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FRV Goldseeker
Cruise 4/82
REPORT
5-15 April 1982

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Objective

To obtain live whiting for aquarium experiments.

Narrative

The scientific staff joined 'Goldseeker' at Montrose on 6 April. Despite poor weather it was possible to work the grounds between Arbroath and Johnshaven before docking in Aberdeen on 9 April for the weekend. During the second part of the cruise, bad weather again interfered with the programme but the area between Aberdeen and Peterhead was successfully covered. The cruise ended on 14 April to allow 'Goldseeker' sufficient time to return to Buckie for maintenance.

Results

There was an apparent scarcity of whiting and other species. As a result it was not possible to successfully return any whiting to the laboratory. However, sampling was done and experience gained by fishing in a considerable number of different areas eg shallow or deep water, inshore or offshore, rocky or sandy ground and in the vicinity of wrecks.

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3 June 1982

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