

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA

Plankton Committee

Plankton Identification Sheets

Editors Report 1974-75



Sheets now with the printers are 145 on Monstrilloid copepods mentioned in last year's report, 146 a revision by Wulf Greve on the Ctenophora sheet, and 147 on Halobates by Lanna Cheng.

Discussions on cooperation with CIESM concerning the joint issue of ichthyoplankton sheets of interest to both the ICES and Mediterranean areas have progressed but at the time of writing this report final details have still not be settled. From ICES we have a promise of early delivery of the m.s. on sole larvae and in due course on Gadidae, Labridae, Callionymidae and Mullidae.

For a number of years the editor regrettably has had to include complaints about non-delivery of promised sheets. Some authors have written during the past year or so apologising for delay but expressing hopes for the not too distant future. Other promises, in spite of frequent letters, now date up to 18 years. A letter, reproduced below, was sent to those authors who have not recently been in communication with me. Only one brought a reply, and a duplicate of the letter was sent in May 1975 with a personal note to the others, producing not one single answer.

7 January 1975

Dear

Now that we are into a New Year I send you best greetings and hope that 1975 may be a successful and enjoyable year for you. May I also express a very fervant hope that you will soon be able to write giving me some news of progress concerning the Plankton Identification sheets you agreed in 19 to do for the ICES.

Word that the manuscript would be ready in 1975 would indeed be excellent and happy news, but failing this some communication to the effect that you still have the project in mind would be appreciated. You will, I'm sure, understand that complete lack of any kind of response to my reminders makes editorial work extremely frustrating. If, as I sincerely hope not, you have decided that you do not intend to fulfil your promise, word to this effect would mean that I could at least try to find another author instead of letting years go by to no effect.

However, I do very much hope that you can write to me with some cheerful news.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Fraser

No new manuscripts have this year been received from those who are producing serial sheets, eg decapod larvae and hydromedusae.