Sandeel Dredge Survey (39064)

The scientific sandeel dredge survey is carried out each year in November/December and it covers the most important sandeel fishing banks in the North Sea.

The aim is to collect the sandeels when they are buried in the seabed and compare the catches (number and age composition) with the previous year's collections. The specific year class strength of sand eels is assessed for the different areas adopted by ICES in 2009.

Data from the dredge survey is the basis for calculating an index, which is used in the stock assessment.

This project is coordinated by DTU Aqua.