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CRUISE REPORT

FRS "CLUPEA"

4-22 February 1974

OBJECTIVES:

To tag spawning plaice in the Moray Firth

NARRATIVE:

Because of delays during her refit "Clupea" did not leave Aberdeen until 2400 hours on 5 February.

In the period 6-20 February, work was carried out in the vicinity of Clyth Ness. For the remainder of the cruise work was carried out in the Dornoch Firth and in Burghead Bay.

## RESULTS:

526 Plaice were tagged during the cruise, mostly in the Clyth Ness area. Of these 36 were ripe females. In addition 227 lemon sole and 9 cod were tagged.

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