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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. "MARA"

6th-24th November, 1961

"Mara" left Buckie on November 6, and arrived at Troon on the 9th, where she was joined by the scientific staff. Work started the following day. Fish were scarce during the first week, but catches improved in the second week, especially in Loch Long. Because of the number of dogfish caught, however, the whiting were generally in poor condition. Altogether, a total of 239 whiting were tagged, in moderate or poor scale condition, until bad weather ended the cruise on November 22. Three types of tag were used: a yellow hydrostatic tag on a metal bridle, a yellow hydrostatic tag on a nylon bridle, and a yellow flag tag on a nylon bridle.

RAY GAMBELL.
30th November 1961.