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BELGIUM

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Recording of densities and growth rates of the 1986 and 1987 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 groundfish survey continued in order to estimate the stock size of adult flatfishes in the Southern North Sea by means of a beamtrawl fishery in August. This was part of an international 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 (see table).

Year : 1987 (Belgium)

Species Area	Season	No of samples		No of samples	
		Research	Market	Measured	Aged
Sole IV	1	-	10	945	210
	2	-	10	922	210
	3	1	12	1 298	287
	4	-	12	1 139	210
VII f, g	1	-	9	820	210
	2	-	7	615	210
	3	-	1	105	210
	4	-	4	350	140
VII a	1	-	3	210	210
	2	-	7	630	210
	3	-	1	70	70
	4	-	3	315	210
VII d, e	1	-	5	421	210
	2	-	4	350	140
	3	-	2	130	130
	4	-	2	140	140
Plaice IV	1	-	10	654	150
	2	-	10	602	140
	3	1	12	1 568	322
	4	-	12	764	150
VII f, g	1	-	9	566	200
	2	-	7	422	134
	3	-	1	72	-
	4	-	4	232	100
VII a	1	-	3	120	120
	2	-	7	408	120
	3	-	1	40	40
	4	-	-	-	-
VII d, e	1	-	5	264	120
	2	-	4	240	100
	3	-	2	100	100
	4	-	2	100	100
Cod IV	1	-	7	285	185
	2	-	4	206	150
	3	-	2	70	70
	4	-	3	160	90
Whiting IV	1	-	11	618	230
	2	-	5	194	130
	3	-	4	230	175
	4	-	7	431	100
Haddock IV	1	-	1	55	55
	2	-	-	-	-
	3	-	-	-	-
	4	-	-	-	-

CANADA

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Canada had no fisheries and no research activity in the ICES area in 1987. Activities in the Northwest Atlantic in 1987 have been reported to NAFO.