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CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. "MARA"

5th-19th February, 1960.

Narrative

"Mara" left Aberdeen at 1200 hours on the 5th February for Anstruther, where she spent the week end. She sailed on the 8th for the crab grounds of the Eyemouth fishery district, but only two days' work was possible before gale force northerly and easterly winds forced her to remain in Eyemouth. She was unable to leave the harbour again until the 19th February, when some 150 tagged crabs purchased from local fishermen were released. "Mara" then made a passage to Aberdeen, arriving at 2230 hours.

In addition to the 150 crabs referred to above, a further 150 were purchased, tagged and released from a commercial fishing boat. It is a pleasure to acknowledge the cooperation of fishermen and merchants in the Eyemouth district.

JAMES MASON 10th March, 1960.