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ICES 2004. Report of the Herring Assessment Working Group for the Area South of 62°N (HAWG). ICES CM 2004/ACFM: 18. 548 pp.

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