

CRUISE REPORT

F.R.S. "CLUPEA"

December 10th - 22nd 1962

Objective To undertake a routine trawl survey of the Moray Firth.

Due to severe northerly winds only one station was completed during the first week. However it was possible, in the second week, to complete a further 17 stations. Fish catches were a little greater than obtained in the October cruise. Herring formed the majority of the catch at some stations in the inner Moray Firth. These halflin herring were of a good size with a length range from 12-22 cm, with a mean length of about 19 cm. There were very few sprats caught over the whole area. Catches of white fish of a marketable size were very poor, most of the catch being composed of 0 group haddock and whiting.

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