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I am interested in locating certain specimens of the reed-fish, Calamoichthys calabaricus, Smith, and would like to hear from any curator who has specimens of this fish in his or her collection. (The species was originally named as Erpetoichthys calabaricus, but Smith changed the name to Calamoichthys calabaricus on the advice of Gunther. The generic names Herpetoichthys and Calamichthys have also been used by some authors). I would be grateful for brief details, and in particular the date of acquisition, of any specimens which might be known to my fellow curators.

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Nicely timed for Conference the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council have produced the first summary of their Natural Sciences Collections as a reprint from 'The Naturalist' (1977 - 25-30) on the Botanical Collections.

Details of collectors, sources, approximate numbers, period of collection and area of coverage are tabulated for the major collections - the Herbaria of the Cartwright Museum, Bradford, based on collections by F. Arnold Lees (1847-1921), the important cryptogams of Thomas Hebden (1849-1931) from Cliffe Castle, Keighley and the Wakefield Museum Herbarium.

Copies, 10p plus postage, are available from Margaret Hartley c/o Cliffe Castle Museum, Keighley, West Yorks-BD20 6LH.

Charles Pettitt (Manchester Museum, The University M13 9PL) and Philip Palmer (British Museum, Natural History, London SW7 5BD) are collaborating on a study of the Scaphopoda of the N.E. Atlantic and surrounding seas. They would be very pleased to hear of any well localised or type scaphopod material from that area that may be in collections in care of members of the BCG. In return they would be happy to provide current identifications for the material.