MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD FISHERIES LABORATORY, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND

1991 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME

REPORT: RV PRINCE MADOG

STAFF:

R G Lees (SIC)

C Vivian 15-19 July
B Jones 19-24 July
P Rampling) UCNW

DURATION:

15-24 July

M Richmond

LOCALITY:

Celtic Sea and S Irish Sea

AIM:

To collect sediment samples throughout the Celtic and S Irish Seas for the JMG baseline survey.

NARRATIVE:

Prince Madog sailed from Menai Bridge on the afternoon of 15 July and proceeded to the Celtic Sea collecting sediment samples en route. Sampling in the Celtic Sea and Bristol Channel continued until early morning on 19 July. Prince Madog then sailed to Milford Haven for the replenishment of fuel and supplies, docking late the same morning. At Milford Haven Dr Vivian disembarked to be replaced by Mr Jones.

Prince Madog sailed from Milford Haven on the morning of 20 July to continue sampling in the Celtic Sea. Good weather allowed continuous unhampered sampling to be conducted in this region and completed late on 22 July. Sampling in Cardigan Bay commenced on the morning of 23 July. Weather conditions deteriorated thoughout the day and work was eventually abandoned in the north of the Bay that evening for safety reasons. Similar poor weather conditions being forecast for the following day, Prince Madog headed directly back to Menai Bridge docking on the morning of 24 July.

RESULTS:

Sediment sampling was conducted at ninety-two stations in the Irish Sea, Celtic Sea, Bristol Channel and Cardigan Bay thus successfully fulfilling the aim of the survey.

R George Lees 26 July 1991

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PM 91 CRUISE STATIONS, 15-24 JULY 1991.

SHOWING : STATION POSITION STATION NUMBER COASTLINE

