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1978 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: RV TELLINA: CRUISE 6
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DURATION

29 June - 12 July

LOCALITY

Wash-Humber area

AIM

To tag pre-recruit sole and plaice using mini-Peterson discs and Floy anchor tags.

NARRATIVE

TELLINA left Lowestoft at 0900h 29 June and anchored off Mablethorpe at 1930h. Fishing commenced at 0700h on 30 June and continued on a daily basis, working from either Grimsby or Boston until 12 July. 5 July was lost due to poor weather conditions.

Fishing grounds worked were Boston Deepes, Off Mablethorpe and the Haile Sands in the Humber.

Due to problems with TELLINA'S gearbox it was decided to end the cruise on 12 July and TELLINA docked in Lowestoft at 2030h.

RESULTS

A total of 1631 young flatfish were tagged from 77 hauls with a 4 metre beam trawl. The totals for each species and each tag type by grounds were as follows:-

PLAICE		SOLE		BRILL	TURBOT	GROUND FISHED
Floy tag	Petersen disc	Floy tag	Petersen disc	Petersen disc	Petersen disc	
247	222	311	249	16	3	MABLETHORPE
	55		3			BOSTON DEEPS
218	305	2				HAILE SAND

None of the young gadoids caught were suitable for tagging.

50 Plaice were brought back alive to Lowestoft for P Leonard (FRL).

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