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## U.K. Research Programme for Greenland

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- 1. All activities will probably be shore-based and will be centred on Godthab. The overall period of the programme will be similar to that of 1966 and will extend from mid-September to mid-November.
- As before, this period will be divided into two roughly equal parts.

  During the period mid-September to mid-October, the shore-based tagging team will consist of A. Swain (M.A.F.F.) and W. R. Munro (D.A.F.S.) and they will be succeeded, from mid-October to mid-November, by A. S. Champion (M.A.F.F.) and G. Struthers (D.A.F.S.). An attempt will be made this year to use some form of trap-net on the Greenland coast, to try and improve the proportion of taggable fish in the catches. Plans are being made to test an English T-met and, perhaps a Norwegian Kilenot (nets which are very similar in design). Some gill nets will be fished as well as the trap-nets. The yellow plastic plate tag will again be used, attached to the fish by silver wire.
- The stock separation investigations by M.A.F.F. will be confined to material (e.g. eye lenses) which can be collected by the tagging teams.

  N. P. Wilkins (D.A.F.S.), perhaps accompanied by his assistant, G. I. Sangster, may visit Greenland to continue his investigations of blood characteristics and provisional arrangements are being made for J. W. Smith (D.A.F.S.) to visit Greenland to collect samples of parasites. These visits would probably also be made during the period mid-September to mid-October.
- 4. This draft programme has been drawn up on the assumption that the new Danish research vessel will be available from mid-September onwards. If this vessel will not be available until later in the month, the programme will be modified accordingly.
- 5. This programme will be co-ordinated, as far as necessary, with other programmes for work on the Greenland coast this autumn.