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Report of Activities

**DEMERSAL FISH COMMITTEE**  
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by

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BELGIUM  
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(R. De Clerck)

Recording of densities and growth rates of the 1983 and 1984 year classes of sole, plaice, dab, flounder, cod and whiting was carried out.

Two cruises were also undertaken for the international demersal young fish survey.

The market sampling was continued covering cod - North Sea, whiting - North Sea, haddock - North Sea, plaice and sole - North Sea, English Channel, Celtic Sea and Irish Sea.

Species Area	Season	N° of samples		N° of samples	
		Research	Market	Measured	Aged
Cod IV	1	-	4	390	85
	2	-	6	478	175
	3	-	4	300	170
	4	-	6	349	150
Whiting IV	1	-	8	606	105
	2	-	7	558	95
	3	-	9	644	110
	4	-	6	338	115
Haddock IV	1-4	-	7	471	180

CANADA

(R. Wells)

Canada had no fisheries and no research activity in the ICES area in 1984. Activities in the Northwest Atlantic in 1984 have been reported to NAFO.

DENMARK

(No report received)

FINLAND

(V. Sjöblom and E. Aro)

No work was carried out on demersal fish other than that reported to the Baltic Fish Committee.