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INTRODUCTION

At the first meeting of the ICES North Sea Benthos Working Group (NSBWG) in Texel (8-12 March, 1982) it was recognised that there is a need for a comprehensive bibliography whose aim would be the provision of a list of works concerning qualitative and quantitative aspects of the North Sea level bottom communities. Thus the prepared list comprises mainly published works although an attempt to include as many unpublished documents (reports, data sheets, theses etc.) has also been made.

This compilation has been limited to ecological works concerning the zoobenthos from the subtidal and offshore areas of the North Sea while studies of estuarine, intertidal, fjordic or shallow sea areas have been excluded. Such an exclusion will inevitably restrict the selection of the relevant works which appear in this list. Moreover, works concerning studies of population dynamics of commercial species of molluscs and decapod crustaceans are adequately covered by existing works and they are therefore not included in this list.

It should be stressed that although care was taken to make this bibliography complete and accurate, it is possible that a number of works on faunistic aspects of a localised nature may have been overlooked. Nevertheless, it is hoped that this bibliography will form the basis for a more comprehensive compilation which will subsequently be produced for all those who are interested in the level bottom communities in the North Sea in connection with fisheries or pollution matters.

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