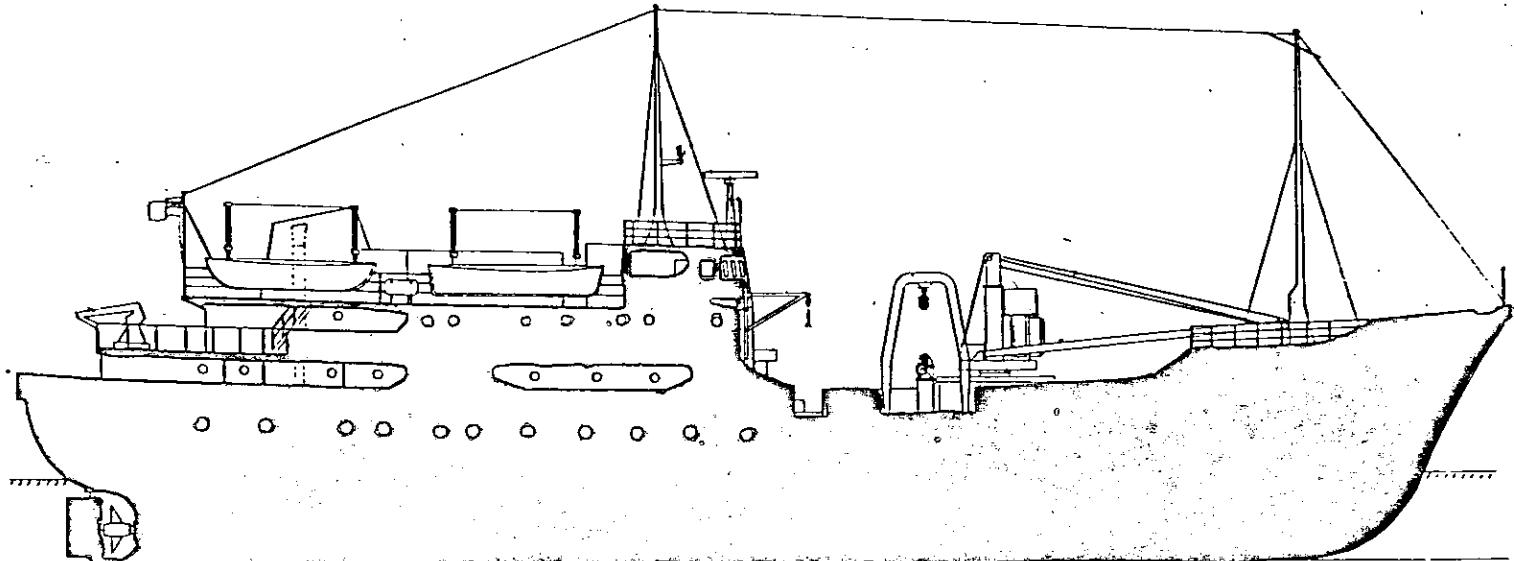


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1. AREA

Inner Hebrides, Malin and Hebridean Shelf, Rockall Bank.

The cruise track is shown in Figure 1 and data sheets in the appendix indicate station positions.

2. PURPOSE OF RESEARCH AND METHODS

The purpose of this work was to observe and collect samples of sediment and organisms from the sea bed on the shelf and shelf edge west of Scotland. The observations were made by underwater television and 70 mm still camera and the sediment samples collected by grabbing, dredging and coring. Our research focused on the nature and origin of the carbonate sediments to further our understanding of modern depositional processes and cold-water limestone formation. We especially hoped to locate and study coral banks on the shelf edge. Information on sediment thickness and bedforms were obtained by geophysical profiling including, side-scan sonar, pinger, sparker and depth recording. Shipboard work included sampling, recording, station plotting, identification of specimens, aquaria experiments, preliminary sedimentological analyses; subsequent labwork has involved the identification of biota and description of environments from videotape playback, textural, mineralogical and component analyses of the sediments, plus computer analysis of sediment data.

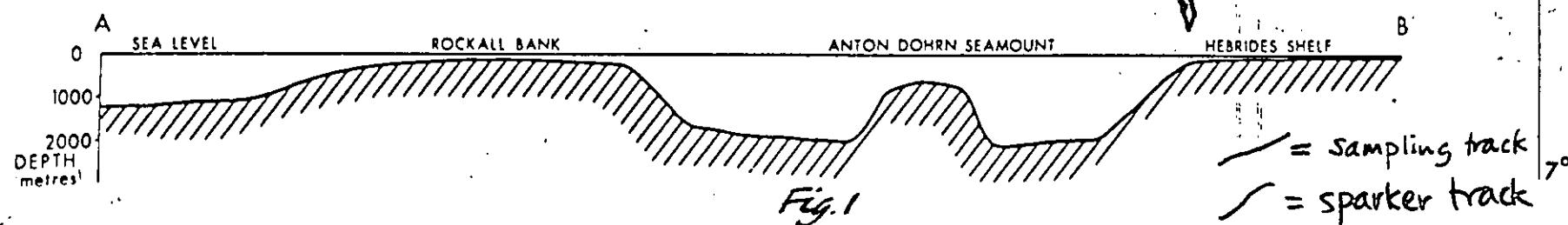
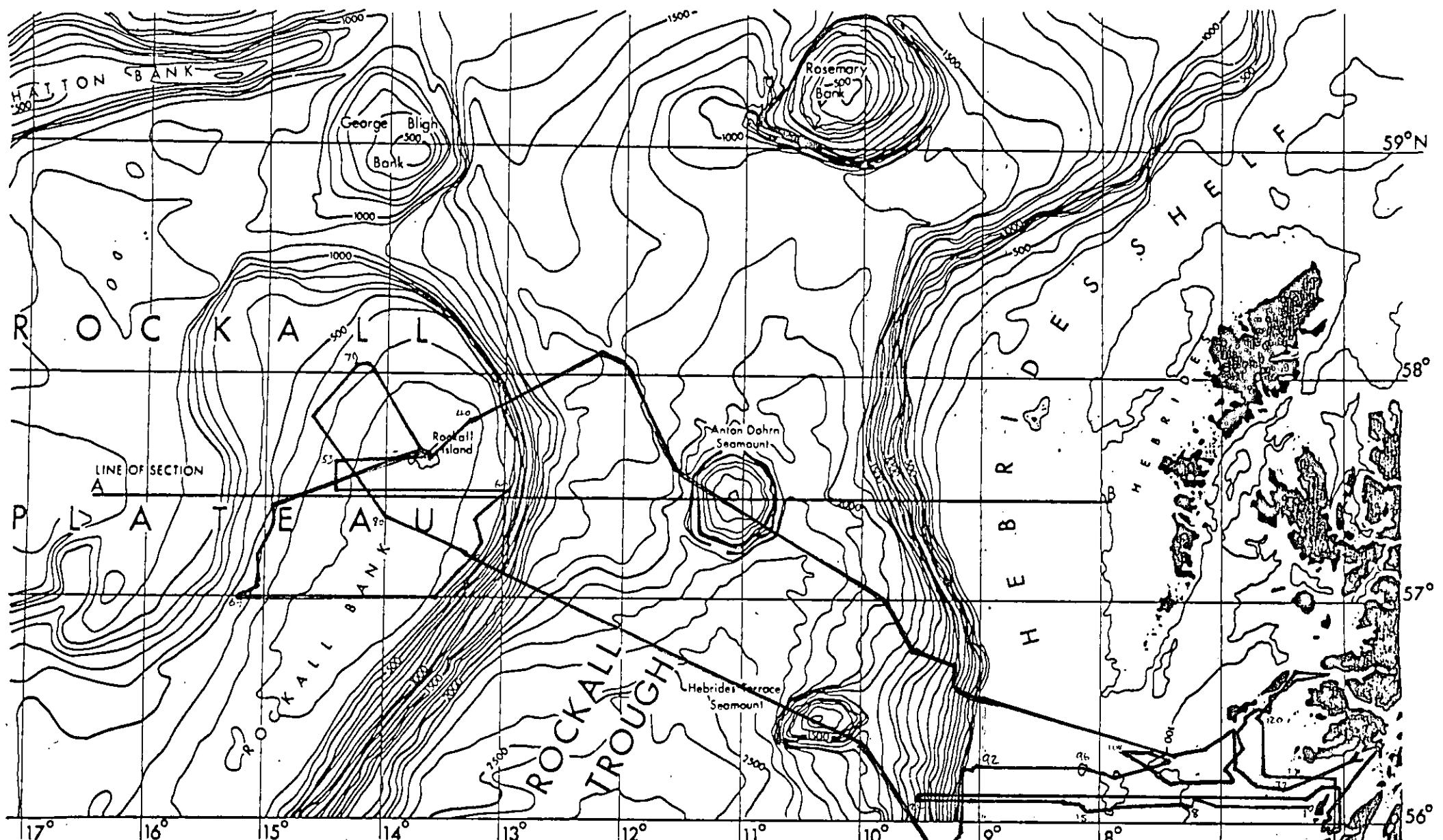


Fig. 1

3. OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

Throughout, the wind was rarely less than force 5 and was gale force for several days. A heavy swell prevailed for much of the open sea work. Coral banks were not located on the Malin Shelf edge and two rock dredges were lost attempting to sample this area. When the weather deteriorated two alternatives were open to us:- either the vessel could move inshore and work in the shelter of the Inner Hebrides or could head into the wind towards Rockall Bank where coral banks were known to occur, travelling during the bad weather hoping conditions would improve on arrival. The latter was the better course to adopt, for two reasons. Firstly, to work inshore with Shackleton would be a waste of such a large ship and secondly for scientific reasons Rockall Bank held great prospect, in that it is a shallow platform isolated from terrigenous sediment from mainland Britain and likely to be accumulating benthic carbonate sediments as yet undescribed. Weather conditions improved sufficiently for us to operate most of our equipment most of the time and a large amount of valuable data was collected. The stability of the ship and the midships 'A' frame made underwater T.V. work possible under conditions of considerable swell.

4. PERSONNEL

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J.D. Milliman	Woods Hole Ocean. Inst.	Scientist	i, ii, v, x
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5. SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC RESULTS

- i) Sediment composition (Data from laboratory analyses of grabbed and dredged samples)

a. Inner Hebrides (depth 16 m - 200 m)

There is a great variation in CaCO_3 content from 30% to 100% which relates to several factors:-

- the abundance of glacial terrigenes
- a variety of skeletal production sites
- diverse hydrographic settings.

Rocky exposures produce sediment rich in barnacles and molluscs. Areas of strong currents but low wave-energy favour the development of banks of calcareous branching red algae. Shallow sheltered zones are richest in molluscs and foraminifera.

b. Malin Shelf (depth 50 m - 200 m)

Lithic gravels dominate the area with fine sands in hollows though locally rocky highs have carbonate-rich peripheries.

The lithic gravels have admixtures of the following carbonate skeletons: molluscs, bryozoans, scaphopods, echinoderms and foraminifera.

Rocky prominences (e.g. at Stanton Banks and at the shelf edge) are rich in serpulids, bryozoans, molluscs and echinoderms.

c. Rockall Bank (80 m - 300 m deep)

This boulder-strewn bank is currently being swamped by gravel- to silt-sized sediments containing 40% to 98% CaCO_3 .

The carbonates show roughly concentric zones with serpulids and bryozoans dominant at the centre, giving way to a mollusc-rich zone surrounded by a benthic foraminifera dominated area and rimmed by pelagic ooze. Lophelia corals occur in patches at the margins of the bank between 200 m and 400 m depth. There

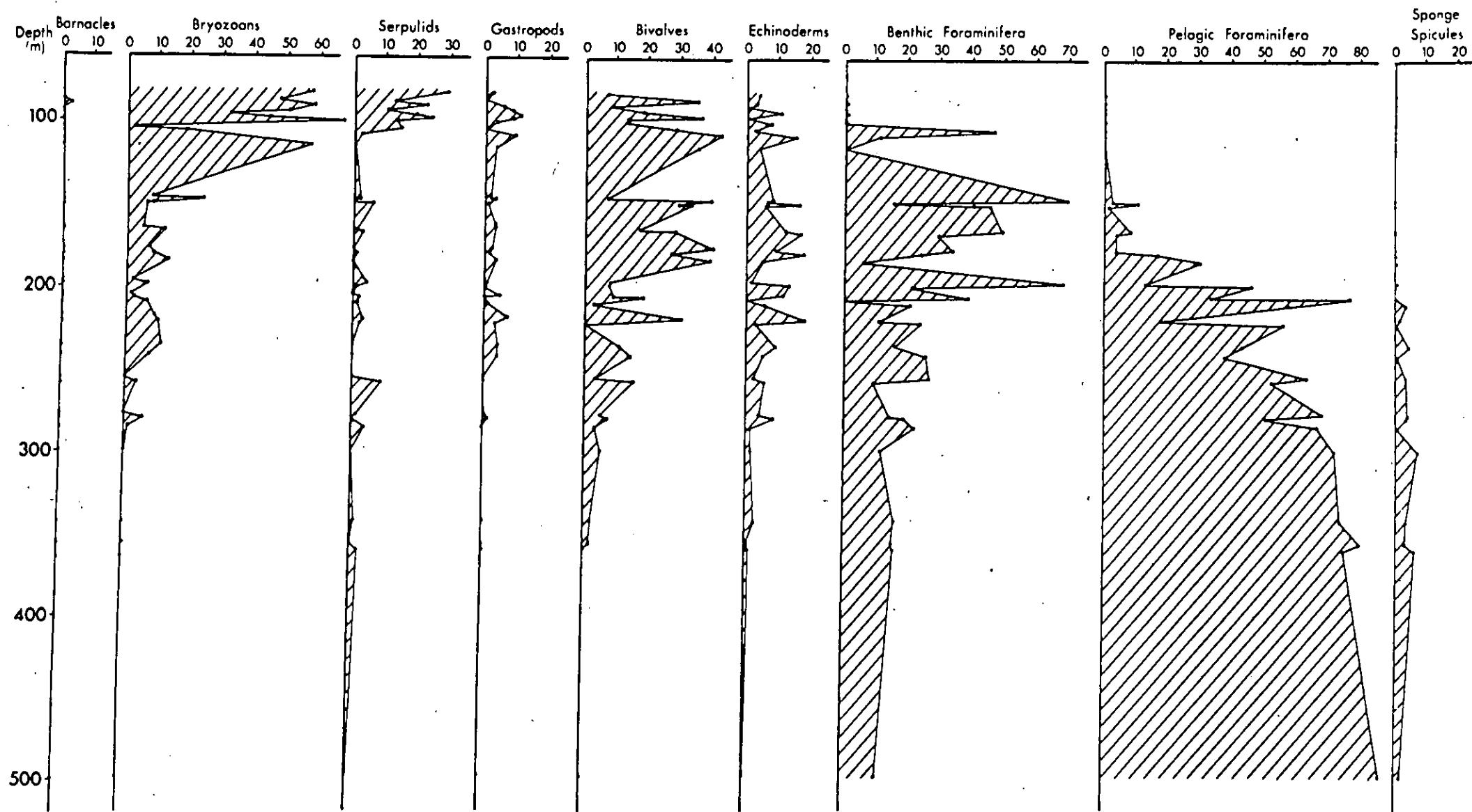


Fig. 2

is an absence of calcareous algae and barnacles which are both very common inshore on the shelf.

The abundance of major components against depth is shown in figure 2 and lithofacies represented in figure 3.

- ii) Sedimentary structures and textures (Data from T.V., side-scan, sediment analysis)

a. Inner Hebrides

exposed - coarse sorted gravels and sands with traction current structures such as megaripples linguoid ripples etc.

sheltered - bioturbation of silts and muds by decapods and worms.

b. Malin shelf

Poorly sorted gravels and sands locally rippled

c. Rockall Bank

Shallow zone - coarse boulders swamped by well sorted sands and gravels with starved wave-induced megaripples

Deep zone - poorly sorted sediment with scattered boulders, sand and silt, extensive bioturbation by fish, echinoids and decapods.

- iii) Diagenesis of sediments (Data from S.E.M. and petrological microscope)

Bioerosion by boring algae is common on the inner shelf.

Bioerosion by fungi and sponges is common on Rockall between 150 and 300 m depth, the shallow zone is too mobile for borers to attach.

Maceration of carbonate grains is common though irregular in distribution, wholesale inorganic solution (or precipitation) of CaCO_3 was not evident down to 400 m depth. Pelagics commonly are infilled by, or altered to, glauconite below 200 m on Rockall Bank.

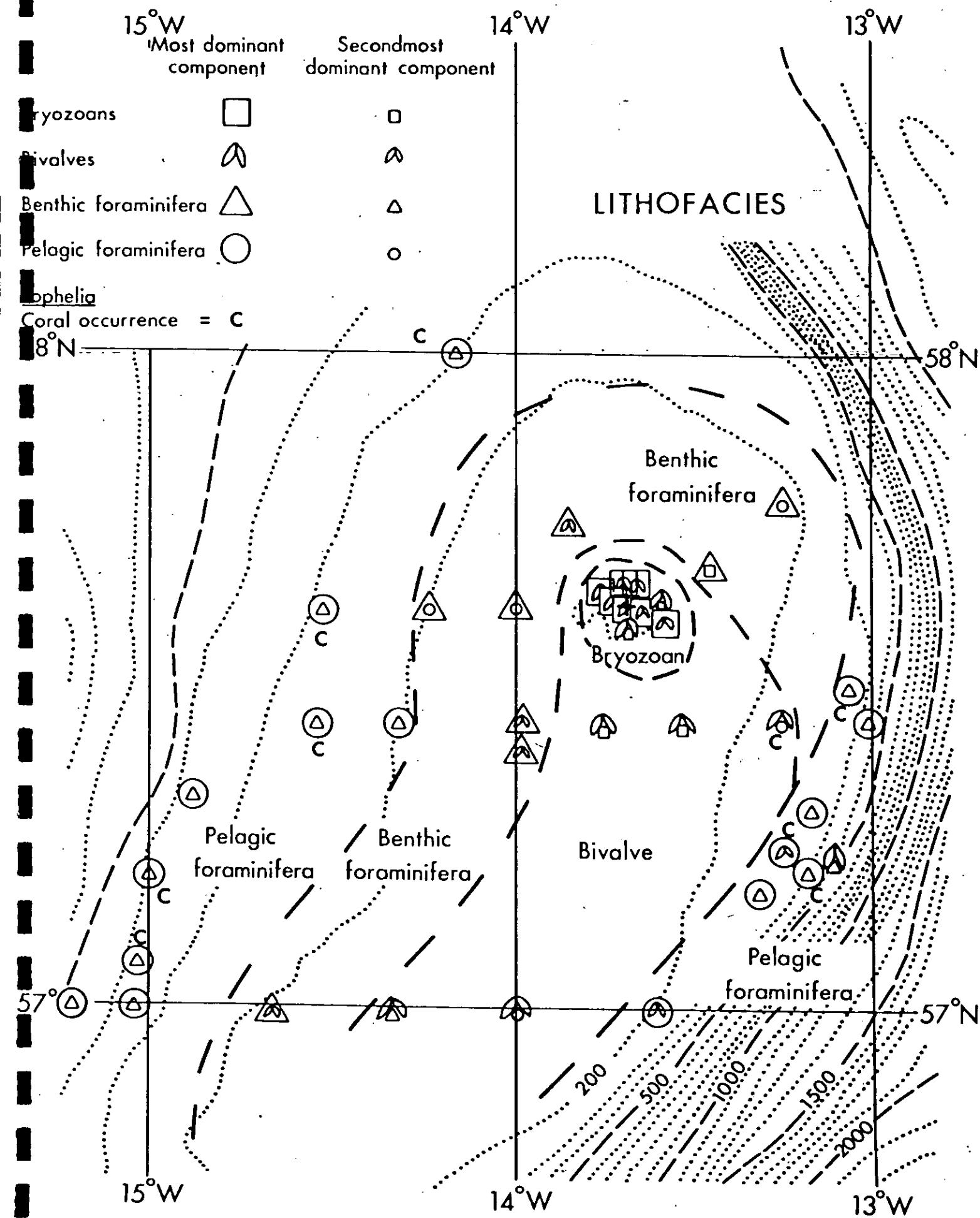


Fig. 3

iv) Mineralogy of carbonates (Data from staining and X-ray diffractometry)

Inshore gravels and sands . . . are rich in calcite (from barnacles) with local Mg calcite concentrations (from calcareous algae and echinoderms) and aragonite (from molluscs).

Muds and silts in deep water contain about 30% CaCO_3 which is dominantly calcite.

Rockall Bank carbonates are mainly calcitic - some aragonite is supplied by molluscs in shallow zones and locally from corals in deep zones, and some Mg calcite is supplied from echinoderms and benthic foraminifera.

v) Suspended matter

Water samples were collected at 18 stations. Measurements of suspended particulates showed that concentrations in the surface waters of Rockall Bank generally range from 0.5 to 0.85 mg/l; most concentration levels decrease with increasing depth, although near bottom samples at several stations (50, 57, 65) have distinctly higher values perhaps related to resuspension of bottom sediment. For the most part we assume the high values relate directly to the higher productivity of bank waters caused by upwelling.

vi) Box cores

Muds derived chiefly from the erosion of glacial deposits are found extensively in the sealochs and coastal sounds of the West Scottish Shelf. Large burrows are excavated in the sediment by fish and crustaceans (chiefly Nephrops norvegicus). The polychaete/mollusc/echinoderm element of the fauna corresponds to Thorsen's "Amphiura" community. Although some carbonate is transported from higher energy

environments, biogenic breakdown of shells *in situ* occurs by crustacean and fish predation. Fragile (e.g. Abra sp. and Thracia convexa) plus strong (e.g. Nucula sp. and Arca islandica) shells are found fragmented in the sediment.

vii) Living fauna (Data obtained from T.V. and film records, and identification of dredged and grabbed samples)

Closest attention was given to the carbonate-producing organisms and those soft bodied forms that directly influence sedimentation. Two groups are important carbonate producers here: those attached to rocks and those living on and in the sediment. Planktonic foraminifera that have drifted down from the surface waters constitute most of the carbonate sediment at depths greater than 200 m.

The rock dwellers that contribute most material in shallow waters (< 40 m) are barnacles, molluscs and echinoderms whereas at intermediate depths (40 m to 100 m) bryozoans, serpulids and echinoderms are more common. Rocks at depths greater than 100 m have sparse encrustations of rock oysters, brachiopods and solitary corals. Small patches 1.5 m high and 20 m wide of the branching coral Lophelia were found living in an annular zone between about 200 m and 400 m around Rockall Bank. (None was found at the shelf edge at this depth in the region of our survey). These colonies grow on a sea bed of ooze and harbour many organisms including:- worms, bryozoans, anemones, decapods, hydroids and sponges.

The calcareous in-fauna at shallow depths (< 40 m) is dominated by molluscs, though banks of free-living branched red algae locally produce large quantities of lime in regions of high currents and low wave action. In deep open water the calcareous sand dwellers are mainly molluscs, echinoids and benthic foraminifera. The specific

types of each group varies according to many local conditions including currents, sediment size, rate of sediment supply etc.

The common soft-bodied organisms were also identified, the significance of algae in providing a stable substrate in shallow water and the influence of various grazers and burrowers particularly fish, echinoderms and decapods in remobilizing sediment were noted.

Abbreviated faunal lists are incorporated in the data sheets in the appendix.

viii) Living flora (Dredged and grabbed samples, T.V. records)

The photic limit as defined by the presence of living algae was determined across the shelf and on Rockall Bank at the approximate latitude of 56°N to be as follows:-

Near shore	40 m
Colonsay sea	46 m
Blackstones	50 m
W. Colonsay	53 m
Off Skerryvore	57 m
Stanton Banks	78 m
Rockall Bank	91 m

Inshore, Conchocoelis is the algal species which penetrates deepest but on Rockall Bank Phymatolithon rugulosum and Rhodophysema elegans were the deepest living algae found.

ix) Solid Geology and Glacial deposits (Data from dredged samples, T.V. and geophysical records)

Large quantities of lithic boulders were sampled partly for observations of epilithic organisms and partly to contribute to the study of the solid geology. Doubtless most boulders are glacial erratics indicated by the shape and heterogeneous composition from basalts and gneisses to chalks and sandstones. However T.V. observations indicated locations and outcropping nature of in situ rocks which

along with dredged samples are being used in solid geology reconstruction.

x) Geophysical Studies

The sparker, pinger, sidescan and precision echo sounder devices were all to aid in a fuller understanding of the sediment distribution, surface morphology and subsurface structure. They were distinct benefits in shallow water and certain deep-water cases (e.g. the location of the slumps on the E of Rockall Bank by sparker) but for much of the cruise we were in too deep water to resolve the detail of the seabed we required with the equipment we had. Ideally we should have used a deep-tow boomer and a deep-tow sidescan rather than the ORE 3.5 KHz pinger and MS 47 sidescan.

xi) Underwater cine/current meter testing

An underwater time lapse cine camera coupled with a recording current meter (belonging to Dr.D. Hamilton of Bristol University) was deployed for an 11 day test period in 80 m of water 7 miles SW of Skerryvore. Dr Hamilton reports that though a trigger failed causing no cine film to be obtained the tests were most valuable in pointing out the defects in the apparatus prior to the cruise for which the equipment was originally designed and that on correction of these faults excellent results have been obtained subsequently in the SW Approaches.

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS

Sediments rich in carbonate of skeletal origin are accumulating in-shore, on the shelf (at 56°N) and on Rockall Bank having CaCO_3 percentages ranging from 30% to 100%.

On the shelf, carbonate abundance and component type relate closely to local conditions particularly:- depth - degree of exposure - speed of currents - nature of substrate - these factors in turn are governed by the geological structure, recent sculpturing during glaciation and regional climatic setting. The in-shore fine terrigenes of reworked glacial sediments and the off-shore lag gravels are currently being masked by modern skeletal carbonates most of which are supplied from rocky substrates.

On Rockall Bank concentric zones of modern skeletal carbonates swamp boulders of glacial origin. The dominant components of the zones follow the sequence from shallow to deep water of: serpulids, bryozoans, gastropods, bivalves, echinoderms, benthic foraminifera, pelagic foraminifera.

Patches of Lophelia coral are abundant between 200 m and 400 m surrounding Rockall Bank.

These shallow-water temperate carbonates differ from shallow tropical carbonates in a few major aspects which are summarised in the table below:

	TROPICAL	TEMPERATE
1. Composition:	skeletal + inorganic grains (oolites, grapestones muds etc)	entirely skeletal grains
2. Major skeletal components:	green algae, corals, molluscs, benthic foraminifers	barnacles, red algae, molluscs, bryozoans
3. Major mineral phase:	aragonite + Mg calcite	calcite
4. Inorganic precipitation:	present as discrete grains and cements	absent
5. Grain size:	wide range but muds abundant	gravels, sands and silts - no muds
6. Profile of banks:	flat or concave, due to rapid sediment supply and lithification at margins and damming by reefs	convex due to slow rate of sediment supply. Marginal corals do not support precipitous margins
7. Centre of banks:	low-energy lagoonal muds	coarse high-energy gravels

Most of these differences relate to the higher supersaturation of sea water with respect to CaCO_3 in warm seas. The differences diminish in progressively deeper water.

Porcupine Bank is an obvious choice for the next phase of these studies:-

- 1) It is close to Britain
- 2) The position, depth and separation from land favour the accumulation of skeletal carbonates in significant quantities.
- 3) The sediments in the adjacent shallow inshore seas off Connemara, Eire, are very rich in carbonates and well documented but nothing is known of the sediments beyond the range of divers. (Cooperation is forthcoming from the geologists who have working in the inshore areas)
- 4) Lophelia patches are known to occur around the bank edge, but their precise distribution composition and structure are unknown.
- 5) The sub-surface structure of this area is presently studied by marine geophysicists at Edinburgh University under the direction of Dr Roger Scruton.

Sediments on banks or sea mounts of similar hydrographic setting but other latitudes should then be compared with those presently described in order to balance the bias (towards shallow tropical seas) in our understanding of carbonate sedimentation. Banks of 40 m to 400 m depth have been neglected in carbonate studies partly because they are inaccessible to SCUBA divers and partly because submersible studies are in their infancy and up to now have focused on specific problems requiring both direct observation and direct sampling, rather than regional aspects of sedimentation. There are several banks and sea mounts at appropriate depths in various latitudes that are not receiving large quantities of terrigenous sediment and are not sites of active vulcanism (e.g. Faroes Bank 61°N, Flemish Cap 47°N, Madiera-Tore Rise 36°N, Argus Bank 32°N, Meteor Bank 30°N) where benthic skeletons are accumulating in sufficient quantities to form limestones. Doubtless it would be of great value in ancient limestone interpretation to learn more of the nature of such deposits.

Station	Date time	Position Lat / Long	Depth m	Bottom Sample	Water Sample	T.V., Still Light	Constituent composition : percent		Biota dredge / T.V.	Tang. T. %	CaCO ₃ i. %	Remarks: Geophys
							1	2				
1	18.6.78 13.50	56°0'6.0'N 06°17.5'W	50 g	A.d.	C.m.							PES
		W. Colonsay,										
2	18.6.78 15.02	56°0'5.0'N 06°24.5'W	50 g									PES
		W. Colonsay,										
3	18.6.78 16.30	56°0'5.0'N 06°38.0'W	37 g.	A.d.								PES
4	18.6.78 18.40	56°0'6.3'N 06°43.5'N	51 g									PES
				A.d.								
5	18.6.78 20.20	56°0'5.5'N 06°50'5'W	68 g.				Mud. sand. fine silt debris Natica bore holes in shells		Ophiuroidea, echinoids Asteroids, bryozoans, Alcyonids, mussels, barno. Scl. coral, flat fish.			10CS
		Between depth Astrach and Blackstones										
6	18.6.78 21.20	56°0'4.8'N 06°57.8'W	83 g									PES
		Between depth Astrach and Blackstones										
7	18.6.78 22.00	56°0'5.7'N 07°0'48'W	43 g	R.d.								PES
		Blackstones										

station	Time date	position Lat ° Long'	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	TV stillcam	constituent composition: percent	Broth dredge / T.V.	Turbidity °	CaCO ₃ %	Remarks; Geography
							%				
7a	19.6.78 0030	56°08'N 07°06.2'W	749				Well washed still sand + smooth cobbles				PES
8	19.6.78 0150	56°03.4'N 07°09.3'W	68	A.d.				Molluscs Folliculous stock byssarians. <u>Fusula</u> or <u>Filigrana</u>			PES
9	19.6.78 0300	56°05.4'N 07°09.3'W	102	g			Cobbles.	Lac. bryozoan, Glyptodon, enc. bryz. Hydrozoa, bivalves Brittle stars.			PES
10	19.6.78 0500	56°05.2'N 07°24.2'W	106	g				Algae; Serpulids Bryozoans, Molluscs			PES
							Gravel with little mud. (over compacted clay)				
11	19.6.78 0620	56°04.7'N 07°31.2'W	114	g				Coral, sponge Bryozoan Brachiopods.			Pes
							Hard bottom. some fine sand.				
12	19.6.78 0910	56°04.8'N 07°38.5'W	147	g							Pes
							Fine sand with shells	shell debris, worn tibiae		35	
13	19.6.78 10	56°04.6'N 07°46.3'N	100	g			35% CaCO ₃ Biv, Br, fauna	Bryozoans, Hydrozoa Small piece of dead branching coral			Pes
							bryozoan			35	

station	Date Time	Position Lat. long	Depth m	Bottom sample	Water sample	T.V.	SST com.	constituent composition : percent	B10TA dredge / T.V.		Transects	Categ i.	Remarks: Geophys
									% s.s. g	% s.s. g			
14	19.6.78 1250	56°03'33"N 07°54'44"W	112 9					(75% CaCO ₃) 37% b.s.s. - forams 20% b.s.s.			75		Side Scan PES
			95	A.d.									
15	19.6.78 1600	56°03'44"N 08°05'33"W	163 125 9 143 9 142					mod. fine skeletal sand (75% CaCO ₃) 24% b.s.s. 9% gest 22% b.s.s. 8% dentition, 2% forams	Gobies, Calc. b.s.s. Opistognathidae, Scaridae, Soc. corals		75		Side Scan PES
			A.d.										
16	19.6.78 1900	56°08'11"N 08°10'00"W	115 100 9 112						Asteriscids, hydroids, Spongids			50	Side Scan PES Pinger
			A.d.					Cobbles + bioclastic sand & gravel. (50% CaCO ₃) 13% b.s.s. 7.2% s.s. 6.7% b.s.s.					
17	19.6.78 21.20	56°07'00"N 08°17'8"W	126 A.d.						b.s.s., sponges serpulids			50	Side Scan PES Pinger
								Stones + m.f. sand Moll, brdg, corals, brach, forams					
18	19.6.78 22.55	56°07'33"N 08°27'00"W	125 9						Euc. b.s.s., Spongids			10	Side Scan PES Pinger
			A.d.					Stones + gravel 10% CaCO ₃ b.s.s. dominant					
19	20.6.78 0040	56°07'00"N 08°37'55"W	125 9						Aporrhais			30	Side Scan PES Pinger
								2% CaCO ₃ lithic gravel with weathered b.s.s. dominant					
20	20.6.78 0150	56°05'55"N 08°45'00"W	125 9					m.c. carbonatic sand Moll in calcareous debris			90	Side Scan PES Pinger	

Station	Date time	Position Lat / long	Depth m	Bottom sample	Water sample	TV	Stiff.	Constituent composition : percent		Soil type	BIOFA dredge / TV	TURPS	Caco ₃ %	Remarks: Grav., PES, pingr. Side scan
								%	%					
27	21.6.78 20.40	5° 5' 57.9' N 0° 6' 11.2' W	45 g			TV	30 mins							
						SC	8/16 22							
						Ripple sand		M. sand + shells						
		Colonsay Sea Sound of Islay												
28	21.6.78 01.20	5° 5' 57.1' N 0° 6' 12.9' W	40 g 46			TV	(4) 30 mins							
						SC	9/16 38	M. sand + shells						
		Colonsay Sea Sound of Islay												
29	22.6.78 01.20	5° 5' 57.3' N 0° 6' 06.8' W	23 g 26			TV	(5) 30 mins							PES
						SC	8/16 26							
								M. sand + shells						
30	22.6.78 02.10	5° 5' 57.5' N 0° 6' 06.0' W	22 g 22 g			TV	2 mins							PES
		N. Entwistle				SC	8/16 1							
		Sand of Islay												
31	22.6.78 02.57	5° 5' 57.4' N 0° 6' 04.3' W	38 g			TV								PES
		Sound of Islay				SC	9/16 6							
32	22.6.78 05.15	5° 5' 58.1' N 0° 6' 10.6' W	35 g 37 g			TV								PES Simrad
						SC	9/16 6							
33	22.6.78 05.36	5° 5' 58.5' N 0° 6' 10.7' W	40 g g			TV								PES Simrad
		Colonsay Sea				SC	9/16 6							

Station	Date Time	position Lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	T.V.	still can	Constituent composition: percent	BIOATA dredge / tv	Fragile fragile	Caco in sand	Remarks/ geophysics
40	26.6.78 0150	5° 7' 50.8" N 13° 15.0" W	214 210	g g				0.54 1.2 35.1 7.0 3.16 0 1.0 2.6 10.5 0 0 0.95 // 1.2 5.0 0 2.5 0 5.7 13.2 0 0	cup corals, anemones bryozoan, serpulids, ctenaria (P) Foram sand + seaphosphate starfish, crabs, bivalve Sponge, Ophiactis balli (v)	cobbles	65	Pinger PES Side scan
			205	R.d. p.d.								
		NE Rockall Bank										
41	26.6.78 0526	5° 7' 45.0" N 13° 26.7" W	148 147	g(f) R.H.				0.35 10.6 3.9 0.6 1.1 3.7 0 3.5 1.3 0 0 0.76 // 8.5 1.3 2.4 8.1 0 6.9 2.7 0 0	Echinocyamus pusillus		76	Pinger PES Side scan
		NE Rockall Bank										
42	26.6.78 0739	5° 7' 37.7" N 13° 37.3" W	96	g R.d.	ws			0.8 2.8 7.7 9.8 0.7 8.0 15.6 25.0 0 0 0 0 1.5 // 1.9 6.5 19.8 3.2 3.0 0 1.0 0 0 0	cobbles boulders	85	Pinger PES Side scan	
		Rockall Bank										
43	26.6.78 0923	5° 7' 37.4" N 13° 36.8" W	95	g								Pinger PES Side scan
		Rockall Bank										
44	26.6.78 1033	5° 7' 36.9" N 13° 39.5" W	113	R.d.				1.5 2.7 4.5 2.0 1.9 6.3 1.1 12.0 0 0 0 0 1.7 // 1.5 9.5 18.2 9.0 11.2 0 0 0 0	Ophinctis balli (1)		70	Pinger PES Side scan
		Rockall Bank										
45	26.6.78 1200	5° 7' 38.6" N 13° 37.3" W	95	p.d.	ws				Enc. bry	boulders		Pinger PES Side scan
			106									
		Rockall Bank										
46	26.6.78 1350	5° 7' 39.2" N 13° 42.0" W	83	g(f) R.d.				0.5 1.2 2.8 5.3 2.1 8.0 2.1 9.6 0 0 0 0 0.6 // 1.3 1.1 2.9 8.7 2.4 4.5 0 0 0 0 0 0		boulders	94	Pinger PES Side scan
		Rockall Bank										

Station	Date time	Position Lat / Long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	T.V. still cam.	Constituent composition : percent.	COP %	BROTA dredge / TV		Tempera- ture	Caco- sia in sand	Remarks / geophysics
47	26.6.78 1510	57° 39.2' N 13° 41.2' W	849	ws.			2.2 3.2 5.4 1.4 5.2 2.0 7.1 0 0 0 0 0 0		Hericina sanguinolenta (1) (Starfish)		9.6	Pinger PES Sidescan	
			90	pd			2.5 3.1 6.9 2.2 5.2 2.6 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		C. bryozoan sand				
		Rockall Bank											
48	26.6.78 1630	57° 39.0' N 13° 44.0' W	100	Rd			0.1 2.5 1.9 2.3 2.2 6.1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		H. Sanguinolenta (1) Stichastera rosea (2)		9.8	Pinger PES Sidescan	
				pd			0.1 2.4 1.9 2.1 1.5 5.2 0 5 0 0 0 0 0		C. bryozoan/echin sand				
		Rockall Bank											
49	26.6.78 17.40	57° 38.7' N 13° 42.9' W	93	Rd			1.9 1.6 2.1 1.5 9.2 2.7 9.8 0 1 0 0 0 0				8.8	Pinger PES sidescan	
				pd			1.1 1.6 1.1 1.0 8.3 1.6 8.3 0 1 3 0 0 0		C. bryozoan sand / gravel				
		Rockall Bank											
50	26.6.78 1930	57° 38.2' N 13° 42.0' W	115	g	ws.		0.2 1.3 3.5 0.2 2.9 3.3 0 5.1 0 0 0 0 0				9.9	Pinger PES sidescan	
				g			0.2 1.0 3.5 0.2 2.9 3.3 0 5.1 0 0 0 0 0		coarse bioclastical sand				
		Rockall Bank											
51	26.6.78 2105	57° 36.9' N 14° 01.8' W	164	g			1.3 1.2 3.4 2.8 10.4 2.8 1.8 2.0 10.2 2.8 0.8				6.5	Pinger PES sidescan	
				g			0.5 1.8 1.1 1.2 3.4 2.8 1.8 2.0 10.2 2.8 0.8		A - bioclastic sand				
		Rockall Bank											
52	26.6.78 2232	57° 36.6' N 14° 15.2' W	197	g	ws.		0.6 1.0 0.4 1.1 0.3 2.5 1.8 0 5.0 2.0 0.1 0				7.5	Pinger PES sidescan	
				g			0.9 1.0 0.4 1.1 0.3 2.5 1.8 0 5.0 2.0 0.1 0		M-d foram sand				
		Rockall Bank											
53	27.6.78 0030	57° 34.9' N 14° 30.8' W	256	g			See 5.3 (8)						Pinger PES sidescan
				260									
		Rockall Bank	247				TV(8) SC 2		c				

Station	Date time	position: lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	T.V.	Stratigraphic constituent composition:	percentage	BIO-THA dredge / T.V.		terrigenous coco. in sand	Remarks/ geophysics
53 (8)	27.6.78 0300	57°35'0"N 14°24.5'W	230	g	-		0 2 5 2 3 2 8 1 2 4 0 3 3 2 0	0			Basalt	67 PES
	0436						0 3 1 1 1 1 5 1 3 1 8 0 0 6 2 3 6 0	C			lignite	pinger
	Rockall Bank						fine-muddy foram sand					
54	27.6.78 0658	57°26.4'N 14°29.5'W	221	g	Rd		0 5 1 3 2 2 1 1 2 0 1 6 2 0 0 4 0	4	encrusting fauna of		lg. boulders	69 Pinger
							0 0 7 1 1 1 3 2 2 5 0 0 2 3 5 1 0 8 0 6		sponges, bivalve, serpulids			PES
	Rockall Bank						foram sand		on boulders			
55	27.6.78 1000	57°28.8'N 14°16.8'W	199	WS	-		0 5 3 0 2 5 1 0 0 9 4 5 0 1 4 0 2 4 0 2 2					65 Pinger PES
							0 8 1 1 1 1 3 2 0 1 3 5 0 1 6 3 4 0 3 4					
	Rockall Bank						fine foram sand					
56	27.6.78 1140	57°27.1'N 14°0.0'W	150	g	-		0 6 4 2 5 2 6 0 0 7 6 5 3 0 1 5 1 0 5 0				cobbles	66 Pinger PES
							0 8 2 0 1 1 0 9 5 0 0 0 1 8 0 8 0				pebbles	
	Rockall Bank						M. moll sand + bivalve foram					
57	27.6.78 1255	57°27.0'N 13°46.0'W	147	g	WS		1.m 0 1 3 2 8 1 5 3 6 2 6 0 8 0 1 1 8 2 0 1 3					60 Pinger PES
							0 1 2 0 1 1 6 3 1 1 2 0 0 3 1 0 0 1 7					
	Rockall Bank						bivalve sand					
58	27.6.78 1530	57°26.4'N 13°31.1'W	177	g	-		1 3 9 1 9 8 5 1 2 0 3 0 1 6 1 5 0 1 0 3					60 Pinger PES
							0 5 8 5 1 1 8 2 5 0 8 2 4 0 1 3 0 3 0 5					
	Rockall Bank						lithic sand - gravel					
59	27.6.78 1650	57°26.9'N 13°17.2'W	210	Rd	-		0 6 1 2 5 2 6 0 8 5 3 0 5 0 6 2 6 0 2 0	C	soft anemone accumulation	Ophiura testacea (7)	61 Pinger PES	
							1 0 3 0 1 1 8 2 3 3 9 0 1 9 1 6 0 (d)		sea slugs, saddle oyster	ophiactis balli (20)		
	Rockall Bank						M-C sand - mollusc foram sand		mg. horizon, dead ophiactis	Ophiopholis rugifrons		
								stichopus hemimaculatus (hol)	Pseudodictaster punctulatus (2)			

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67	28.6.78	56°59.9'N 163°9'W	1450	Rd	W.S.			> 10% 2% 9% > 6% 1% 0% 2% 6% 0% 8%	Aegiali encrusting rock.	Melamor.	82	pinger, PES.	
		14°40.4'W		P.d.				9% 1% / 2% 3% 5% 0% 5% 0% 1% 0%	cobbles		Simrad		
		Rockall Bank		9				f. foram sand					
68	28.6.78	56°59.9'N 300 Rd	1740					0% 6% 13% 1% 2% 0% 0% 1% 0% 6% 0% 0%	Spatangus coh.	Lithified	87	pinger PES.	
		14°59.8'W		P.d.				0% 2% / 2% 0% 5% 0% 0% 1% 2% 0% 1%	live dead corals with sponges.		Simrad		
		Rockall Bank		9				f. foram sand	sponge boring, biopore				
69	28.6.78	57°00.7'N 49.9'Rd	2150					0% 1% 6% 1% 0% 0% 0% 10% 3% 1% 0% 0%	sd. corals attached rock	stalagm.	93	pinger PES	
		15°12.4'W		P.d.				0% 1% / 1% 0% 0% 0% 0% 1% 5% 2% 0% 0%	Terebratulids, cup	trilobite			
		Rockall Bank		9				f. foram sand	Sponges, cicadas, saddle oyster, ophiuroids, broken gash	Ophiostomids?			
70	29.6.78	57°03.3'N 355 Rd	0150					0% 2% 0% 5% 0% 0% 0% 0% 1% 8% 0% 0%	Gir. sd. corals, bry., serpulids	O. ballii (4)	Cobbles	94	pinger PES
		15°00.5'W						0% 2% / 0% 0% 0% 10% 3% 1% 0% 0%	(b) Corals dead Terebratulids	Spatangus		Simrad	
		Rockall Bank						f. foram sand	Spatangus, Antipatharia? Aegiali, ophiuroids, sponge	fuscata			
71	29.6.78	57°09.2'N 355 g	0450		W.S.			0% 4% 6% 8% 2% 0% 1% 0% 1% 9% 3% 0%	Tridacna - Champs byz	ang. oyster	93	pinger PES	
		14°57.6'W		Rd				0% 6% / 1% 0% 2% 0% 1% 3% 2% 5% 0%	epifauna, Spatangus,	planktic			
		Rockall Bank		370 P.d.				f. foram sand	Cidaris.	bioluminesc.			
72	29.6.78	57°19.5'N 360 Rd	0830					0% 2% 0% 1% 0% 0% 2% 0% 1% 8% 5% 0%	Sponge, sepiaria on rock	S. radicans	planktic	88	Pinger PES
		14°51.6'W		P.d.				0% 2% / 1% 2% 0% 0% 1% 8% 2% 6% 0%	with Terebratula	Cidaris ciliata			
		Rockall Bank		380 H.O.				f. foram sand.	Echinus claviger	Ophiura albida			
73	29.6.78	57°37.7'N 93 g (H)	17.40		9					Cerianaster bellidens		Sparker run to Rockall Is.	
		13°41.8'W							stone encrusted w. bryozo.				
		Rockall Bank								1 star		Pinger PES	

station	Date time	position Lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	TV Side Scan light met.	constituent composition: percent	S S.P. %	BIOFA dredge / TV		Terrigene %	CaCO ₃ in sand	Remarks / geophysics
74	29.6.78 18.30	5° 37.3' N 13° 38.6' W	80 73.9	g (H)			0.3, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		Cushion stars, venus		1.9	9.9	PES, pinger
			87	Rd			0.3, 2, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		bryozoan f gravel		gabbro cobbles		sinrad.
		Rockall Bank											
75	29.6.78 1940	5° 37.0' N 13° 36.3' W	82	Rd		TV (Hyp 7 20.5) S.C. (Col) 25	0.1, 5, 1, 9, 0, 4, 2, 3, 2, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		Achelous evan, 20m or so			100	Side Scan, pinger, PES.
							0.1, 5, 1, 9, 0, 4, 2, 3, 2, 5, 0, 0, 0, 0		Asterias rubens (1) Cocaine pulchella (2)				
						Rippled sand			Hippocampus hippocampus (1)				
									Echium asperuloides (1)				
									Erithromyces planulae (1)				
		Rockall Bank											
76	29.6.78 2140	5° 39.0' N 13° 39.8' W	106			TV (Hyp 8 0-1) S.C. (Col)			Cap sponge				Side Scan, PES
									Edible				pinger
						Encrusted rock	Possible dykes + rippling shales		Cushion star,				
						substrate	+ massive igneous						
77	29.6.78 2340	5° 48.2' N 13° 50.8' W	104	g		TV (Hyp 8 1-2) S.C. (Col) 23	0.6, 5, 2, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		Cap sponge, bryozoan			48	Side Scan PES
							0.6, 5, 2, 2, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		encrusting rock.				pinger
									Lithic - foramin sand				
									Cushion star				
		Rockall Bank							fish				
78	30.6.78 0250	5° 59.9' N 14° 0.9' W	255	g		TV (Hyp 8 25-27) S.C. (Col) 52	0.4, 3, 4, 0, 3, 6, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		C. Spathangus, cidaris			90	Side Scan PES
							0.4, 3, 4, 0, 3, 6, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0		1/m ²				pinger
						Dense pack mussels	angular boulders in		(Almond coral on top)				
						seat. faces	sandy mud						
79	30.6.78 0600	5° 05.1' N 14° 10.9' W	300			TV (Hyp 9 1-11) S.C. (Col)			C. Cophelia reef, hydroids				Side Scan PES
									id. Cidaris raro Spathangus				pinger
									fish: pollack.				
		Rockall Bank											
80	30.6.78 1420	5° 26.1' N 14° 0.0' W	150	g		TV (Hyp 11 0-1) S.C. (Col) 30	0.2, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 0, 6, 0, 6, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0		Cup sponges & branching			73	Side Scan PES
							0.2, 4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 0, 6, 0, 6, 0, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0		bryozoan encrusting rock				pinger
						solid rock and rippled sand. some			Halic, Novae in cora				
						encrustation on rocky			Anemone sp.				
						parts			Platifist. feeding.				
		Rockall Bank											

Station	Date Time	Position Lat / Long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	TV	Sroll Cam.	Constituent composition: percent		Biota		Terrigens	Caco, in sand	Remarks / geology	
81	30.6.78 1920	57° 1' 35" N 257 9 13° 12' 1" W				TV	Top (10") S.C. (all) 45	9.2 7.0 3.5 0.6 2.5 0.5 2.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 9.0 9.6 4.3 0.9 5.9 3.6 0		C Lophelia Cidaris Spatangus < 2/m ²				68 pinger, PES, Side Scan	
		E. Rockall Bank						foram sand							
82	30.6.78 2140	57° 1' 25" N 336 9 (f) 13° 0' 8.5" W				TV (top 15") S.C. (all) 23				C Cidaris < 2/m ² Spatangus				pinger PES Side Scan	
		E Rockall Bank						Litic/60% elastic gravel 85%. boulders 15%		Lophelia					
83	30.6.78 2330	57° 1' 24" N 285 9 13° 0' 9.6" W				TV S.C. (all) 30		0.2 2.3 8.2 0.9 0.2 0.8 0.1 0.3 0.0 0 0.5 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 0.0 0		Cidaris < 5/m ² Shrimp, gastropod			57		
		E Rockall Bank						f. foram sand							
84	1.7.78 1410	56° 35.0' N 10° 51.0' W		WS.										Long Sparker run from Rockall to Skyl via Hebrides Terrace Seamount	
		Mid - Rockall Trough													
85	2.7.78 0200	55° 40.3' N 311 9 09° 21.3' W				TV S.C. (all) 30								Pinger PES Side Scan	
		Malin Shelf Edge NW Torg Is						m-c gtb rich sand, moll foram, serpulid, bry, ech, ophi.							
86	2.7.78 0430	55° 44.8' N 275 9 09° 20.7' W				TV (16) S.C. (all) 20								Pinger PES Side Scan	
		Malin Shelf Edge NW Torg Is						Coarse sed. few shells ? limestone bottom		M-c gtb rich sand with forams & mollusc debris					
87	2.7.78 0550	55° 44.4' N 255 9 09° 20.1' W				TV S.C. (f)								Pinger PES Side Scan	
		Malin Shelf Edge NW Torg Is						Gravel and stones		m-c gtb sand with moll foram, bryozo, lithics, ophi.					

Station	Date time	position Lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	T.V. Still Cam.	constituent composition: percent			Biota dredge / T.V.			Caco % in sand	Remarks / geophysical
							50	40	30					
88	2.7.78 0820	5° 45'.2" N 09° 18.4" W	180	g		T.V.				Ophiuroidea				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
		Malin shelf edge NW Trough					Monotonous cable	Quartzose sand with little						
							muddy sand,	frag. Moll, bry. and foram debris						
89	2.7.78 1025	5° 55'.5" N 09° 10.4" W	195			T.V.								Pinger - PES sidescan Simrad
		Malin shelf edge				S.C. (15)								
							Ore sand with foram, Serp., moll, sea							
							ribbed debris. Few encrusting stones							
90	2.7.78 1350	5° 15.4" N 09° 09.9" W	270			T.V.								Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
						S.C. (25)								
							Terrigenous sand with bio debris							
		Malin Shelf					foram, Serp., moll, scaphopods							
91	2.7.78 1610	5° 6' 17.9" N 09° 02.7" W	150	g		T.V.				Encrustations (Serp.)				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
						S.C.				cnid sponges, Aleyronium				
							boulder, rubble, stony	Coarse pebbly sand - f. growth						
		Malin shelf					gravel + f. scarp	Moll. debris. (Sampled sample due to						
							holes)	not shown on = shown on T.V.)						
92	2.7.78 1800	5° 6' 16.6" W 08° 56.8" W	143	g		T.V.				Serps. on stones				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
						S.C.								
							Cobble coralline, rippled sand	Ore sand + moll, bry, Serp., Scaph.,						
		Malin Shelf						Ech., foram. Stones with Serp. encrust.						
93	2.7.78 2030	5° 6' 15.3" N 08° 41.4" W	135	g		T.V.								Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
						S.C.								
							Terrigenous sand with Moll							
		Malin Shelf					foram, bry, Ech., scaphopods							
94	2.7.78 2230	5° 6' 17.3" N 08° 28.1" W	130	g						Small live corals on				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
										small cobbles + few				
		Malin Shelf - Stanton Bank						scaphopods						

station	date time	position lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	TV	Side Scan	Constituent composition: percent.	Biota dredge / TV		origins	cores in sand	Remarks
95	3.7.78 0010	56° 16' 1" N 08° 16' 3" W	157	g		TV	S.C.	Muddy cobbley gravel					Pinger PES Side scan Simrad
96	3.7.78 0200	56° 14' 3" N 08° 04' 5" W	135	g		TV	S.C.	littic sand & gravel. c. 25% Calc shell debris					Pinger PES Simrad Side scan
97	3.7.78 0320	56° 12' 9" N 07° 57' 1" W	105	g		TV	S.C.	C. biodegradable sand with Moll. barn. Scler. orga.					Pinger PES Simrad Side scan
Stanton Banks													
98	3.7.78 0430	56° 14' 6" N 07° 52' 4" W	84			TV	S.C.		Opalinoidia, starfish bival. Cup sponge				Pinger PES Side scan Simrad
Stanton Banks				94	99	Rock bottom		trace sand					
99	3.7.78 0810	56° 16' 7" N 07° 46' 9" W	50	g									Pinger PES Side scan Simrad
Stanton Banks				68	99								
100	3.7.78 1230	56° 17' 9" N 07° 18' 4" W	67	94									Pinger PES Side scan Simrad
101	3.7.78 1430	56° 17' 0" N 07° 20' 9" W	77	g		TV		Littic pebbles + biogenic sand epifauna - hy. moll., scrupoids					Pinger PES Side scan Simrad

station	Date time.	position lat / long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	T.V. Still Cam.	constituent composition: percent		Biota dredge / tr.	Tentacles % sand	Grazing % sand	Remarks
							Op %	C %				
102	3.7.78 1540	56°19'6"N 07°26'1"W	126	g					Muddy, little carb. sand			Pinger PES Simrad, SideScan
103	3.7.78 1635	56°21'7"N 07°28'5"W	160	g					f. sand, muddy, with moll debris			Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
104	3.7.78 1620	56°20'4"N 07°42'0"W	190	g					f. & r. sand with ech. moll fragm. debris.			Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
105	3.7.78 1940	56°15'5"N 07°33'1"W	129	g					f-m sand with 2 patches foot oysters.			Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
106	3.7.78 2020	56°11'4"N 07°28'2"W	115	ggg					c. sand with shells overlying a compact clay (Pleistocene)			Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
107	3.7.78 2130	56°10'9"N 07°18'2"W	100	g					c sand with whole & broken shells			Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
108	3.7.78 2230	56°11'4"N 07°08'4"W	82	g					m-sand with shell fragments			Pinger PES simrad side scan

Station	Date time	Position Lat / long	Depth m	Bottom sample	Water sample	T.v. Strat Cem.	Constituent composition : percent	BROTA		Remarks	
								S %	dredge / T.v.		
109	3.7.78 2310	5° 6' 12.0' N 0° 58.5' W	70	g						Vitrinous pebbles	Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
110	4.7.78 0010	5° 6' 13.4' N 0° 52.1' W	65	g			6 small stones, lithic sand with shell frags.				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
111	4.7.78 0110	5° 6' 16.5' N 0° 53.0' W	63	g			C. carb sand with bivalve barnacles. (c. 70% carb.)				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
112	4.7.78 0210	5° 6' 19.8' N 0° 51.1' W	75	g			Carb. sand with Moll, tiny Serp. + a few enc. pebbles				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
113	4.7.78 0300	5° 6' 34.2' N 0° 50.4' W	75	g			Muddy - f. sand (c. 20% carb)				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
114	4.7.78 0400	5° 6' 27.7' N 0° 46.0' W	30	g x 14			f. sand - muddy				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
115	4.7.78 0550	5° 6' 27.9' N 0° 46.9' W	38	g x 8		T.V. S.C.	Some concentrations of rocks otherwise barnacle gravel.				Pinger PES Sidescan Simrad
							Coarse shelly sand with ripples	c. Shelly sand			

Station	Date time	position lat/long	depth m	bottom sample	water sample	Tv	Stiff cam.	Constituent composition : percent	O P %	BROTA dredge / TV		Terigenes	Caco ₃ % insand	Remarks
116	4.7.78 1710	56°27.6'N 06°47.5'W	47 9											Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						c. barnacle rich sand + ostracids						
117	4.7.78 0820	56°27.9'N 06°51.4'W	25 25.5			TV				laminaria red algae				Pinger PES simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree												
118	4.7.78 1000	56°29.9'N 06°45.5'W	40 38.9			TV								Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						Some mud - c shelly sand						
119	4.7.78 1130	56°31.3'N 06°40.7'W	57 63.9			TV								Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						Muddy Sand with shell debris						
120	4.7.78 1210	56°31.0'N 06°38.6'W	60 92.9			TV								Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						Muddy sand with shell debris						
121	4.7.78 1350	56°33.4'N 06°34.6'W	102 112.9			TV								Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						Muddy sand with shell debris						
122	4.7.78 1500	56°35.0'N 06°32.9'W	18.6 174.9			TV								Pinger PES Simrad SideScan
		Passage of Tiree						Muddy, Terigenous sand c. 10-20% CaCO ₃						

