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FRV *Alba na Mara*

Cruise 0612A

PROGRAMME

7-24 April 2012

Ports

Loading: 04 April, Fraserburgh

Half Landing: 15 April, Mallaig

Unloading: 24 April, Ullapool

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

Personnel

J Turriff	SIC
P Gibson	
J Alexander (Visitor)	04-15 April

Fishing Gear: Scallop dredges

Project: 18 days, MO1TA

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 as shown 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

08 March 2012

Approved:

I Gibb

10 March 2012

Figure 1

