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1988 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: FV SILVER STAR : CRUISE 2
(PROVISIONAL: Not to be cited without prior reference to the author)

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DURATION:

18-23 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).
4. To obtain mesh selection data.

NARRATIVE:

The staff travelled to Conwy, 17 October and commenced the survey the following morning. The six day survey continued uninterrupted until completion on 23 October. The staff returned to Lowestoft the following day.

RESULTS:

1. All 24 hauls were completed successfully.
2. Stratified samples of otoliths were collected from commercial species. Totals were: Plaice 379, Whiting 111, Cod 20, Sole 20.
3. Samples of ungutted plaice and whiting were collected and frozen for A Franklin of Burnham on Crouch Laboratory.
4. Codend mesh measurements were made at the end of the cruise.

The contribution to the work load by the crew of the SILVER STAR once again enabled this survey to be carried out. The staff wish to express their thanks to all involved.

M R Vince
1 November 1988

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