MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD FISHERIES LABORATORY, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

1978 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: RV TELLINA: CRUISE 5

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DURATION

Left Lowestoft 1015 h 19 June Returned Lowestoft 2330 h 20 June

LOCALITY

19 June - Gorleston Road, Happisburgh 20 June - North side of Boston Channel

GEAR

4 metre beam with three ticklers.

AIMS

- 1. To trawl for small rays and return them alive to FRL.
- 2. To obtain a sample fo 20-50g plaice.

NARRATIVE

TELLINA left Lowestoft on 19 June and commenced trawling in the Gorleston Road area. A trawl was also made in the Happisburgh area before steaming to the Freemans Channel to anchor for the night. On 20 June trawling commenced in the northern end of the Boston Channel. Due to the amount of mud collected the three ticklers were removed and a beam repaired. After sufficient rays had been caught TELLINA returned to Lowestoft.

RESULTS

- 1. From the two hauls made on 19 June only two rays were caught locally.
- 2. On 20 June ten hauls were made and a total of 66 small rays and 44 20-50g plaice were caught, kept alive and returned to the laboratory.

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