Vessel Samples					Market Samples		
Species	Saggon	,_	No. of Fish				No. Of E	?ieh	
Area	3636011	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged	
Saithe :									
IIa	III					5 2 1	1.987 772 2.986	1.015 399 283	
IVa	I	1	1,634	169		3 10	1.313	694	
	III	1	2.204	696		9 7	3.698 3.771 2.498	1.943 1.316 1.022	
IVb	III	1	124	124					1
Vb	I		!			1	408	211	21
VIa	I					2	415	762	٠.
Pollack									
ΙΛ	I	1	408	•					İ
	III	1	139	10					1
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		Res	search Vessel	Samples			Market	Samples
Species	Season		No. of Fish				No. Of 1	Pish
Area	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged	
Plaice '					·			
IVb	III III I	147 116 237 39	5.672 12.529 24.173 4.196			2 8 3 8	2.001 6.364 2.060 6.538	783 656 478 530
IVc	I	8	328			Ŭ	0.335	330
Sole								
IVb	III III II	12 2 69	343 107 2.492	839		1 7 4	94 418 660 210	93 218 391 210
Da b						_		210
IVb	I III IV	133 58 173 35	11.742 8.683 27,773 7.153					
<u>Flounder</u>				-				
νь	I	39	257					
	IV	76	719					
		-						

	Res	search Vessel	Samples		•	Market S	Samples
Sanaan		No. of Fish				No. Of F	sh
3648011	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged
11	10	279	267		3	275	275
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I					1	562	200
]]	5	1.981	361
III]	Ì			24*	5.860	346
I	149	17.982	1.263		15* 2 6*	6.430 937	379 211 16
	11	1			,	1.077	10
I	\	Ì			4	1 575	259
III		ł	1		1	1	433
II					9 2	2.334 777	413 304
III	127				3 9	1.664 5.172	200 581
10	13/	24.695	338			,	
of comme	ecial cat	ches taken at	sea.				· nr
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.				1 1			.2
	II II III III III III III III III III	Season No. of Samples II 10 I II III III III III III III III III	No. of Fish No. of Fish	Season No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish Neasured Aged	No. of Samples Neasured Aged Racial Investigationn	Season No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Samples No. of Samples No. of Samples No. of Samples	No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Fish No. of Samples Measured No. of Samples Measured No. of Samples Measured

		Res	search Vessel	Samples			Market	Samples
	8		No. of Fish				No. Of	Pish
Species Area	568800	Samples	Measured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged
Blue Ling								
IVa	1]		2	391	239
VЪ	I II IV					4 1 5	889 211 1.168	498 123 621
Vb-VIa	II-III	1	288	288				
Vla	1			1		1	252	141
XIV	11				1	2	497	270
	III	1	1			6	1.374	611
	III-IV	1	228	228				
	IV			}		3	691	374
Norway Pout								
IVa	III	42 54	4.260 6.033					
IVb	III	19 18	847 990					
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		Res	search Vessel	Samples			Market	Samples
	Sanzan		No. of Fish				No. Of	Pish
Species Area	Sesson:	Samples	Messured	Aged	Racial Investig- ationn	No. of Samples	Measured	Aged
Grenadier					·			
Macrourus berglax								
XIV	IV	34	566	566		i i		
Coryphae- noides rupestris								
XIV	IV	2	58	58				·
Greenland Halibut								
V+XIV	III	16	214	214		9	804	
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Iceland

(S.A. Schopka)

The research work carried out on demersal fish was to a great extent following the same lines as in previous years i.e. based on market samples and research vessel data.

The groundfish survey which has been carried out by research vessels was reorganized and extended from 200 to 600 stations. This survey was made in three weeks simultaniously on board of five Japanese build stern trawlers of same type.

In August the research vessel "Dröfn" was engaged in fishing experiments on demersal fish in the Skjoldenfjorden area at East Greenland. During this survey some cod were tagged.

Fishery inspectors collected considerable amount of data on demersal fish, especially cod on board of commercial vessels.

The number of fish sampled is shown in the following tables:

Sampling data for cod 1985

Area	Season	No of s	amples	No	No of fish		
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	aged	tagged	
Va	JanMarch	1112		132256	7603		
-			70	10991	2524		
-	AprJune	182		39262	1381		
-	-		62	18481	1783		
-	July-Sept	189		29829	1667		
-	-	-	10	658	480		
-	OctDec.	114		17089	1180		
_			24	1964	1313		
		1597	166	250530	17931		
XIV	July-Sept.	5		_	99	63	

Sampling data for saithe 1985

Area	Season	No of s	amples	No	No of fish		
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	aged	tagged	
Va	JanMarch	377		2481	1269		
_	-		12	1342	605		
-	AprJune	14		2154	200		
-	-		13	1683	472		
-	July-Sept.	12		752	277		
-	_		-	-	-		
_	OctDec.	3		12	_		
_	•		5	554	295		
		406	30	8978	3118		

Sampling data for haddock 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No	of fish	n
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	aged	tagged
Va	JanMarch	630		41957	2299	
-	-		20	2224	942	
-	AprJune	28		3403	298	
-	-		16	1841	700	
-	July-Sept.	20		696	-	
-	-		2	197	100	
-	OctDec.	38		1356	-	
	_		12	1173	600	
		716	50	52847	4939	

Whiting 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No of fish		
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	
Va	JanMar.	75		1433	5	
	AprJun.					
	JulSep.	2		44		
	OctDec.	5	·	25		
		82		1502	5	

Roundnose grenadier 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No of	fish
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged
۷a	Jan.Mar.	30		3344	595
	AprJun.				
	JulSep.	13		2828	365
	OctDec.	3		47	
		46		6219	960

Roughhead grenadier 1985

Area	Season	No of s	amples	No of f	ish
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged
Va	JanMar.	7		232	
	AprJun.				
	JulSep.				
	OctDec.	9		26	
		16		258	

Sampling data for redfish 1985

S. marinus

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No.	of_fis	n
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Tagged
Va	Jan-March	562		63828	2	
_	-		9	1502	423	
-	AprJune		14	2719	394	
_	July-Sept.	30		2691		
-	-		12	3402	331	
_	OktDec.	20		1517		
			9	2521	254	
Sub.	Total	612	44	78180	1404	-

S. mentella

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No of fish		
	······································	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Tagged
٧a	JanMarch	80		4510	100	
-			5	1038	167	
-	AprJune		7	1568	272	
-	July-Sept.	10		1321		
-	-		2	490	155	
-	OktDec.	4		719		
_	-		4	316	280	
Sub	Total	94	18	9962	974	

S. viviparus

Area	Season	No of s	amples	No.	of fi	sh
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Tagged
۷a	JanMarch	221		8362		
-	JulSept.	8		492		
-	OktDec.	11		1567		
	-		1	13		
Sub.	Total	240	1	10434		
Gran	d Total	946	63	98576	2378	

Sampling data for Catfish (Anarhichas lupus) 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No	of fis	h
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Tagged
Va	JanMarch	481	-	18.946	1.867	-
	-	-	· -	-	-	-
	AprJune	10	-	-	_	377
	-		1	-	180	-
,	July-Sept	-	-	-	_	-
	-	-	1	167	-	-
	OctDec.	26	-	160	-	_
	-	-	-	-	-	-
		517	2	19.273	2.047	377

Blue ling 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	No of samples		fish	
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	
Va	JanMarch	80		1350	655	
	AprJune					
	JulSept.	16		144		
	-		1	100	100	
	OctDec.	10		418	168	
		106	1	2012	923	

Silver smelt 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	No of samples		ish	
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	
٧a	JanMar.	89		4.538	592	
	_					
	AprJun.					
	JulSept.	7		839	235	
	OctDec.	10		955	418	
		106		6.332	1.245	

Tusk 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No of f	ish	
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	
Va	Janmar.	316		1575	957	
			3	556	200	
	AprJun.					
	JulSept.	14		31		
	OctDec	12		38		
			1	16		
		342	4	2200	1173	

Ling 1985

Area	Season	No of f	ish	No of fish		
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	
Va	JanMar. AprJun.	129		368	238	
	JulSep.	1		3		
	OctDec.	3		4		
		133	-	375	238	

Sampling data for Greenland halibut (Reinhardtius hippoglossoides) 1985

Area	Season	No of sa	amples	No of Fi	sh
		Res. vess.	Market S.	Measured	Aged
Va	JanMarch	-	16	1.178	799
Va	u u	14	-	2.418	674
٧a	AprJune	-	30	2.638	1.100
-	H	-	-	-	-
Va	July-Sept.	-	5	917	200
XIV	11	3	-	-	139
Va	OktDes.	-	4	370	200
	ti .				
Total		17	55	7.521	3.112

Sampling data for Halibut (Hippoglossus hippoglossus) 1985

Area	Season	No of sar	mples	No of f	ish
		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged
Va	Jan-March	256	_	2.190	471
	n	-	-	-	-
	AprJune	1	-	-	25
	**	-	1	190	-
	July-Sept.	-	-	_	-
	н	-	1	-	100
	OktDec.	-	-	-	-
	11				
		257	2	2.380	596

Sampling data for plaice 1986 (Pleuronectes platessa)

Area	Season	No of s	No of samples		No of fish		
		Res.vess.	Market s.	Measured	Aged	Tagged	
Va	JanMar.		8	861	216		
		654		5.166	602		
Va	AprJun.	15		109		3.690	
	•		2	128	128		
٧a	JulSep.		17	3.022	544		
Va	OktDec.		6	1.433	509		
Tota	1	669	33	10.719	1.999	3.690	

IRELAND

(R. Grainger)

Port sampling continued for commercial catches of cod, whiting and haddock in Divisions VIa and VIIb, cod and haddock in Division VIb and cod, whiting and plaice in Division VIIa. Whiting discards from Div. VIIa Nophrops fishery were also sampled.

A beam trawl survey for juvenile plaice in shallow water off the east coast of Ireland was carried out in May and September.

Groundfish surveys in the Irish Sea aimed at assessing prerecruit whiting and cod were started in 1984 and were carried out in the northwest Irish Sea in June and September.

Species	Division	Quarter	No. of samples	No. of f	ish aged	
Cod	VIa	1 2 3 4	12 11 9 12	896 343 538 773	415 164 258 327	
	VIIa	1 2 3 4	19 13 11 13	1145 1351 1565 1155	462 458 394 232	
	AIIP	1-4	16	794	516	
totals			116	8560	3226	

Species	Division	Quarter	No. of	No. of fish		
			samples	measured	aged	
Haddock	VIa	1 2 3 4	10 11 12 8	672 1804 1733 1151	233 295 326 300	
	AIP	2	1	265	95	
	VIID	1-4	10	734	380	
Totals			52	6359	1629	

Species	Divisions	Quarter	No. of samples	No. of t	
Whiting	VIa	1 2 3 4	11 5 4 4	1914 1276 1238 871	203 266 130 131
	VIIa	1 2 3 4	7 7 17 10	1443 1181 2970 2368	125 210 264 2 3 8
	VIIb ·	1-4	11	2914	421
Whiting liscards	VIIa	1 2 3 4	2 2 8 16	402 146 636 521	115 0 0 98
Totals			104	17880	2201

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Species	Division	Quarter	No.of samples	No. of measure	
Plaice	VIIa	1 2 3 4	7 5 27 16	861 947 4150 2076	136 206 202 207
Totals			55	8034	751

	June		September	
Grundfish Surveys	No. caught	No. aged	No. caught	No. aged
Whiting	11932	84	66211	196
Cod	202	90	415	63
Plaice	1707	196	3921	211
No. of Station	26		26	

Beam Trawl Survey for Plaice

	May	September	
No. of hauls	41		41
Age group	. 1	0	1
Nos. caught	705	704	219

NETHERLANDS

(F.A. van Beek)

In 1985 the market sampling of the Dutch landings was continued for the following species: brill, cod, haddock, plaice, sole, turbot and whiting. For roundfish, brill and turbot the market sampling was stratified on an area basis (figure 2 in Administrative Report of 1982). For the other flatfish species the stratification was based on the landings per fishing harbour.

In February R.V. "Tridens" and R.V. "Isis" participated in the International Young Fish Surveys (IYFS). These surveys are carried out yearly since 1960 and estimate the relative abundance of 1 and 2 year old herring and roundfish.

In January/February R.V. "Tridens" and R.V. "Isis" carried out a beam trawl survey on the spawning grounds of plaice in order to investigate the stage of maturity in relation to the distribution, age and length of the fish.

In the period February/May 5 larval surveys were carried out with a "anchored net" in the Waddensea by R.V. "Stern". These surveys measure the number of herring- and plaice larvea in the Waddensea.

In April/May and September/October Demersal Young Fish Surveys (DYFS) were carried out with a beam trawl and a shrimp trawl in the continental nurseries by R.V. "Tridens", R.V. "Stern", R.V. "Schollevaar" and R.V. "Isis" in collaboration with Belgium and the Federal Republic of Germany. These surveys are directed on brown shrimps and 0-, 1- and 2-group prerecruits of plaice and sole.

In the period April/June 3 additional sole egg surveys were carried out by R.V. "Isis" in the Southern North Sea in order to cover the missing areas of the International 1984 Sole Egg Surveys.

In May R.V. "Tridens" carried out a survey in the Central and Southern North Sea directed on O-group cod. In this survey also the standard pelagic O-group trawl was compared with a GOV trawl with a narrow meshed cod end.

In June R.V. "Isis" carried out 2 tagging surveys on plaice in the Southern North Sea. Plaice of different length groups were tagged with a chemical tag (tetracycline) and a "traditional" Peterson tag.

In August a beam trawl survey was carried out in the Central and Southern North Sea by R.V. "Isis" and the charter "KW 34" in order to investigate the distribution and abundance of plaice and sole in these areas.

In October/November R.V. "Tridens" and R.V. "Isis" carried out a survey in the southern North Sea with the GOV trawl directed to roundfish. This survey is held since 1980 (Dutch Groundfish Survey)

SAMPLING DATA FOR Brill 1985

		number of fish sampled			
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel	
AREA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged	
North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	1089 1220 904 347	340 590 202 360	61 14 28 15	

SAMPLING DATA FOR turbot 1985

		number of fish sampled				
4.D.E.4	PERTOR	fish marke	:	research vessel		
AREA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged		
North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	1417 1705 1515 552	315 611 257 316	46 36 132 79		
Wadden Sea Estuary	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			1		

SAMPLING DATA FOR dab 1985

		number of f	ish sampl	led
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel
ARGA	PERIOD	measured	aged	ageđ
North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			1053 611 1078
Wadden Sea Estuary	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			64 110
Zeeland Estuary	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			25

SAMPLING DATA FOR plaice 1985

		number of fish sampled				
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel		
ARLA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged		
North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter		2865 1034 1439 1185	3214 1825 1347 1835		
Wadden Sea Estuary	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			318 394		
Zeeland Estuary	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			92 111		

SAMPLING DATA FOR sole 1985

		number of	fish samp	led
ADEA	DEDIOD	fish mark	et	research vessel
AREA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged
North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter		1167 1999 985 956	392 330 484
Wadden Sea Estuary	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			102
Zeeland Estuary	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			66 50

SAMPLING DATA FOR cod

1985

		number of f	ish samp	led
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel
AREA	FERIOS	measured	aged	aged
l Northern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			210
2 Central	lst quarter	586	159	45
North Sea	2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	100	159	65
3 North Western North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			38
4 Western North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	466 295 205 50	100 50 7	113
5	1st quarter	. 355	50	8
South Western North Sea	2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	605 1093 33	150 194	2
6 Southern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter	2186 1346 635	300 100 100	176 143
	4th quarter	483	90	419
7 Eastern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	56	50	71

SAMPLING DATA FOR haddock 1985

	 	number of f	ish samp	led
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel
AREA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged
l Northern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			185
2 Central North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	351 76		108
3 North Western North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			128
4 Western North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	273 354 66	100	25
5 South Western North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	76 296	25 100	9
6 Southern North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	488 367 458 219	100 75 75 25	83 86 126
7 Eastern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			

SAMPLING DATA FOR whiting 1985

		number of f	ish samp	led
AREA	PERIOD	fish market		research vessel
AKEA	PERIOD	measured	aged	aged
l Northern North Sea	1st quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			130
2 Central	lst quarter 2nd quarter	250	44	15
North Sea	3rd quarter 4th quarter			37
3	lst quarter			80
North Western North Sea	2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter			10
4 Western North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	141 316 77 42	50	68
5	lst quarter	145 723	50	72
South Western North Sea	2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	1096 93	100 50	50
6 . Southern	lst quarter	1885 1336	150 100	114
North Sea	2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	1336 1098 862	150 150 150	110 359
7 Eastern North Sea	lst quarter 2nd quarter 3rd quarter 4th quarter	41		75

NORWAY

(O. M. Smedstad)

Subareas I and II

The research activities at sea continued at the same level as in 1984. The distribution of young cod and haddock were investigated during a combined acoustic and stratified bottom trawl survey in the Barents Sea in Februar-March. In May the distribution of young cod and haddock was studied in the central Barents Sea. Similar investigations were carried out in July-August in the Spitsbergen area. In September-October the distribution and abundance of cod, haddock, redfish, Greenland halibut and Blue whiting were investigated in the Bear Island-West Spitsbergen area.

Investigations on distribution and drift of cod eggs were carried out in March-April, and investigations on larvae and post-larvae were carried out in May-July. In August-September the annual international O-group fish survey was carried out in the Barents Sea and adjacent areas. The distribution of spawning cod was studied in Lofoten and off More in Februar-March. Mature cod were tagged in the main spawning localities in Lofoten.

During May the distribution of O-group saithe were investigated in the area Stad-Røst, while the distribution and abundance of older saithe were investigated in the area Røst-Troms in October-November. The distribution of silver smelt was studied along the Norwegian coast during a survey in April. The sampling of commercial catches of cod, haddock and saithe were continued at the same level as last year.

Subarca IV

The sampling of commercial landings from two fisheries were continued and sampling of commercial saithe catches were improved. The distribution and abundance of I- und II-group gadoids were studied in February as part of the international young fish surveys. The distribution and abundance of O-group gadoids were studied in July in the northern North Sea. In February and July the distribution and abundance of saithe were investigated in the northern North Sea.

			CH VESSE		MARKE	P			
SPECIES	SEASON			Measur		Aged	Aged		ed
AREA		No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish
I	1 2 3 4	47 6	1651 381 100	302 76 162	25757 5764 5575	11 17 15	1947 2159 2780 1434	32 248 71 2	4005 1787 0 7499 250
II A	1 2 3 4	28 4 2 2	1572 162 99 22	144 26 65 22	15875 4162 2607 449	92 22 12 23	26311 5144 1310 3556	42 32 1	31192 6045
II B	1 2 3 4	1 1 49	44 34 1864	3 107 479 18	190 7937 19601 830	1	81 1363	16 5 138	181 815 66 13425
V A	1 2 3 4	15	348	11 11 10	104 164 213				
B V	1 2 3 4	13	99	8	37				
И В	1 2 3 4								
	Tagge	d Fish							
I A	1 2	1900 1299							
I B	3	1221							

HADDOCK

	In Edward	RESEARCH VESSEL				MARKE	T		
SPECIES	SEASON	Age		Measu		Aged		Measu	red
AREA		No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of fish
I	1 2 3 4	42	1443 59	303 62 108	3331 4024 3277	1 5 13	72 405 1241 863	34 202 57	5600 8993 4504 180
II A	1 2 3 4	20 5	8 5 3 237 297	151 27 59 23	23434 1509 819 2039	12 1 8 8	2142 138 649 894	15	1322
II B	1 2 3 4	1	36 227	3 86 306 5	130 2935 8 4 04 51			1 12 99	77 333 2983
IV A	1 2 3 4	5	355	33 12 37	2756 1165 1986				
IV B	1 2 3 4	7	284	14	598	1	82		
V B	1 2 3 4								

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SPECIES AREA	SEASON	Aged No.of samples	No.of fish	Measu No.of Samples	No.of	Aged No.of samples	No.of	Measu No.of samples	No.of	
I	1 2 3 4	2	116	132 1 16	2239 1 25	1 3 8 1	177 385 935 207	1 2	1 482	-
II A	1 2 3 4	15 1 4	607 41 121	64 115 4 13	1721 4492 5 330	10 12 16 13	2563 1747 2012 1472	14 3	4362 56 1 3823	
II B	1 2 3 4	4	152	1 9 35	718 1201			27 .	1457	
IV A	1 2 3 4	13 10	4 1 4	14 6 19	798 161 976	9 7 9 5	1032 346 900 237	16 30 26	2433 4345 2724	
IV B	1 2 3 4			1	1	1	100			
VВ	1 2 3 4									

GREENLAND HALIBUT

			RCH '	ESSEL		MARKET			
SPECIES AREA	SEASON.				Measured		Aged		red
ALLIZA		No.of N	o.of ish	No-of	Mo no	No.of samples	No.of fish	The second second	-
	1 2 3 4			86 40 8	407 515 44	1	261 251	1	626
II A	1 2 3 4			19 10 16 3	65 156 415 89				
II R	1 2 3 4	3 125	5	3 21 195	679 6216 1	4	176		

TUSK

		RESEARCH VESS	SEL		HARK	ET	
SPECIES AREA		Aged No.of No.of samples fish	Measu No.of samples	No. of	Aged No.of No.o samples fish	f No.of	
I	1 2 3 4		6	14		1	2
A II	1 2 3 4		45 1 4 18	220 1 8 106			
I 3	1 2 3 4		6	12			
IV A	1 2 3 4		1 5	1			

WHITING

		RESEA	RCH VE	SSEL	and the same of th		MARKE	T	
SPECIES AREA	SEASON	Aged No.of samples	No.of	No.of		No.of samples	No.of	Measu No.of samples	No.of
I	1 2 3 4	in annesta deller, edenan ere e de el	B-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-100-10	1	2		eranina and company to the company to comp		
II A	1			5	23				
	3 4			3	5				
II B	1 2 3 4								
IV A	1 2 3	4	272	10	656 381 1227				
IV B	1	10	278	23	1126				

NORWAY POUT

		RESLA	RCH V	ESSEL			MA	RKET	
SPECIES AREA		Age	No.of	Me No.of	No.of s fish	Age No.of samples	No.of	Measure No.of samples	No.of
I.	1 2 3 4			66	2647 62				
A II	1 2 3 4			57 9	4286 439 1117				
II B	1 2 3 4			6	50				
IV A	1 2 3 4	3	68	28 17	2095 825	2 2 3	132 61 71	4 6	392 298 332
IV B	1	1	56	2	32				

BLUE WHITING

			VESSEL		1-100		ARKET	a da
SPECIES AREA		No.of	No.of	No.of		No.of	Meas No.of samples	No.of
I	1 2 3 4		71 8	2758 277				
II A	1 2 3 4		59 4 11 18	3186 184 176 462				
II B	1 2 3 4		1 62 1	2 1910 7				
IV A	1 2 3 4		4	296 145				

LONG ROUGH DAB

SPECIES	SEASON	Aged		CH VES Me	easured	Ageo		Measured
AREA	12,14	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of sample	No.of s fish	No.of samples	No. of No. of fish samp	f No.of
I	1 2 3 4			184 50 51	12518 2392 353			
II A	1 2 3 4			88 18 20 22	4412 847 642 722			
II B	1 2 3 4			3 19 253 3	213 663 13368 164			
IV A	1 2 3			49 7 13	442 28 431			
IV B	1 2			18	166			

1		RESE.	ARCH	VESSEL				ARKET	
SPECIES AREA	SEASON	AGED	No.of	Meas No.of	No.of fish	Ag No.of camples	No. of	Measu No.of samples	No.of
I	1 2 3 4			1	1				
II A	1 2 3 4			14	18				
II B	1 2 3 4				2				
IV A	1			3	20				
	2 3 4			12	33				
IV B	1 2 3 4			1	1				

SILVER SMELT

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SPECIES AREA		Aged No.of No.o samples fish	f No.of		Age No.of samples	No.of	Measu No.of samples	No.of	
I	1 2 3 4		3	6					
II A	1 2 3 4		31 1 1 14	289 2 3 383					
II B	1 2 3 4								
IV A	1		6	10					
	3		6	210					

SANDEEL

		RESEARCH	VESSEL			MAF	RKET	
SPECIES AREA	SEASON	Aged No.of No.of samples fish	No.of	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of	No. of	No.of fish
I	å 2 3 4		9	149				
II A	1 2 3 4		2	4				
II B	1 2 3 4		5	5				
IV A	1 2 3 4	3 120	7	434				
IV B	1 2 3 4		2	11				

REDFISH

		RECEAR	CH VE	SEL	The		MARK	ET	
SPECIES AREA	SEASON			Measured f No.of No.of samples fish					
I	1 2 3 4			226 55 4	18217 3490 20			2	16
II A	1 2 3 4			163 44 63 20	12648 1151 6089 1247				
II B	1 2 3 4			23 316 2	321 1102 20128 95				
IV A	1 2			3	5				
	3								

SHRIMPS

		RESEARCH	VESSEL			MARKET	
SPECIES	SEASON	Aged	Meas	ured	Aged		leasured
AREA		No.of No.of samples fish	No.of samples	No.of fish	No.of samples	No.of No	of No.of
I	1 2 3 4		51 178	16191 14183			
II A	1 2 3 4		78	3348			
II B	1 2 3 4		5 119 558	276 4518 2 7 542			
IV A	1 2 3 4		*				
IV B	1 2 3 4						
V B	1 2 3 4						

POLAND

No report received.

PORTUGAL

(F. Cardador)

During 1985, the INIP (Instituto Nacional de Investigação das Pescas), has conducted two stratified groundfish surveys, on board of the Portuguese R/V "NORUEGA", in June and October/November, along the Portuguese Continental coast. The main objective of the first cruise was to estimate indices of abundance of the most commercial species, and the goal of the second one was to estimate indices of recruitment of hake and horse-mackerel.

Other types of Portuguese research cruises were carried in 1985, not directed to the goals mentioned above, but they had contributed to provide additional biological information, specially for hake.

The National Sampling Programme (PNAB), at the main fishing harbours on the Continental coast, was continued by INIP, concerning length frequency distribution of the landings, for the most important species.

The following tables present the sampling data collected for Hake

(Merluccius merluccius), Black scabbard-fish (Aphanopus carbo), Trisopterus

luscus, T. minutus, and some species of seabreams: Pagellus acarne, P. bogarave;

Spondyliosoma cantharus, Boops boops and Sparus pagrus.

TABLE 1 - Merluccius merluccius

Area	Season	Number of		Number of fish			
-	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged *	Racial**	
	1 st	i	390	20515	21		
	2 nd	93	524	42763	1273		
IXa	3 rd	60	432	23214	1236		
	4 th	124	238	22248	931		
	TOTAL 1985	278	1584	108740	3461		

TABLE 2 - Aphanopus carbo

Area	Season	Number of	The second secon	Number of fish			
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.	
					n one- rough paint seller from bean over	Color and the second color and the color	
	1 st		6	288			
	2 nd		7	382			
IXa	3 rd		7	462			
	4 th	36	3	797			
	TOTAL 1985	36	23	2029			

^{*} to be aged ** no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 3 - Trisopterus luscus

Area	Season	Number of samples		Number of fish			
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.	
	1 st		221	17028			
	2 nd	16	230	16903			
IXa	3 rd	1, E 3	219	17128			
	4 th	19	197	17685			
	TOTAL 1985	35	867	68744			

** no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 4 - Trisopterus minutus

Area	Season		Number of	Number of samples		Number of fish		
	(quart		Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.	
II.		1111						
	i s	t	2 40	per la distriction				
	2 n	d	9	(* <u>-</u> ."	236			
IXa	3 r	d	-	-	-			
	4 t	h	9		876			
	TOTAL 1985		18	-	1112			

** no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 5 - Pagellus acarne

Area	Season	Number of samples			Number of fish			
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged *	Racial** invest.		
	1 st	-	56	2788	131			
	2 nd	27	68	7566	67			
IXa	3 rd	-	68	3707	87			
	4 th	14	68	4600	130			
	TOTAL 1985	41	260	18661	415			

^{*} including otoliths and scales collected, not read ** no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 6 - Pagellus bogaraveo

Area	Season	Number of	samples	Number of fish			
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.	
	1 st	_	12	208			
	2 nd	13	19	767			
IXa	3 rd	-	16	426			
	4 th	-	12	332			
	TOTAL 1985	13	59	1733			

^{**} no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 7 - Spondyliosoma cantharus

Area	Season	Number of	Number of samples		Number of fish			
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial**		
94	43775							
	1 st		27	832				
	2 nd	21	40	1453				
IXa	3 rd		35	1042				
	4 th	7	31	747				
	TOTAL 1985	28	133	4074				

^{**} no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 8 - Boops boops

Area	Season	Number of	and the second second second	Number of fish		
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.
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	1 st	-	63	3948		
	2 nd	31	64	4452		
IXa	3 rd	- J- 1	68	3700		
	4 th	12	70	4742		
	TOTAL 1985	43	265	16842		

^{**} no racial studies in INIP

TABLE 9 - Sparus pagrus

Area	Season	Number of samples		Number of fish		
	(quarter)	Research vessels	Market samples	Measured	Aged	Racial** invest.
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	1 st	-	26	252		
	2 nd	6	26	212		
IXa	3 rd	-	23	230		
	4 th	-	20	185		
	TOTA 1985	6	95	879		

^{**} no racial studies in INIP

SPAIN

(F.J. Pereiro)

SAMPLING DATA FOR HAKE 1985

AREA	SEASON	Nº OF SAMPLES		Nº	OF FI	SH
AREA		RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL INV.
	1		2	268		
	2		1	62		
VI	3		4	396		
Secretary Logistics	4		5	581		
	1		8	2 760		
VII	2		13	2 928		
	3	e Meire	19	4 267		
	4		26	5 729		
	1		42	6 188		
	2		51	8 312		
VIIIab	3		43	9 069		
	4		37	6 817		
	1	4-14	23	2 641		
*****	2	1 2 5 6 1 2	50	4 453		
VIIIc	3	70	44	11 753	169	
	4		32	4 529		100
	1	Jag Carles	22	3 373	222	
10.53	2	S 4 11 .	21	2 949	157	
IXa	3	29	19	9 430	751	
· Laure	4		28	2 934	644	

SAMPLING DATA FOR MONK L. BUDEGASSA 1985

AREA	SEASON	Nº OF SAM	PLES	N ₅	OF FIS	H	
AALA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL	INV.
	1						
	2						
VI	3						
	4						
	1		6	736			
	2		6	744			
VII	3		25	2 368			
	4		21	1 880			
	1		18	697	<u>.</u>		
	2		30	717			
VIIIab	3		23	624			
	4		23	1 202			
	1		11	<i>2</i> 67			
	2		16	280			
VIIIc	3	79	25	352			
	4		26	442			
	1		1	50			
	2		-	-			
IXa	3		_	_			
	4		9	107			

SAMPLING DATA FOR MONK L. PISCATORIUS 1985

AREA	SEASON	Nº OF SAM	IPLES	N ₃	OF FIS	TH .	
AKEA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL	INV.
	1						
	2						
VI	3				ļ		
	4					ļ	
	1		6	374			
	2		66	364			
VII	3		25	2 159			
	4		21	2 043			
	1		21	1 522			
	2		30	1 249			
VIIIab	3		26	1 403	<u> </u>		
	4		23	2 021			
	1		15	568			
.,,,,	2		20	852	<u> </u>		
VIIIc	3	79	34	1 372			
	4		36	1 266			
	1		1	19			
	2			-			
IXa	3		-				
	4		9	85			

SAMPLING DATA FOR MEGRIM L. BOSCII 1985

AREA	SEASON	Nº OF SAM	IPLES	N ₀	OF FIS	TH .	
AREA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL	INV.
	1		1	1			
	2			_			— <u> </u>
VI	3		1	2			
	4		1	3			
	1		11	183	25		
	2		9	58	1		
VII	3		20	1 186	8		
	4		18	1 142	39		
	1		14	62			_
	2		13	64			
VIIIab	3		14	289			
	4		. 18	358			
	1		6	170			
	2		6	414			
VIIIc	3	79	11	1 251	2.78		
	4		11	885			
	1		4	322			
	2		5	447			
IXa	3	29	6	831	356		_
	4		11	834			

SAMPLING DATA FOR MEGRIM L. WIFFIAGONIS 1985

ADEA	SEASON	Nº OF SAM	IPLES	N ₅	OF FIS	SH	
VII VIII ab	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL	INV.
	1		1	45			
	2				<u> </u>		
VI	3		5	680			
	4		6	322			
	1		11	3 622	235		
	2		9	2 793	221		
VII	3		22	4 388	172		
	4		22	4 413	217		
	1		21	1 022			
	2		21	1 096			
VIIIab	3		21	1 155			
	4		21	1 274			
	1		9	1 083			
	2		7	658			
VIIIc	3	79	14	1 772	365		
	4		12	921	ļ		
	1		4	7			
	2		5	15			
IXa	3		6	8	1_1_		
	4		11	123			

SAMPLING DATA FOR SEABREAM P. BOGARAVEO 1985

AREA	SEASON	Nº OF SAMPLES		Nº OF FISH			
AKEA	SEASON	RESEARCH VESSEL	MARKET SAMPLES	MEASURED	AGED	RACIAL	INV.
	1						
	2						
VI	3						
	4						
	1						
	2						
VII	3		1	19			
	4		1	15			
			_				
	1		8	153			
VIIIab	2		10	91			
	3		1	6			
	4		1	7	ļ		
	1		33	3 296			
VIIIc	2		32	2 405			
VIIIC	3	79	14	805	<u> </u>		
	4		12	760			
	1						
_	2						
IXa	3						
1	4						,

SWEDEN

(B. Sjöstrand)

Sweden took part in the International Young Herring Survey in the North Sea and the Skagerrak. However, it has no other activities on which to report owing to reduced opportunities.

UNITED KINGDOM (England and Wales

(C.T. Macer)
England and Wales demersal fish sampling 1985

Species	Area	Research Vessels			Market		
	_	,	No of fis	sh		No of fis	h
		Samples	Measured	Oto'd	Samples	Measured	Oto'd
Bass	104C 107A	+	+	40	5	220	220)
	107A 107D	_	-		4	163	163
	107E	_	-	-	20	1 572	519 > Scales
	107E 107F&G	Ξ	_	-	8 3	303 147	218 147
Cod	104A	+	+	204	46	7 606	625
	104B	+	+	805	618	100 569	6 335
	104C	+	+	116	71	10 952	979
	106A	_	<u>-</u>		12	2 059	269
	106B	_	_	_	11	887	193
	107A	+	+	237	99	14 122	1 914
	107D	_	<u>:</u>	237	26		
	107E	+	+	3	<u> -</u>	677	29
	107E	+	+	98	6	.75	94
	107Н	+	-	7	0	675	94
	107J	.	+	25	-	-	-
Dogfish	104A	+	+	27**	14	1 303	19**
(spurdogs)	104B	<u>.</u>	+	10**		5 365	20**
(operace)	104C	_	_	-	38	2 971	_
	106A)			_	30	2 9/1	- Spines
	107A)	, -	-	-	44	4 685	21**
	108	+	+	40	-	• -	-
Haddock	104A	+	÷	425	34	6 631	398
	104B	+	+	1 049	296	45 863	2 930
	104C	+	+	24	, 5	528	19
	106A	-	-	-	18	3 285	429
	106B	_	_	-	33	5 298	442
	107A	-	-	- ,	2	219	54
lake	106A	-	<u>-</u>		1	63	_
	107A	+	+	67	21	3 669	-
	107E	+	+	38)		
	107F&G	+	+	178	37	2 436	
	107H	+	+	59) "	2 430	_
	107J	+	+	213)		
	108	+	+	182			
Lemon sole	107A	+	+	98	-		-
	107D	-	-	. –	1	138	. -
	107E	+	+	10	78	10 593	284
	107F+G	+	+	87	_	-	-
	107H	+	+	23	<u> </u>	_	_
	107J	+	+	37	_	_	<u>-</u>
	108	+	+	7	-	-	<u>-</u>
legrim	107A	+	+	ì	-	-	-
-	107E	-	_	-)		
	107F&G	+	+	155	`		
	107H	+	+	294	²³	2 935	231
	107J	+	+	689)		
	108	+	+	326	-		

England and Wales demersal fish sampling 1985

Species	Area	Research Vessels			Market	Market		
			No of fis	h		No of fis	h	
		Samples	Measured	Oto'd	Samples	Measured	Oto'd	
Monk or	107A	+	+	41	-	_	_	
Anglers	107D	-	-	-	1	129	-	
	107E	+	+	5)			
	107F&G	+	+	42) 72	9 249	· _	
	107H	+	+	35) ''	7 247	_	
	107J	+	+	173)			
	108	+	+	84	-		-	
Plaice	104A	+	+	122	18	4 674	371	
	104B	+	+	279	136	29 472	3 056	
	104C	+	+	54	1	197	25	
	107A	+	+	1 528	72	13 975	1 864	
	107D	-	-	-	42	2 235	394	
	107E	+	+	40	91	10 475	956	
	107F&G	+	+	46	17	2 704	322	
	107H	-	-	-	-	-	35	
	107J	+	+	12	-	-	-	
Saithe	104A	+	+	164	11	1 447	203	
	104B	+	+	21	2	163	53	
	106A		-	-	3	287	47	
	107A	-	-	-	1	70	13	
Sole	104A	-	_	-		-	5	
	104B	+	+	1	. 66	8 952	811	
	104C		-	-	60	8 994	712	
	107A	+	+	330	52	8 092	484	
	107D	-	-	-	47	2 489	258	
	107E	+	+	88	88	13 642	483	
	107F&G	+	+	9	28	4 790	246	
	108	+	+	4	_	-	-	
Whiting	104A	+	+	352	17	1 733	256	
	104B	+	+	1 132	238	20 141	2 150	
	104C	+	+	309	5	295	-	
	107A	+	+	828	98	11 137	1 062	
	107D	-	-		_5	176	182	
	107E	+	+	78	78	9 986	414	
	107F+G	+	+	147	12	1 500	100	
	107H	+	+	21	1	178	-	
	107J	+	+	24	-	_	_	
	108	+	+	7	-	-	-	
Skates &	104A	+	+	-	-	-	-	
Rays	104B	+	+		-	-	-	
	104C	+	+	-	-	-		
	107A	+	+	-	42	5 852	-	
	107E	+	+	-	-	_	-	
	107F&G	+	+	-	-	-	-	
	107Н	+	+	-	-	-		
	107J	+	+	-	-	-	-	
	108	+	+	-	-	-	-	

England and Wales demersal fish sampling 1985. Samples taken on Research Vessels only.

Species	Area		No of fish		
		Samples	Measured	Oto'd	
Blue	104A	+	+	-	
whiting	107E	+	+	13	
ŭ	107F&G	+	+	111	
•	107н	+	+	23	
	107J	+	+	54	
	108	+	. +	117	
Ling	104A	+	+	17	
Ü	104B	+	+	8	
	107A	+	+	10	
	107E	+	+	4	
	107F&G	+	+	23	
	107н	+	+	18	
	107J	+	+	5	
	108	+	+	20	
Norway	104A	+	+	141	
Pout	104B	+	+	241	
Pollack	104A	+	+	1	
	104B	+	+	29	
	107A	+	+	5	
	107F+G	+	+	58	
	107J	+	+	2	
	108	+	+	2	

UK (Scotland)

(R. Jones)

(1) Sampling Demersal Fish

In 1985 the numer of gears sampled on a regular basis at S Scottish fish markets was increased to five (motor trawl, demersal seine, light trawl, Nephrops trawl and pair trawl) to take account of the development of pair trawling as a significant component of the Scottish demersal fleet.

Demersal fish were sampled at all the major fishing ports in Scotland. The intensity of sampling of the major demersal species is indicated in the text table below.

Species	No. of vessels	No. of fish measured	No. of otoliths collected
Cod	613	80261	23055
Haddock	602	173986	23658
Whiting	575	118325	1 6995
Saithe	288	18715	6189

Sampling of demersal fish discarded by the Scottish fleet was also carried out on a regular basis in 1985. Samples were obtained during the course of 67 commercial trips from 914 hauls. The intensity of sampling is indicated in the text table below.

Species	No. of vessels sampled	No. of fish measured	No. of otol: collected	the
Cod	67	10109	1941	
Haddock	67	82469	6016	
Whiting	67	31718	4626	
Others	67	79813	Nil	•

(2) Research Vessel Activities

In January 1985 "Scotia" carried out a survey of demersal fish and herring stocks off the west coast of Scotland (ICES Sub-area VIa).

In February 1985 "Scotia" participated in the International Young Fish Survey in the North Sea.

In August 1985 "Scotia" carried out a survey of demersal fish stocks in the northern and middle North Sea (ICES Sub-areas IVa and IVb).

In June 1985 "Clupea" carried out a pelagic O-group survey for gadoid species. (This survey is a partial continuation of the International O-group Gadoid Survey which was discontinued in 1983.)

In September 1985 a commercial vessel, the "Clarkwood", was chartered to carry out a survey of the haddock stock on Rockall Bank.

(3) Tagging of Demersal Fish

It was decided in 1980 that Scotland would carry out no further tagging of demersal fish until all of the data from previous tagging experiments had been collated, included in an appropriate computer data base and had been examined at least on a preliminary basis.

The computer data base for cod, haddock, whiting and saithe was completed in 1983 and preliminary analysis of the results had been completed for saithe and is in progress for whiting.

U.S. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO DEMERSAL FISH COMMITTEE

(M. P. Sissenwine)

The U.S. did not fish in the Northeast Atlantic region during 1985 so it has no biological samples to report. Although it didn't physically conduct research in ICES zone, the U.S. continued to contribute to Statutory Meetings and Working Groups. The U.S. has an extensive research program on demersal fish of the Northwest Atlantic. Because of the similarities in fisheries and fish communities between the east and west sides of the North Atlantic, U.S. research program is relevant to ICES.

The U.S. demersal fish research in the Northwest Atlantic continued along the same lines as in previous years. The research is multifaceted including (1) collection of harvesting statistics, (2) collection of biological samples, (3) standardized bottom trawl surveys, (4) standardized ichthyplankton surveys, (5) special studies (field and laboratory) on recruitment processes, (6) studies of the effects of anthropogenic agents, and (7) analyses.

Important advances are being made in the scientific conduct and analysis of trawl surveys. These include gear intercalibrations studies, improved instrumentation to monitor gear performance, evaluation of survey design, and new methods of times series smoothing to take account of between survey variability in catchability coefficient. Ichthyoplankton survey data is also being subjected to more intense analysis than ever before to improve estimates of within survey variance, to evaluate the propagation of error in methods of back calculation of spawning biomass, and to derive an alternative estimate of total finfish biomass.

Studies of recruitment processes focus on Georges Bank cod and haddock.

The work completed to date indicates that predation and post-larval (small

juveniles) survival rate are more important components of the recruitment problem than believed previously. Recruitment studies are proceeding to test sampling gear needed to collect post-larval fish and their predators, and to define distributions in time and three dimensional space. Laboratory facilities are being modified to allow experimentation on post-larval fish. The N.S. has formulated a national multiagency recruitment initiative which falls under the umbrella of IREP.

A variety of important analyses are under way. These include (1) further development of multispecies (both technological and biological interactions) modeling techniques, (2) methods of analysis of survey data (as noted above), (3) analysis of food habits data, (4) energetic models of recruitment, and (5) development of new stock assessment methods. In addition U.S. scientists are reevaluating biological reference points for fisheries management consistent with recent deliberations of the ICES Ad Hoc Methods Working Group. Current stock assessments indicate that demersal fish abundance is severely depressed and that fishing mortality rate is too high relative to traditional and newly formulated biological reference points.

The U.S. is conducting a variety of studies of the effects of anthropogenic stress on demersal fish production. The emphasis is on flounders that inhabit coastal waters. These studies focus on reproductive effects of stress and the relationship between habitat quality and incidence of "serious" (i.e. effecting productivity of the population) diseases. A high incidence of malignant tumors has been found in livers of winter flounder (Pseudopleuronectes americanus) from some highly degraded areas.

A more complete report of U.S. research in the Northwest Atlantic is presented annually to NAFO.

USSR

(S.A. Studenetsky)

In 1985, as previously, investigations to assess young and adult commercial bottom fishes were carried out by the methods of the trawl-acoustic survey. The strength of cod, haddock, redfish, saithe and other fishes was estimated by eggs, larvae and fingerlings.

Continued were investigations to study ecological-physiological features in commercial fishes during the wintering and feeding. Some elements of the trawl-acoustic survey of bottom fishes were drilled. With the submersible equipment collected were materials to calculate the catchability coefficients of sampling trawls separately by species and sizes. Methods were worked out to calculate allowable by-catches of young cod, haddock and redfish when fishing for capelin and shrimp.

Continued was collecting of ichthyological data by size-age composition, feeding, maturity in cod, haddock, redfish, plaice, Greenland halibut, long rough dab, wolffishes in the ICES Subarea I and Divisions IIa and IIb.

Materials collected in 1985 onboard research, scounting and fishing vessels are set out in the table below.

		No.	of fish*	
ICES area	Quarter	measured	examined for feeding	aged
1	2	3	4	5

		Cod		
Sub-area I	I	8532 78754	2360 6578	914 1700

1	2	3	4	5
	III	30179 65329	4164 2287	1577 2112
Division IIb	IV III II	4937 668 9937 24030	1087 73 1797 2565	447 871 1630
Division IIa	II III I	7148 4458 6624	2142 435 - 1720	1119 125 710
Total		240596	25208	11205
		Haddock		
Sub-area I	IV III I	35092 26154 14552 63106	2879 2883 1571 4316	1401 721 919 2556
Division IIb	II III I	25 1443 445 11926	2 7 5 50 982	200 682
Division IIa	IV III II	496 16 4588	256 16 782	207 _ 410
Total		157843	14010	7096
		Redfish		
Sub-area I	II III I	4898 3991 673 4080	25 50 55 276	- - 300
Division IIb	I III III VI	68 3 4462 964 8259	336 140 277	252 - 100
Division IIa	I	25872 24832	3887 3170	1702 3400

1	2	3	4	5
	III	12187	935	500
Total		90901	9151	6254
	<u>Gr</u>	eenland halibut		
Sub-area I	IV III I	74 - 139 156	<u>-</u> -	-
Division IIb	II II I	1646 941 2099 8119	388 250 175 1053	754 - 194
Division IIa	IV III I	1173 300 - 3565	175 300 - 383	300 -
Total		18212	2724	1248
		Saithe		
Sub-area I	IV III I	1054 826 30 953	50 150 1 50	100
Division IIb	IV III I	101 3696	- - 125	- -
Division IIa	II III IV	874 235 102	326 80 - 50	303 - -
Total		7871	832	403

1	2	3	4	5
		Wolffishes		
Sub-area I	I III VV	72 319 718	<u>-</u> 1 125	- 125
Division IIb	II III IV	320 1188 1604	682	<u>-</u> 311
Division IIa	II III IV	63 9 193	9 235	- 20
Total		4486	1052	456
		Plaice		
Sub-area I	IV III I	2048 769 2511	355 - 424	200 _ 500
Division IIb	III III I	-	-	-
Division IIa	II III V	-	- - -	-
Total		5328	779	700
	Lo	ong rough dab		
Sub-area I	II III IV	3335 - 3134 8331	275 200 726	- 200 200

1	2	3	4	5
Division IIb	II III IV	1678 - - 8325	185 _ _ 300	60 - 200
Division IIa	III III IV	640 50 1925	75 50 -	-
Total		27418	1811	660
Sum total for all species		552655	55567	28022

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