

Alimentation du merlan Merlangius merlangus L. en Mer Celtique



The importance of predation by the whiting (Merlangius merlangus) from the Celtic Sea has been studied by analysis of stomach contents. Eight hundred and thirteen whittings have been examined during 1984-1986 period. Fish food totalizes 97% of food. It is chiefly a swimming species: no cannibalism has been observed. The daily food index varies between 2 and 4% according to the length and the annual consumption on fishes of nominal catches (11230 t for 1983) would reach 135,000 t corresponding to species already fished for human consumption and the fish meal industry.

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