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R. V. TELLINA

Report for Cruise 19a/1968

Staff: M. R. Vince      Duration: 10th - 29th November  
D. J. Peek

Aims

1. To tag and release ray caught by trawl along the east coast and in the Thames Estuary.
2. To obtain live ray egg capsules for Dr. Lüssmann of Cambridge University.

Narrative

TELLINA sailed from Lowestoft at 0920 hours on the 19th and steamed to just off Corton to drop two sets of surface and bottom drifters for Mr. Riley. The ship commenced her steam south, and after dropping two more sets of drifters off Orford two short tows were made on the Inner Whiting bank. TELLINA docked at Felixstowe at 1800 hours.

During the following nine days TELLINA worked from Felixstowe; only two days were lost due to inclement weather. A total of 460 rays were tagged and released, all on the S.W. Bawdsey Bank. On the evening of Thursday 28th, TELLINA docked at Ipswich, and the following morning the staff and crew returned to Lowestoft by road.

Results

All the rays tagged were R. clavata and no other species of ray was caught.

A number of known inshore breeding grounds were sampled to try and obtain live ray egg capsules for Dr. Lüssmann, but without success. In addition, enquiries were made of local fishermen in the hope that they might be able to help. It was noticed, however, that throughout the trip numbers of very recently hatched rays (R. clavata) were caught.

No quantity of other species of fish featured in the catches, and each haul consisted in the most part of ray with the odd cod, sole, plaice, whiting, and whiting pout (Gadus luscus).

M. R. Vince  
2.12.68.

Initialled: H. A. C.

Distribution:

Basic list, plus the following:

Mr. Vince  
Mr. Peek