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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. "CLUPEA"

May 15th-27th 1967

Objective: Moray Firth 0-1 group herring survey.

Due to strong north east winds during the first week, little work was possible. However, in the second week the survey was completed except for two stations (Fos. 5 and 6).

Most herring and sprats were caught at the stations situated in the westerly part of the survey area (Nos. 18, 19, 20 and 21). The largest catch was taken at station 18 when $6\frac{1}{2}$ baskets were landed.

The herring ranged in size from 12 to 17 cm. Sprats were present where herring were caught but only at one station (No. 20) were sprats more numerous than herring.

Catches of white fish were small, particularly fish of commercial size - the largest catch being only one basket.

D. P. Sharman 21st June, 1967