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CRUISE REPORT

FRS SCARBA

Part II 6th- 12 November

Objectives

To tag gadoids on offshore grounds and to obtain live fish for the aquarium experiments.

Narrative

From 6 - 9 November gale to storm force northerly winds prevailed making offshore work impossible. During this period experimental work was undertaken in comparatively sheltered waters off Collieston. It was only possible to carry out 3 hauls. On 10 and 11 November the weather improved and two days were spent tagging haddock 40 miles offshore on Aberdeen Bank. The ship then returned to Aberdeen docking at 09.00 hrs on 12 November.

Results

1001 haddock and 29 lemon sole were tagged from 18 hauls on Aberdeen Bank. The live fish codend operated satisfactorily and an average of 36% of the haddock of 25cm and over were classed as suitable for tagging. About 50 live 1-group and 50 live 0-group haddock were brought back for experimental work in the laboratory.

Catches of other species were insignificant.

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