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Charter Vessel MV *Aora II*

Charter Cruise 0204H

PROGRAMME

9-27 August 2004

Ports

Loading: 9 August, Largs

Half Landing: 17 August Mallaig (Provisional)

Unloading: 27 August, Largs (Provisional)

***In setting the cruise programme and specific objectives, etc the Scientist-in-Charge needs to be aware of the restrictions on working hours and the need to build in adequate rest days and rest breaks as set out in FRS' Working Time Policy (which is published on the Intranet). In addition, the Scientist-in-Charge must formally review the risk assessments for the cruise with staff on-board before work is commenced.**

Personnel

*T Howell (In charge 17-27 August)

S Davis (In charge from 9-17 August)

J Donald (9-27 August)

Fishing Gear

Scallop dredges

Objectives

- To carry out a survey of scallop stocks on the West of Scotland.
- To collect information on by catches of other commercial fish and shellfish species.
- To collect biological data on scallop growth rates.

Procedure

Scallop dredge hauls will be made at suitable sites within the shaded area shown on the attached map. Sample sites will include those used on previous surveys and other known commercial grounds. Hauls will be of 30 minutes duration. From each haul all the catch will be measured to the half centimetre below and a representative sample will be aged. Numbers and the size distribution of commercial fish and shellfish species will be recorded. From selected sites scallop ring measurements will be taken.

General

Regular contact will be maintained with the Laboratory.

Contact telephone number: 07836 235596.

J A Morrison
30 July 2004

West Coast Scallop Survey Area

