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Application for Consent to conduct Marine Scientific Research

Date: 9 April 2018

General Information

1.1 Cruise name and/or number: Abundance and ecology of mesopelagic community 2018106

1.2 Sponsoring Institution(s):		
Name:	Institute of Marine Research, Norway	
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	NO-5817 Bergen, Norway	
Name of Director:	Sissel Rogne	

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2. Description of Project

2.1 Nature and objectives of the project:

Explore the distribution, abundance and ecology of mesopelagic resources of the Northeast Atlantic.

2.2 If designated as part of a larger scale project, then provide the name of the project and the Organisation responsible for coordinating the project:

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2.3 Relevant previous or future research projects:

The investigations build on the results of the EU funded Euro-Basin project and will be part of MEESO, which is now applied for to the commission in cooperation with UK scientists (ref. D. Speirs).

2.4 Previous publications relating to the project:

Irigoien, X., T. A. Klevjer, et al. (2014). "Large mesopelagic fishes biomass and trophic efficiency in the open ocean." Nat Commun 5.

St John, M. A., A. Borja, et al. (2016). "A dark hole in our understanding of marine ecosystems and their services: Perspectives from the mesopelagic community." Frontiers in Marine Science 3: 31.

3. Geographical Areas

3.1 Indicate geographical areas in which the project is to be conducted (with reference in Latitude and longitude in decimal degrees, including coordinates of cruise/track/way points/sampling stations). Please provide coordinates in a separate excel spreadsheet.

Northeast Atlantic waters between the Reykjanes ridge to the west, Iceland to the north and Scotland to the east. North of 56 ° N.

Coordinates encompassing working area are: $(57.5^{\circ} \text{ N}, 30^{\circ} \text{ W})$, $(64^{\circ} \text{ N}, 30^{\circ} \text{ W})$, $(64^{\circ} \text{ N}, 9.5^{\circ} \text{ W})$ and $(57.5^{\circ} \text{ N}, 9.5^{\circ} \text{ W})$.

Details in attached spreadsheet and in map of cruise tracks.

3.2 Attach chart(s) at an appropriate scale (1 page, high-resolution) showing the geographical Areas of the intended work and, as far as practicable, the location and depth of sampling Stations, the tracks of survey lines, and the locations of installations and equipment.

Attached map.

4. Methods and means to be used

4.1 Particulars of vessel:	
Name:	G.O. Sars
Type/Class:	Research
Nationality (Flag State):	Norwegian
Identification Number (IMO/Lloyds No.):	9260316
Owner:	IMR
Operator:	IMR
Overall length (meters):	77,5 m
Maximum draught:	7,8 m
Displacement/Gross Tonnage:	4067
Propulsion:	Diesel-electric
Cruising & maximum speed:	10/ 17
Call sign:	LMEL
INMARSAT number and method and	Phone: +47 55 90 64 40
capability	Fax: +47 55 90 64 41
of communication (including emergency	
frequencies):	gosars@hi.no
Name of Master:	Preben Vindenes/ Svein-Roger Fredheim
Number of Crew:	15

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Number of Scientists on board:		15	
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4.2 Particulars of Aircraft:			
Name:			
Make/Model:			
Nationality (flag State):			
Website for diagram & Specific	ations:		
Owner:	ationo.		
Operator:			
Overall Length (meters):			
Propulsion:			
Cruising & Maximum speed:			
Registration No.:			
Call Sign:			
Method and capability of comm	unication		
(including emergency frequenc			
Name of Pilot:	100).		
Number of crew:			
Number of scientists on board:	1 / 2		
Details of sensor packages:	-		
Other relevant information:			
Other relevant information.			4
4.3 Particulars of Autonomous	Underwater Veh	nicle (AUV):	
Name:	Ondo water ver	10.0 (7.0).	
Manufacturer and make/model:			
Nationality (Flag State):			
Website for diagram & Specific	ations:		
Owner:	ationio.		
Operator:			100
Overall length (meters):			
Displacement/Gross tonnage:		Nielw.	
Cruising & Maximum speed:			
Range/Endurance:			7 - 1 - 1
Method and capability of communication			
(including emergency frequencies):			
Details of sensor packages:	.00/.		
Other relevant information:			
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4.4 other craft in the project, inc	cluding its use:		
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4.5 Particulars of methods and	full description	of scientific instru	uments to be used(for fishing
gear specify type and dimension			, 5
Types of samples and	Methods to be	used:	Instruments to be used:
Measurements:		2 10 72 997 19	
Hydrography	CTD cast		Seabird CTD
Nutrients and chlorophyll	Water bottles	on CTD	Water bottles
Meso-plankton	Oblique net ha		Mocness
Macro-plankton micro-nekton	Oblique hauls		Macroplankton trawls
Mesopelagic fish	Oblique hauls		Multpelt pelagic trawl
Acoustics	Hull mounted		Simrad EK 80
Acoustics	On towed platf	orm to 1000m	Simrad EK 80

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Video images of plankton	Videosystem on towed platform	Video Plankton Recorder
Genetics	Samples of plankton and fish	Mocness and trawls
Stomach samples	Samples of plankton and fish	Mocness and trawls

4.6 Indicate nature and quantity of substances to be released into the marine environment:

Nothing

4.7 Indicate whether drilling will be carried out. If yes, please specify: NO

4.8 Indicate whether explosives will be used. If yes, please specify type and trade name, Chemical content, depth of trade class and stowage, size, depth of detonation, frequency of Detonation, and position in latitude and longitude: NO

5. Installations and Equipment

Details of installations and equipment (including dates of laying, servicing, method and Anticipated timeframe for recover, as far as possible exact locations and depth, and Measurements):

Floating buoy with acoustics to be retrieved at the end of the cruise.

6. Dates

6.1 Expected dates of first entry into and final departure from the research area by the research vessel and/or other platforms:

Entering 5 June

Leaving 23 June

6.2 Indicate if multiple entries are expected:

Probably not

7. Port Calls

7.1 Dates and Names of intended ports of call:

No ports of call

7.2 Any special logistical requirements at ports of call:

NA

7.3 Name/Address/Telephone of shipping agent (if available):

NA

8. Participation of the representative of the coastal State

8.1 Modalities of the participation of the representative of the coastal State in the research

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Project:

Free to participate in cruise and access to all data

- 8.2 Proposed dates and ports for embarkation/disembarkation:
- 4 June Bergen, Norway
- 24 June Bergen, Norway
 - 9. Access to Data, Samples and Research Results
- 9.1 Expected dates of submission to coastal State of preliminary report, which should include The expected dates of submission of the data and research results:

December 2018

9.2 Anticipated dates of submission to the coastal State of the final report:

December 2020

9.3 Proposed means for access by coastal State to data (including format) and samples: All data will be in open access database by December 2018.

- 9.4 Proposed means to provide coastal State with assessment of data, samples and Research results:
- Written report by December 2019.
- 9.5 Proposed means to provide assistance in assessment or interpretation of data, samples And research results:

Cooperation with coastal state representatives in research project

9.6 Proposed means of making results internationally available:

Publication in peer reviewed journals

- 10. Other permits Submitted
- 10.1 Indicate other types of coastal state permits anticipated for this research (received or Pending):
 - 11. List of Supporting Documentation

11.1 List of attachments, such as additional forms required by the coastal State, etc.:

Signature:

Contact information of the focal point:

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