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A field and video-annotation guide for baited remote underwater stereo-video surveys of demersal fish assemblages

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