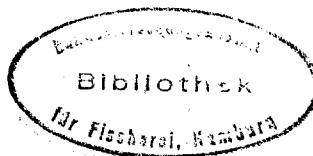


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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to correct an error of presentation which occurs in Doc.C.M.1975/F:4, the Report of the North Sea Flatfish Working Group.

THE ERROR

Tables 4A and 5A of C.M.1975/F:4 present the fishing mortality and stock number data for male plaice for age groups 1 to 14 for 1958 to 1974; calculated using virtual population analysis technique. For age groups 4 and above the data table presentation is correct. For ages 1 to 3, however, the results of a V.P.A. run based on a mistaken input for M were inadvertently presented in the table. The correct values for ages 1 to 3 for male plaice for tables 4A and 5B should be those presented in the table of this paper. The mistake described is purely one of presentation and in no way invalidates the conclusions and recommendations of the Report, which were based on the correct information.

TABLE 1. NORTH SEA PLAICE. CORRECTED VALUES OF FISHING MORTALITY AND STOCK NUMBER AT AGE FOR MALE PLAICE, 1958-1974, FOR AGES 1 TO 3.

YEAR	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974 = F_I
FISHING MORTALITY																	
AGE																	
1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
2	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.10
3	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.08	0.12	0.10	0.18	0.20	0.09	0.13	0.24	0.27	0.39	0.25	0.15	0.22	0.29
STOCK NUMBER $\times 10^{-3}$																	
AGE																	
1	350109	414124	404086	339827	267519	268471	926507	257147	247978	201389	166975	238914	313573	338194	237027	132222	62687
2	173958	272665	322520	314702	264658	208344	209085	721565	200266	193125	156842	130040	185820	242978	263009	183643	102590
3	88035	132103	202720	248327	243616	204122	157517	157953	555420	152454	146763	115777	93419	133079	172640	192036	131566