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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. "M A R A"

November 6-8, 1963

Dr. R. H. Millar and Mr. T. Pearson of S.M.B.A., Millport, joined the vessel as arranged. The hydrographic survey was carried out in accordance with the programme. The benthic sampling was of an exploratory nature, and exceeded the scheduled programme greatly. The results will be used by S.M.B.A. to produce a final survey plan of appropriate intensity.

A great area of the loch in the region of the narrows is hard stony ground, and cannot satisfactorily be sampled by grab. S.M.B.A. is considering this problem.

No serious navigational difficulties were encountered. However, the inshore work could not be carried out safely in very strong winds.

R. E. CRAIG
22nd November, 1963