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Cruise 5/80

REPORT

12 - 30 th MAY 1980

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Objective: To tag haddock and whiting in the Moray Firth area

General: MARA fished on several grounds during the first week with mixed results. On the second week MARA continued working the inshore grounds off Buckie and made reasonable catches in an area approx 15' NE of Buckie. With reports from commercial fishermen indicating that fishing throughout the area was poor MARA continued working the same grounds.

Results: A total of 1135 haddock, 48 cod and 103 plaice were tagged during the trip. No whiting were tagged because of small numbers and poor condition.
Two boxes of mixed dead fish and 24 live haddock were taken to Buckie for transportation to the laboratory for experimental work.

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