

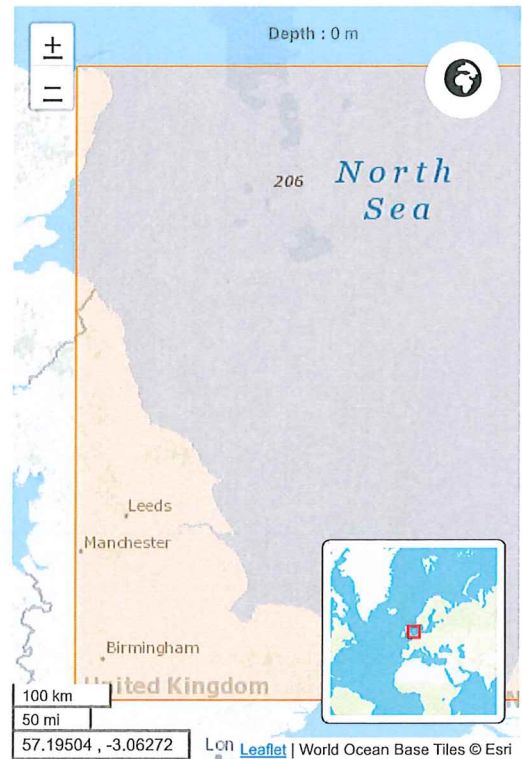
## > North Sea Herring Acoustic Survey (HERAS) CSR REF-NO : 21031801

### GENERAL INFORMATION

ID 21031801	Cruise name North Sea Herring Acoustic Survey (HERAS)
Platform/Ship <a href="#">Tridens</a>	Platform type research vessel
Cruise begin 26.06.2023	Cruise end 20.07.2023
Port of Departure Scheveningen, Netherlands	Port of Return Scheveningen, Netherlands
Local id 21031801	Alternative id -

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### DESCRIPTION

The Dutch Institute Wageningen Marine Research (WMR) has participated in the international North Sea acoustic survey for herring (HERAS) since 1991. The other participating countries in this survey are Scotland, Norway, Germany, Denmark and Ireland. The survey is part of the EU data collection framework (DCF) and is coordinated by the ICES Working Group for International Pelagic Surveys (WGIPS).

The aim of this survey is to provide an abundance estimate of the whole North Sea herring population. This estimate is used as a tuning index by the ICES Herring Assessment Working Group (HAWG) in its assessment of the population size. In this report the results for the 2019 survey in the central North Sea as carried out by the Dutch research vessel Tridens are presented. The area covered is therefore limited to the biological strata covered by Tridens. As a consequence, the presented size and composition of the herring and sprat stock is independent from the remainder of the North Sea.

For the estimation of the total North Sea stocks, the acoustic and biological data of all participating countries will be uploaded to the ICES acoustic database and used by WGIPS to carry out an integrated analysis using the software StoX. As the biological strata in the integrated analysis will be based on biological samples in the whole North Sea, the results for the Tridens area will differ from the results presented in this report.

### LOCATION

General Ocean Areas  
North Sea

Specific Geographic Areas  
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Link to Charts



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parameters measured

- Electrical conductivity of the water column
- Fish abundance in water bodies
- Fish biomass in water bodies
- Fish morphology, age and physiology

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<https://www.ices.dk/data/data-portals/Pages/acoustic.aspx>

Instruments used

- CTD
- multi-beam echosounders
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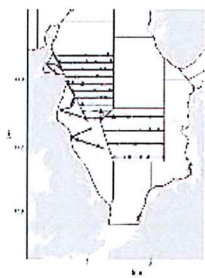
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Marsden Squares (S, N, E, W)

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Bounding Box(es)

West	East	South	North
-2.329102	7.514648	52.079506	57.715885

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**SUMMARY OF MEASUREMENTS AND SAMPLES**

Type	Quantity	Description	Reference date	PI	Organisation
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**MARINE GEOLOGY**

G014 Trawl	29 hauls	-	20.07.2023	Bram Couperus	<a href="#">Wageningen Marine Research, IJmuiden</a>
G74 Multi-beam echosounding	2123 kilometres	Track nautical miles	20.07.2023	Bram Couperus	<a href="#">Wageningen Marine Research, IJmuiden</a>

**PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY**

H10 CTD stations	50 deployments	-	20.07.2023	Bram Couperus	<a href="#">Wageningen Marine Research, IJmuiden</a>
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**CREATION DATE**

29.11.2023

**REVISION DATE**

20.02.2024