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## CRUISE REPORT

F.R.V. M A R A

24th-29th March 1969

Objectives

Tagging of haddock caught in a detachable codend.

Narrative

The first day of this cruise was spent loading gear and fitting a derrick for handling the detachable codend. "Mara" sailed early on 25th March from Buckie and fished for taggable concentrations of haddock at various positions in the Moray Firth. On the morning of 26th March, while fishing on Smith Bank, the ship developed a leak in the propeller hub. No further fishing was possible and the ship returned to Buckie for repairs, but some samples of live bottom organisms for aquarium work were taken by grab before the ship returned to Buckie.

No taggable concentrations of fish were found in the 24 hours during which the ship was trawling, but further handling trials with the detachable codend were made and it functioned very satisfactorily.

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8th April, 1969