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DEMERSAL FISH COMMITTEE

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1985

BELGIUM

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Recording of densities and growth rates of the 1984 and 1985 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.

A programme was initiated in order to estimate the stock size of adult flatfish in the Southern North Sea by means of a groundfish survey in August.

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).

1985

Species Area	Season	No of samples		No of samples	
		Research	Market	Measured	Aged
Sole IV	1	-	10	1053	210
	2	-	12	1146	210
	3	-	11	1183	203
	4	-	12	1238	209
VII f, g	1	-	11	1046	200
	2	-	6	573	210
	3	-	5	418	120
	4	-	-	-	-
VII a	1	-	1	70	70
	2	-	6	561	210
	3	-	2	140	140
	4	-	1	70	70
VII d, e	1	-	3	210	200
	2	-	3	210	210
	3	-	3	217	130
	4	-	3	210	210
Plaice IV	1	-	10	598	130
	2	-	12	682	140
	3	-	12	897	252
	4	-	12	715	140
VII f, g	1	-	1	50	50
	2	-	1	50	50
	3	-	1	50	50
	4	-	-	-	-
VII a	1	-	1	40	40
	2	-	6	275	120
	3	-	2	80	80
	4	-	1	40	40
VII d, e	1	-	1	50	50
	2	-	1	50	50
	3	-	1	50	50
	4	-	1	50	50

Species Area	Season	No of samples		No of samples	
		Research	Market	Measured	Aged
Cod	1	-	4	299	130
IV	2	-	2	115	115
	3	-	5	504	60
	4	-	6	332	200
Whiting	1	-	9	596	170
IV	2	-	4	576	30
	3	-	8	605	70
	4	-	9	732	105
Haddock	1-4	-	3	169	70
IV					

CANADA

(R. Wells)

Canada had no fisheries and no research activity in the ICES area in 1985. Activities in the Northwest Atlantic in 1985 have been reported to NAFO.