

Suspended matter, aggregation potential, faecal pellet production and vertical flux

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After 12 months there are fewer deliverables for this project than indicated in the Technical Annex (TA). This is mainly caused by the unavailability of ship time which is now available at month 15 instead of month 8. Results from the first cruise of WP1, Charles Darwin 114 (July-August) will the earliest be available in the 24 months report.

This report refers primarily to the 2 scheduled WP1 workshops which took place in Paris and Lisbon in November 28-29 November 1997 and 26-28 April 1998, respectively. UITØ was responsible for the organisation of these workshops. The workshops took place in the months 6 and 11 (scheduled in the Technical Annex in months 4 and 7) and were used to plan in detail the organisation of the first WP1 cruise and the principle co-operation of partner inside WP1. Two specific workshop reports have been prepared and were delivered in month 8 and 12. A third workshop (month 11) for partners SINTEF, UITØ and IST on modelling has as yet not taken place, but is scheduled for month 14, in the period of July 13-17, in Trondheim, Norway. Again UITØ will be responsible for the organisation of the workshop and the report deriving from it. For further information, I refer to the two reports.

Due to the lack of ship time, none of the objectives mentioned in the TA could be approached so far. However, some of the main deliverables mentioned in the TA at months 12 have been reached, despite of the lack of ship time in the first year. The cruise(s) were prepared and the WP1 group was more tightly integrated. These results are in greater detail presented in two reports and the management report for WP1.