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CRUISE REPORT

"F.R.V. MARA"

October 10th ~ October 29th, 1960

Narrative

The first two weeks of this cruise were to be devoted to comparative fishing experiments working out of Aberdeen. During the last week of the cruise "Mara" sailed for the West Coast and worked the Loch Nevis survey on arrival there.

Unfortunately, the whole period from October 10-29 was disturbed by a succession of gales of varying severity. During the first two weeks the harbour was frequently closed and "Mara" worked on three days only, the 13th, 14th and 17th of October; she put to sea on one other day, only to have to turn back almost immediately after clearing the harbour.

A total of 9 hauls was made using a cut-away wing on one side of a trouser trawl and a standard wing on the other. Some interesting differences between the catches in each half of the net were observed and suggested that this experiment could usefully be pursued at some future date.

"Mara" was scheduled to sail for Loch Nevis on October 24th but owing to bad weather was unable to leave Aberdeen until midnight the following day. The Loch Nevis survey was successfully completed with Mr. McIntyre in charge and the ship then proceeded to the Clyde in readiness for the beginning of the following programme.

R. JONES.

16th November, 1960.