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VESSEL RRS JOHN MURRAY

CRUISE PERIOD 19-21 June 1980

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OBJECTIVES To continue a series of cruises to monitor the performance of the area to update the validation of ecosystem model GEMBASE.

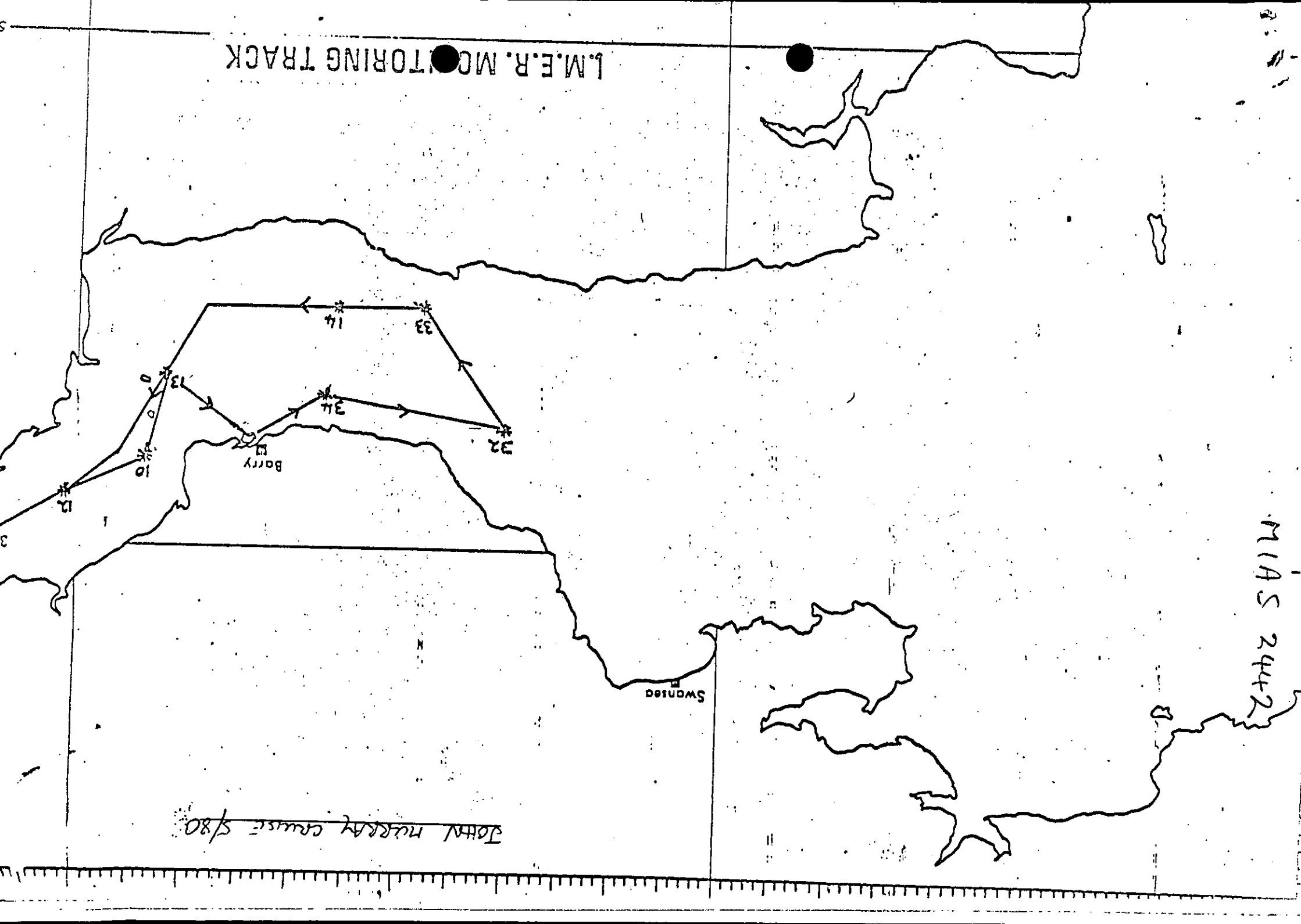
ITINERARY
Wednesday 18 June Travelled to Barry and set up equipment.
Thursday 19 June 0930 Sailed. Gale force W-NW winds with heavy sea and swell necessitated modifying the cruise programme. Completed stations 34, 32, 33, 14, 11, 12, 10 and 13. Locked in at Barry 0130/20th.
Friday 20 June Sailed 0930 and steamed westwards. When clear of the land the sea conditions were found to be worse than on the previous day with Force 8 westerly winds. As the forecast showed no sign of the weather moderating appreciably it was decided to abandon the cruise. Locked into Barry at 1330. Unloaded equipment and returned to Plymouth.

EQUIPMENT PERFORMANCE All the equipment, both scientific and ship's gear, worked satisfactorily.

RESULTS Due to the very severe weather conditions less than one-third of the proposed work was completed.

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