

BELGIUM

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Recording of densities and growth rates of the 1991 and 1992 year classes of sole, plaice, dab, flounder and whiting was carried out. Two cruises were therefore undertaken according to the criteria of the International Demersal Young Fish Survey. The beamtrawl survey was continued in order to estimate the stock size of adult flatfish in the Southern North Sea by means of beamtrawl fishery in August. This was part of an international survey in collaboration with the Dutch and UK institutes. The market sampling was continued covering sole and plaice (North Sea-English Channel-Celtic Sea and Irish Sea), cod (North Sea) and whiting (North Sea). The number of samples is shown in following tables.

SAMPLING DATA FOR:

SOLE

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1992

Area	Quarter	Research vessel samples			Market samples		
		N samples	N measured	N aged	N samples	N measured	N aged
IV	1	-	-	-	15	1550	150
	2	-	-	-	6	593	145
	3	-	-	-	7	670	144
	4	-	-	-	8	721	150
	Total:	0	0	0	36	3534	589
VII f,g	1	-	-	-	4	400	240
	2	-	-	-	5	465	150
	3	-	-	-	10	967	210
	4	-	-	-	6	550	220
	Total:	0	0	0	25	2382	820
VII a	1	-	-	-	2	160	160
	2	-	-	-	7	792	160
	3	-	-	-	1	80	80
	4	-	-	-	5	662	240
	Total:	0	0	0	15	1694	640
VII d,e	1	-	-	-	6	550	310
	2	-	-	-	1	70	70
	3	-	-	-	4	350	140
	4	-	-	-	2	150	150
	Total:	0	0	0	13	1120	670

SAMPLING DATA FOR:

PLAICE

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1992

Area	Quarter	Research vessel samples			Market samples		
		N samples	N measured	N aged	N samples	N measured	N aged
IV	1	-	-	-	15	934	130
	2	-	-	-	6	358	90
	3	-	-	-	7	424	90
	4	-	-	-	8	438	90
	Total:	0	0	0	36	2154	400

1992		Research vessel samples			Market samples		
Area	Quarter	N samples	N measured	N aged	N samples	N measured	N aged
VII f,g	1	-	-	-	4	190	130
	2	-	-	-	4	275	50
	3	-	-	-	9	614	100
	4	-	-	-	6	357	133
	Total:		0	0	0	23	1436
VII a	1	-	-	-	2	80	80
	2	-	-	-	7	420	40
	3	-	-	-	1	40	40
	4	-	-	-	5	386	90
	Total:		0	0	0	15	926
VII d,e	1	-	-	-	6	290	170
	2	-	-	-	1	50	50
	3	-	-	-	4	259	100
	4	-	-	-	2	90	90
	Total:		0	0	0	13	689

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COD

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1992		Research vessel samples			Market samples		
Area	Quarter	N samples	N measured	N aged	N samples	N measured	N aged
IV	1	-	-	-	1	50	50
	2	-	-	-	5	267	267
	3	-	-	-	3	160	160
	4	-	-	-	4	205	205
	Total:		0	0	0	13	682

SAMPLING DATA FOR:

WHITING

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1992		Research vessel samples			Market samples		
Area	Quarter	N samples	N measured	N aged	N samples	N measured	N aged
IV	1	-	-	-	7	402	285
	2	-	-	-	4	180	180
	3	-	-	-	4	195	195
	4	-	-	-	5	329	225
	Total:		0	0	0	20	1106

CANADA

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Canada had no fisheries and no research vessel activity on demersal fish in the ICES area in 1992. Activities in the Northwest Atlantic have been reported to NAFO.