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FISHERIES LABORATORY, LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK, ENGLAND
1990 RESEARCH VESSEL PROGRAMME**

REPORT: RV PRINCE MADOG 33/90

(PROVISIONAL: Not to be quoted without prior reference to the author)

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DURATION:

Left Menai Bridge 1000 h 3 September 1990
Arrived Menai Bridge 1400 h 5 September 1990
All times are Greenwich Mean Time

LOCATION:

North-eastern Irish Sea

AIMS:

1. To collect fish samples from Liverpool and Morecambe Bays, for EQS submissions to EC and Oslo/Paris Commissions.
2. To collect samples of fish at sites to the southeast of the Isle of Man, as part of the national monitoring plan study on spatial variation in contaminant concentrations.

NARRATIVE:

Prince Madog sailed from Menai Bridge in the morning of 3 September out into Liverpool Bay, where trawling commenced off Rhyl. Fishing was then undertaken at a site to the southwest of the Disposal Ground before the ship steamed north, in the late evening, to Morecambe Bay. The required samples of fish were obtained from Morecambe Bay during the morning of 4 September and Prince Madog then returned to Liverpool Bay, where trawling commenced in the Burbo Bight area. Final trawl samples were obtained from the Disposal Ground area before the ship steamed west to commence rod and line fishing in areas to the south-east of the Isle of Man. Rod and line fishing continued during 5 September until worsening weather conditions prevented any further work being carried out and Prince Madog returned to Menai Bridge in the afternoon of 5 September, docking at 1400 hrs GMT.

RESULTS:

1. The required samples of fish for EQS purposes were obtained from Liverpool and Morecambe Bays.
2. Only mackerel were obtained in the time available on this aim.

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7 September 1990

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