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## CRUISE REPORT

F.R.S. 'MARA'

July 1st - 18th 1968

Objective To catch herring by purse-seine for tagging.

MARA sailed from Buckie on 1st July and reached Lerwick on 2nd July in worsening weather conditions. Because of unsuitable weather during the rest of the cruise MARA was at sea on only five occasions and on one of them had to return to Lerwick after three hours because the swell was too large for the safe operation of the "boss-boat".

Echosurveys were carried out over the grounds off Bard Head, Score Point and Fetlar. The few traces which were seen were too deep for the purse-net and no fishing was done.

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22nd August, 1968