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MRV Alba na Mara

Survey 0520A

PROGRAMME

1-30 October 2020

Ports

Loading: Fraserburgh, 21 October 2020

Unloading: Fraserburgh, 30 October 2020

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 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 M Geldart, within four weeks of a cruise ending. In the case of the Cruise Summary Report a nil return is required, if appropriate.

Estimated Days Per Project: 10 days -

Fishing Gear: fish traps, auto jiggers

Objectives

1. To capture pristine quality gadoid specimens for behaviour experiments back at lab.
2. To demonstrate covid safe operation of Alba.

Procedures

The fishing locations will be ascertained prior to sailing in conjunction with the skipper taking into consideration weather conditions and time and distance.

Landing port will be either Fraserburgh or Aberdeen depending on fishing location whereupon live fish will be transported back to Fish behaviour unit.

Auto jiggers will be deployed when on location. If sufficient bait is captured and there are signs of fish being present fish traps will be deployed.

Fish traps will be deployed when sufficient bait has been captured and echo sounder shows evidence of fish.

Marine Scotland's Working Time Policy will be observed throughout the survey. A maximum of 13 hours will be worked per 24 hour period. Where possible work will be limited to between the hours of 0600 and 0000.

On 30 October all scientific equipment will be unloaded.

Submitted:

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