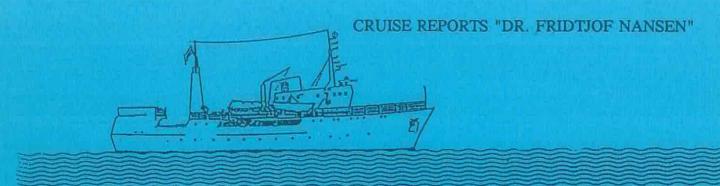
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SURVEYS OF THE FISH RESOURCES OF ANGOLA

Report on a survey of pelagic resources on the shelf from Tombua to Cunene 26 to 29 November 1991.

The "DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN" research programme is sponsored by the Norwegian Agency for Development Assistance, NORAD, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, FAO and the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP. The programme in Angola which has comprised eleven previous surveys in the period 1985-1991 is being conducted and planned under agreements between NORAD, Angolan authorities, Centro de Investigacao Pesqueira, CIP, Luanda and the Institute of Marine Research, Bergen. This report describes the work and findings of a brief coverage of southern Angolan waters made as an extension of a survey of pelagic resources in Namibia.

1. INTRODUCTION

Objectives

When planning a survey of the pelagic stocks of Namibia to be conducted jointly by the Namibian research vessel "BENGUELA" and the Norwegian vessel "DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN" in November-December 1991, it was found desirable to extend the coverage north of the Cunene River and include the Angolan shelf up to 16°S. The advice of the Director of CIP, Luanda, Dr. Luis Anapaz was sought and his approval was received by telefax on November 25.

The objective of the survey was to study and describe the distribution, composition and abundance of the pelagic commercial stocks in the area, sardine, anchovy, round herring (pelagic fish type 1) and horse mackerel (pelagic fish type 2).

Participants

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Narrative

The vessel left Walvis Bay on 23 November. The inshore sardine survey started at about Rocky Point and was conducted jointly with BENGUELA up to Cunene on 25 November. 26 November was spent in an inshore coverage up to Baia dos Tigres and in a sphere calibration of both vessels in the Baia. The survey of the shelf for horse mackerel from 16°S. to Cunene was started on 26 November and completed on 29 November with an interval for intercalibration with BENGUELA. On 29-30 November a repeat coverage was made of the inshore sardine area from 17°35'S northwards to 16°40'S returning southwards to Cape Frio.

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Figure 1 shows the distribution of temperature at 4 m of depth as observed by the ships recorder. November represents a season when the front between the Benguela- and the Angola current systems should be located fairly northward in its seasonal shifts, but surface temperatures of 18-20°C over the Baia dos Tigres shelf is considerably higher than that found in November 1985 and the tongue of warm Angolan Current water is wider and further inshore than in November 1989. These changes could, however, be local and related to short term climatic conditions.

3. COMPOSITION, DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE OF PELAGIC FISH

The course tracks and fishing stations are shown in Figure 2. The acoustic integrations system provided observations of fish densities, usually averaged over 5 nm, but in areas of high fish concentrations over 1 nm. The unit of acoustic reflection used was m²/nm² reflecting surface with readings divided by 10. The integrator values from fish targets was allocated to groups of species or species on the basis of trawl sampling and characteristic behaviour identified in the echo recordings.

Sardine, anchovy and round herring (pelagic type 1 fish)

For the findings south of Cape Frio reference is made to the second part of the report: "Surveys of the Fish Resources of Namibia, October to 16 December 1991". To the north of Cape Frio a continuous more or less dispersed distribution of sardine, anchovy and round herring was found inshore past Cunene up to 16°40'S, see Figure 3. Small, but dense schools of sardine were located in various parts of this distribution area. Another distribution area of sardine was found north of Baia dos Tigres, in inshore waters between 16°30'S and 16°00'S.

Table 1 shows the biomass estimates by species and areas. The corresponding estimates for Namibia were: sardine 600 000, anchovy 136 000 and round herring 106 000 tonnes. Size sampling showed that the main part of the sardine in Namibia consisted of young sardine of between 15 and 20 cm of length. The sardine in Angola was on the other hand unusually large sized with modal length of about 25 cm, see Figure 5.

Table 1. Biomass estimates of pelagic type 1 fish by area. Tonnes.					
	Sardine	Anchovy	Round herring		
Tombua- Baia dos Tigres	87 000				
Baia dos Tigres- Cunene	35 000	70 000	12 000		
Total	122 000	70 000	12 000		

Sardine was located in the two previous DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN surveys in Angola in 1991: in the beginning of June with an estimated 26 000 tons restricted in distribution to the Baia dos Tigres, and in the first part of September with a total of 131 000 tonnes found along the coast from Cunene up to about 16°15'S. In both surveys sampling showed large sized sardine with modal lengths around 25 cm, very similar to that found in November. One should also note the similarity of the biomass estimates of the September-and November surveys.

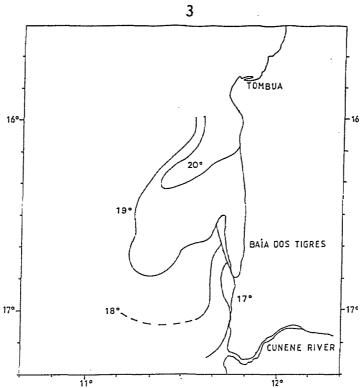


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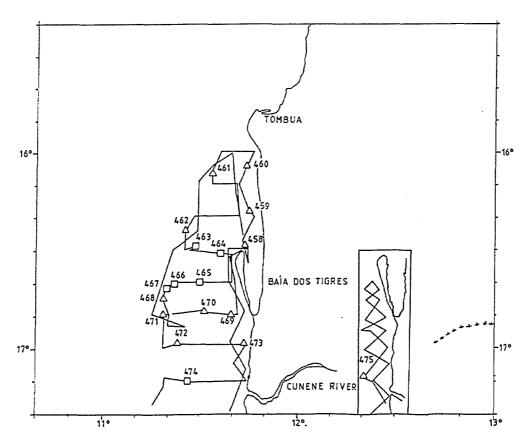


Figure 2. Course tracks and fishing stations.

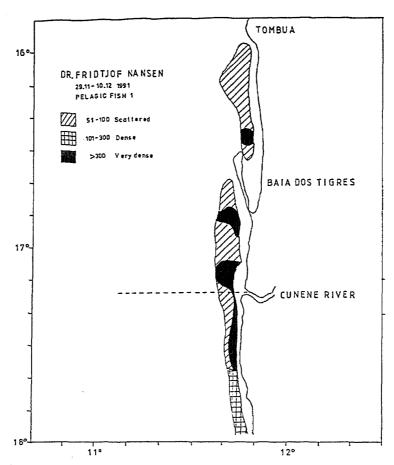


Figure 3. Distribution of pelagic fish type 1, sardine, anchovy and round herring from the echo integration data.

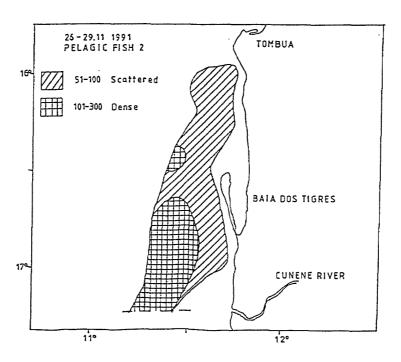


Figure 4. Distribution of horse mackerels from the echo integration data.

Sampling of anchovy from hauls somewhat north of the Cunene River showed the presence of only one group with a modal size of about 14 cm, see Figure 5.

Horse mackerels

The distribution of horse mackerel over the Baia dos Tigres shelf from observations of the echo integration system is shown in Figure 4. The Cunene species dominated the catches north of 16°30'S, while catches to the south consisted of Cape horse mackerel. As previously the horse mackerel is mainly located on the shelf outside the inshore zone and extending to the shelf edge. At times the Cape hake distribution extends 5-10 nm outside the edge and this may contribute to uncertainties in the estimates. The area of high density of Cape horse mackerel on the southern part of the Baia dos Tigres shelf continued southwards in Namibia approximately to Cape Frio.

A biomass estimate of Cape horse mackerel in Angola shows about 400 000 tonnes compared with 1.3 mill tonnes between Ambrose Bay and the Cunene river in Namibia. Size sampling showed a small recruit group at about 15 cm and adult fish between 20 and 30 cm of length, see Figure 5. The June 1991 Angola survey showed about 300 000 tonnes of Cape horse mackerel in this area, while the estimate from the September coverage was only about 100 000 tonnes. This may indicate a variability of the estimates, perhaps due to a varying component outside the shelf edge or actual variations in the presence of Cape horse mackerel during the winter season. The size compositions from the June and September surveys had a strong component of fish at about 20 cm of length perhaps corresponding to the main group of 20-25 cm fish found in November.

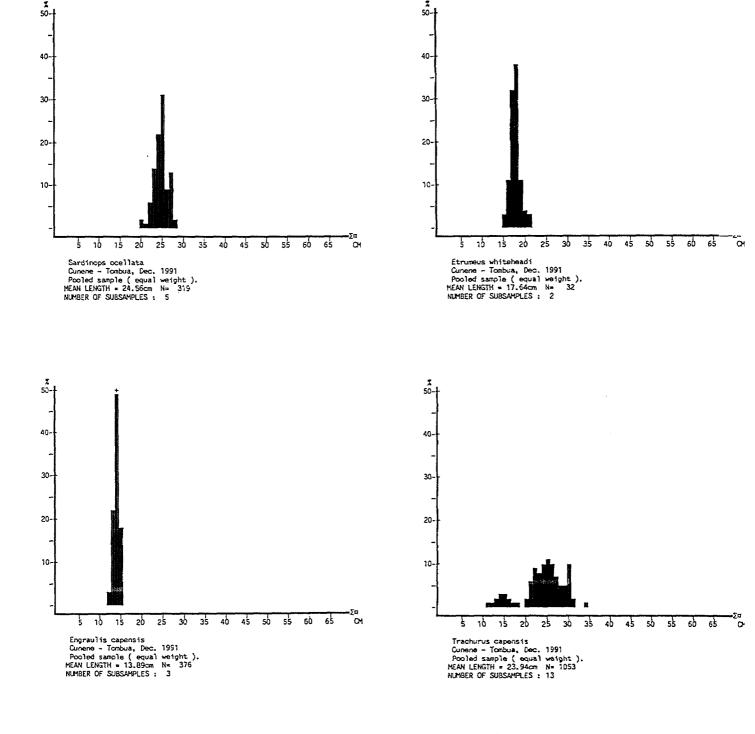


Figure 5. Size compositions of main species.

ANNEX 1 INSTRUMENTS AND FISHING GEAR

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTS

A SIMRAD scientific echo sounder, EK 500/38kHz, was used during the survey for estimation of fish density.

Based on a calibration experiment using a standard copper sphere in Baia dos Tigres on 26th November 1991, the following settings were used:

Absorption Coeff.	10 dB/km
Pulse length	Medium
Bandwidth	Wide
Max. Power	2000 W
Angle sensitivity	21.9
2-way Beam Angle	-21.0 dB
Sv Transd. Gain	28.0 dB
Ts Transd. Gain	28.0 dB
3 dB Beamwidth	6.9°
Along-ship Offset	0°
Athwart-ship	0°

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Temperature, salinity and oxygen were sampled at standard depths with Nansen bottles. Oxygen was measured with the Winkler method and salinity determined with an inductive salinometer.

FISHING GEAR

Bottom trawl: High opening shrimp and fish trawl with net headline 31m (floatline), footrope 47m, gear with 12 cm diameter roller disks, 40 m sweeps, estimated headline height 6m and distance between wings during towing 18-20m. This gear was also used for some of the mid-water trawls.

Pelagic trawl: Swedish type mid-water trawl with a vertical opening of 20-25m.

Cod ends of trawls with fine meshed inner lining.

ANNEX 2 RECORD OF FISHING STATIONS

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