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Cruise Report

FRV "Mara"

7-25 July 1975

OBJECTIVE: To carry out a plankton survey for sprat eggs and larvae off the east coast of Scotland.

NARRATIVE

"Mara" left Buckie at 1215 on 7 July and immediately started the inshore part of the grid. Working continually, 42 oblique hauls with the Dutch Gulf III had been completed when "Mara" redocked for the weekend at 1230 on Friday 11 July.

"Mara" left Buckie at 1130 on 14 July and working overnight, completed 12 stations before docking at Fraserburgh at 1830 the following night. "Mara" undocked at 0815 in the morning and working continuously completed a further 19 stations, before docking at Buckie for the weekend, at 1015 on Friday 18 July.

On Monday 21 July "Mara" left Buckie at 1015 and completed 23 stations before docking at Wick for a break, at 1330 on 23 July Mara undocked at 0800 the next morning and completed the remaining 8 stations without incident, before returning to Buckie at 0930 on Friday 25 July.

RESULTS

One hundred and four oblique Dutch Gulf III stations were completed and the grid was covered twice.

Samples were returned to the Laboratory for analysis.

Cetacean sightings were recorded, and the information reported to the laboratory.

J A Morrison
25 August 1975

Seen in draft - Mr J Jappy.