



STATISTICS COMMITTEE

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Belgium

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There have been no major changes in the collection and processing of statistical data during 1977.

The computer programme elaborated to report biological data per ICES statistical rectangle however became operational.

Canada

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The Canadian statistical system remained virtually unaltered during 1977, compared to earlier years. The advent of the 200 mile limit has necessitated some minor alteration in procedures, to facilitate the processing of foreign vessel logs and reports; however, the domestic statistical system has, to this point in time, proved to be adaptable.

During 1977, Canadian Atlantic Coast vessels operated only in the south of the old ICNAF area and did not operate in waters of the Eastern Atlantic. As reported in the past, Canada can provide all statistical data pertaining to fishing operations, as required by ICES.

Denmark

(H. Lassen + E. Lund)

The Danish fishery statistical system is unchanged compared with previous years as far as reporting of landings for human consumption is concerned.

The reporting on the species composition in the landings for reduction purposes has been extended to include about 3 000 samples taken at random from the approximately 25 000 landings which made up the Danish catches for reduction purposes.

The sampling for biological parameters has remained at the same level as in 1976, but with increased attention to the landings for reduction purposes.

This leaves some of the important species in the fisheries for human consumption sampled at an unsatisfactory level.

Logbooks have been introduced to the fisheries in the Baltic convention area during 1977, for all vessels of a length more than 17 m and for vessels between 15 and 17 m being away from port more than 24 hours.