

P e l a g i c F i s h ( N o r t h e r n ) C o m m i t t e e

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Belgium

(P. Hovart)

Report on the Activity during 1966

No research was carried out.

Programme for 1967

If the herring concentrations of the Central and Southern areas of the North Sea are exploited by Belgian fishermen and if regular herring landings are made at Ostend, a biological study of these concentrations will be carried out.

Denmark

(K. Popp Madsen)

Herring

North Sea. R.V. "Dana" was engaged in a herring survey of the north-eastern North Sea and Skagerrak in September. Sampling from commercial landings in Hirtshals was carried out during the autumn and a temporary scheme for collecting catch and effort data was started in December.

The young herring fishery from Esbjerg was followed by market measurements and statistics.

Faroese. The movement of the herring shoals was followed by information from Faroese fishing vessels in January-March. A few samples were obtained for analysis.

Capelin

Greenland. Material was collected from landings in various West-Greenland areas. This material is being worked up together with older material, including larvae (abt. 1900 specimens, collected in the period 1934-62).

Finland

(V. Sjöblom)

Catch statistics were carried out in the Gulf of Finland during May and June 1966 and hydrographical, chemical and plankton samples were collected in the pre-spawning and spawning area of the Baltic herring.

During August samples of Baltic herring and sprat were collected with a midwater trawl by R.V. "Aranda" from the open sea areas of the Bothnian Sea, the northern Baltic and the Gulf of Finland; 22 samples of herring and 22 of sprat were taken.

In all 3,884 Baltic herring and 3,287 sprat were analysed for length, weight, maturity and age.

France

(R. Letaconoux)

a) Hareng

a) La composition du stock et les caractères biométriques du hareng du sud de la Mer du Nord et de la Manche orientale ont été étudiés sur des échantillons prélevés régulièrement à bord de chalutiers commerciaux.