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FRV Alba na Mara

Cruise 0310A

PROGRAMME

15–29 March 2010

Ports

Loading: 10 March, Fraserburgh

Unloading: 29 March, Fraserburgh

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 Marine Scotland's Working Time Policy (Lab Notice 34/03). In addition, the Scientist-in-Charge must formally review the risk assessments for the cruise with staff on-board before work is commenced.

In the interest of efficient data management it is now mandatory to return the Cruise Report, to I Gibb and the Cruise Summary Report (old ROSCOP form) to D Lichtman, within four weeks of a cruise ending. In the case of the Cruise Summary Report a nil return is required, if appropriate.

Personnel

S Davis SIC
J Turriff

Out-turn days: 15 days: MF01ta

Fishing Gear

Scallop Dredges

Objectives

1. To carry out a survey of scallop stocks around Shetland.
2. To collect information on by-catches of other commercial fish and shellfish species.
3. To collect biological data on scallop growth rates.

Procedure

Scallop dredge hauls will be made at sites used on previous surveys. 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 size distribution of commercial fish and shellfish species will be recorded. Component tissue weights will be taken from each ground.

Normal contacts will be maintained with the Laboratory.

Submitted:

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14 January 2010

Approved:

I Gibb

15 January 2010