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Introduction

The following copies of tables, graphs, correspondence and reports of the Laboratory of Radiation Biology, University of Washington, have been brought together and placed in one folder for the purpose of providing the current available information on the radioactivity of the plants and animals at Rongelap. These data are preliminary in nature and should not be used for publication without further refinement and review. Essentially the data provided herewith are the results of observations and the analysis of samples from collections made in July, 1957 and March and September, 1958. In some instances information from earlier surveys have been included but most of the results of surveys in 1954, 55 and 56 have been reported in UWFL-42 and 43 and in Dr. Dunning's 1956 report of the radiological conditions in the Marshall Islands.

The information has been grouped into twelve sections and an index to each section is provided. For some groups of organisms a brief, concise table summarizing the results for all years has been prepared, e.g. the table on page 20 and on page 69. Similar tables are to be prepared for all major groups of data and to these basic tables the results of future surveys will be added as well as the work that has not yet been completed from past surveys.

Two sets of data have been prepared. The UWFL reports are not included in either set and the descriptive information about the soil profiles is included in only one of the sets.

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- UWFL-55** Radiobiological Studies of the Fish Collected at Rongelap and Ailinginae Atolls, July 1957. By A. H. Welander, Printed by TISE March 5, 1958.
- UWFL-56** The Occurrence of Antimony-125, Europium-155, Iron-55, and other Radio-nuclides in Rongelap Atoll Soil. By R. F. Palumbo and F. G. Lowman. Printed by TISE April 7, 1958.
- UWFL-42** A Radiological Study of Rongelap Atoll, Marshall Islands, During 1954-1955, TISE August 15, 1955.
- UWFL-43** Radiobiological Resurvey of Rongelap and Ailinginae Atolls, Marshall Islands, October-November 1955. TISE.