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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. "MARA"

12th - 24th August, 1963.

Objectives

- 1) To obtain further data on the selectivity of Ulstron cod-ends.
- 2) To assess the effect on catch size and composition of varying the headline height of the trawl.
- 3) To collect live specimens for the laboratory's aquarium.

This cruise was completely successful, all hauls being carried out according to schedule. A fair number of live fish was landed in good condition for the aquarium. Two samples of herring were landed for examination at the laboratory. No difficulties were encountered, and there was little damage to gear.

As all the comparative fishing was done close to Aberdeen, the opportunity was taken to accommodate various visitors on several days.

M.J.D. MOWAT

9th September, 1963.