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MRV *Alba na Mara*

Survey 0413A

PROGRAMME

3-22 April 2013

Ports

Loading: 01 April, Fraserburgh

Sailing: 03 April

Half Landing: 13 April, Mallaig

Unloading: 22 April, Fraserburgh

In setting the survey 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 survey with staff on-board before work is commenced.

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

Personnel

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Fishing Gear: Scallop dredges

Project: 20 days SU02NS

Objectives

1. To carry out a survey of scallop stocks in the West Coast of Scotland.
2. To collect information on by-catch of other commercial fish and shellfish species.
3. To collect biological data on scallop ring measurements.
4. To collect scallop meat weight biological data.

Procedure

Scallop dredge hauls will be made at sites used on previous surveys and other known commercial grounds (Figure 1). Hauls will be of 30 minutes duration. From each haul all the catch will be measured to half centimetre below and a representative sample will be aged. Numbers and size distribution of commercial fish and shellfish species will be recorded.

From selected sites, scallop ring measurements shall be taken along with scallop meat weight information.

Normal contacts will be maintained with the laboratory.

Submitted: J Turriff, 11 March 2013

Approved: I Gibb, 27 March 2013.

Figure 1: West Coast Scallop Fishing Tows 2013

