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Loch Linnhe/L Eil Survey

3 - 18 December 1975

"Mara" left Buckie on the 3 December 1975 and arrived in Corpach on the 6 December 1975 and was loaded with TV gear, sediment traps and a current meter on the 7 December. The current meter and sediment traps were deployed in L Eil (in an area thought to be affected by pulp fibre) on Monday 8 December.

The TV survey (9 - 10 December) which was most successful (see report T Pearson SMBA) covered a number of transects of L Eil and L Linnhe and helped to map two major areas of pulp fibre accumulation on the bottom sediment. The effect that the fibre has had on the bottom sediment was determined by taking intact cores and grab samples (11 December) from the affected and control areas. These samples will be analysed in the SMBA Laboratory.

The current meter was lifted on the 12 December 1975 and the sediment traps lifted and redeployed in the same area. A standard hydro-plankton survey was carried out on the 15 - 16 December 1975 and the sediment traps finally lifted on the 16 December.

"Mara" left Corpach on the evening of the 16 December arriving in Buckie on the 17 - 18 December 1975 where she was unloaded.

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