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FISHERIES LABORATORY, PAKEFIELD ROAD, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

1990 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: GIRL IRENE BS 197: (CRUISE 2 SILVER STAR)
(PROVISIONAL: not to be cited without prior reference to the author.)

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DURATION:

11-16 October

LOCATION:

North East Irish Sea

AIMS:

1. To carry out a groundfish survey along the North Wales coast.
2. To collect samples of otoliths of commercial species.
3. To obtain samples of ungutted plaice and whiting for contaminant trend analysis work (A Franklin, Burnham).

NARRATIVE:

The survey commenced as planned on 11 October and continued uninterrupted on the usual daily basis until the evening of 16 October.

RESULTS:

1. All 24 stations were completed with one invalid haul due to the loss of an indeterminate number of fish from the cod-end.
2. Stratified samples of otoliths were collected from the required commercial species. Totals were: Plaice 292, Sole 39, Cod 30, Whiting 141.
3. Samples of ungutted plaice and whiting were collected and frozen for A Franklin (Burnham on Crouch).

This is the first of the surveys carried out using the GIRL IRENE, due to SILVER STAR ceasing to fish from Conwy and being offered for sale. The staff wish to thank the skipper and crew of GIRL IRENE for their help and co-operation during the survey.

M R Vince
29 October, 1990

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