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FRV 'Mara'  
Cruise 2/78  
REPORT  
13 February -- 10 March 1978

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Objective:

To tag spawning plaice in the Moray Firth and east coast of Scotland.

General:

Mr Henderson was unable to join 'Mara' until the second week due to illness.

The main area worked was off Clythe Ness where the majority of plaice caught were mature. When conditions were unsuitable for working off Clythe Ness 'Mara' worked in an area approx 7-8 miles North of Buckie (Bellans). The plaice caught in this area were mostly immature.

On two occasions live fish were taken to Buckie for transportation back to the Laboratory.

Results:

A total of 1,538 plaice were tagged (1130 off Clythe Ness and 408 on and near the Bellans ground). Forty live plaice were taken back to the Laboratory for the Benthos section. Samples of flatfish were sent back to the Laboratory for analysis of stomach contents.

K A Coull  
20 March 1978

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