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Investigations of catches were carried out on board the Faroese commercial trawler "Skalaberg" (955 br.t.) fishing on the W. Greenland Banks from 17th March to 25th May, 1962. During these 72 days the trawler made 604 hauls or 597 fishing hours. The total catch was 1535 metric tons round fresh. The used part of the catch was 1371 tons round fresh, 1355 tons cod, and 16 tons wolffish respectively. 164 tons or 11% of the total catch was discarded. This discarded part included:

Small cod 44 tons

Wolffish 30 ''

American plaice 39 ''

Redfish 51 ''

The collected data includes 11,133 cod. 8,443 cod were measured and otoliths were taken from 2,690 cod. The detailed data concerning the size and age distribution of the cod will be given in the "Sampling Yearbook".

The accompanying figures show the age- and length distribution of the cod. In the northern divisions, 1B, 1C, and 1D, the V-Group (1957 year-class) predominates very much, constituting 92, 75 and 62% respectively.



