

**DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS
CEFAS, LOWESTOFT LABORATORY, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND**

2009 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME: RV CEFAS ENDEAVOUR: CRUISE CEND 4/09

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DURATION: 2 – 15 March 2009 (Sailing Swansea, Docking Portland..TBC)

LOCALITY: ICES Divisions VIIe, VIIf, VIIg & VIIh

AIMS:

Primary:

To collect biological data on fish stocks in support of the EU Data Collection Regulation. Fishing will be undertaken using a Portuguese High Headline Trawl (PHHT) and 4m Beam Trawl, using a subset of the station grid previously fished on Cefas Celtic Sea Groundfish Surveys. The station grid is not a fixed target and will be deviated from as dictated by weather, catch rates and/or sampling needs.

The new Cefas Electronic Data Capture system (EDC) is scheduled for hardware release prior to this cruise, if the system is available it will be used in preference to its previous incarnation.

Additional:

Weather permitting, 1 days work will be completed in the Lundy area related to abundance and distribution of juvenile Ray species.

Plan:

RV CEFAS ENDEAVOUR will sail from Swansea on the 2 March and proceed to the Celtic Sea fishing grounds to begin fishing. Sampling will initially take place using the PHHT, swapping to the 4m Beam around 8th or 9th subject to progress.

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DISTRIBUTION:

Basic list + Staff on cruise,
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- North Devon
- South Wales