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FRV "Goldseeker"

Cruise 7/86

Report

6-15 May 1986

Personnel

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Objectives

To investigate the prevalence of various pathological conditions and parasites of gadoids and flatfish in the Moray Firth area.

Narrative

"Goldseeker" was based in Buckie for the duration of the cruise working on a daily basis both to the north east and north west within a radius of about 25 miles. A total of 2½ days were lost for fishing due to bad weather and one day lost due to crewing problems, but despite this a total of 14 trawls were performed.

Results

→ Three thousand one hundred and fifteen common dab were examined for gill and skin lesions, and 627 plaice examined externally for skin lesions and internally for Ichthyophonus infection. Exceptionally high levels of x-cell gill lesions were detected in some catches of dab.

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