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1977 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: RV TELLINA: CRUISE 13
(PROVISIONAL: Not to be quoted without prior reference to the author)

STAFF

J D Riley (NIC) 6-18 December
R Cross 9-18 December

DURATION

6-18 December
Left Lowestoft 0830 h 12 December
Docked Lowestoft 1500 h 18 December

LOCATION

Orford Ness - North Foreland

AIMS

1. To measure the seasonal movements of pre recruit gadoids and flatfish by sampling on a grid of stations similar to that sampled on TELLINA 10/77. The area will be sampled again on TELLINA 2/78.
2. To tag 1-group plaice and sole.

NARRATIVE

Strong to gale force S to SE winds prevented the TELLINA sailing to the survey area until 12 December. However there followed a period of seven days calm weather and no further time was lost.

RESULTS

1. The survey grid consisted of 48 stations, of these 43 were sampled satisfactorily with the 2m beam trawl and where appropriate the 2m² Lowestoft frame trawl. Catches of all species were well below those of the September survey.
2. No concentrations of 1-group plaice or sole were located to warrant setting up a tagging experiment.

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Basic list
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29 December 1977