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Cruise Report

FRV Mara

19 March - 20 April 1973

Objectives To tag demersal fish in Broad Bay, Isle of Lewis and in
the Clyde.

Narrative The scientific staff joined "Mara" in Stornoway on 20 March.

Between 20 and 30 March "Mara" worked for five days in Broad Bay and 299
plaice were tagged during this period. The remainder of this period was
spent in fishing with handlines in Lochs Grimshader and Ouirn because
adverse weather conditions prevented work in Broad Bay.

Between 31 March and 3 April "Mara" steamed from Stornoway to Campbeltown
and in the period 4 - 15 April work was carried out in the Clyde, where
201 saithe, 69 cod and 30 plaice were tagged.

On 16 April "Mara" steamed to Oban. Two hauls were made off Gigha
during the passage but no fish suitable for tagging were caught.

Between 17 and 19 April "Mara" steamed from Oban to Buckie via the
Caledonian Canal.

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30 April 1973