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Chartered Vessel Opportune (BF19)

Cruise 1494C

REPORT

18 - 21 April 1994

Personnel

Staff from amongst Clupea cruise 0894C

Objective

To carry out instrumented fishing gear trials working in cooperation with FRV Clupea.

Out turn days per project

4 days IAIZ

Narrative

Staff and equipment travelled to Fraserburgh on 18 April. Shipboard instrumentation was installed in both vessels and one partly instrumented haul was made in deep water off Macduff that afternoon. Eight more fully instrumented hauls were made between 19 and 21 April in various water depths with no time lost due to bad weather. The trials ended on the evening of 21 April when Opportune returned to Macduff with staff and instruments being transported by road to Fraserburgh to rejoin Clupea.

## Results

A total of nine hauls were made in three different depths of water. The engineering data obtained will be analysed in the Laboratory and utilised in the current EC Fishing Effort project (AIR Contract CT92 - 0445).

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