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CRUISE REPORT

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25th September-6th October, 1961

The routine Moray Firth trawl survey was completed after several interruptions to repair or replace torn trawls. It was not possible to undertake any tagging.

Fish of all kinds were scarce over the whole area. The largest catches for a $\frac{1}{2}$ hour trawl were 4+ baskets (including 4 baskets of small squid) and $3\frac{1}{2}$ baskets (including $2\frac{1}{2}$ baskets of herring). Halfin herring were caught at only the most westerly stations and in any quantity only at one off Nairn. Fair numbers of hake, many below 30 cm in length, were caught at the deep water stations situated in the middle and southerly parts of the Firth.

G. McPHERSON.
13th October, 1961.