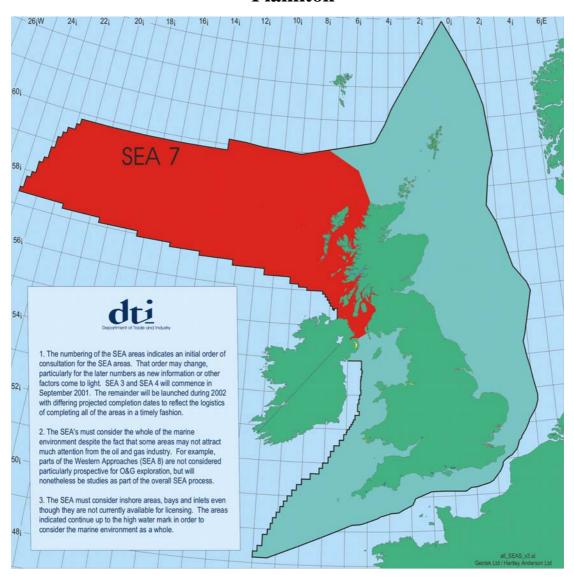
Metadata report for DTI area 7 (approx. $54^{\circ}N - 60^{\circ}N$, $5^{\circ}W - 24^{\circ}W$)

Plankton



1. Introduction

1.1 This report, prepared for the DTI as part of the Strategic Environment Assessment (area 7), aims to provide a comprehensive overview of all parties engaged in activities involving plankton research in the study area (approx. $54^{\circ}N - 60^{\circ}N$, $5^{\circ}W - 24^{\circ}W$). A number of organisations are interested in the study of the plankton community, as it can provide useful information as regards to the local environment, as well as an indication of much larger ecosystem-wide changes. A comprehensive list of such organisations, and a point of contact, is given under Section 2. Section 3 details the actual datasets that are available for SEA 7. Section 4 lists pertinent references of published plankton research.

- 1.2 Plankton can be divided into phytoplankton and zooplankton, representing plants and animals generally. The majority of the plankton occurs in the top 20m of the sea, known as the photic zone (the layer that light penetrates to allow photosynthesis). The pycnocline is a zone of marked density gradient between stratified upper layers and mixed lower waters, which form in summer months in the northern North Sea. Denser concentrations of plankton may accumulate in the pycnocline; this may enter up at the surface, forming a 'front'. The vertical position of the pycnocline can vary throughout the year (Richardson et al., 1998).
- 1.3 The phytoplankton community can be divided into larger entities such as diatoms and dinoflagellates, and the smaller flagellates. The latter are often referred to as pico or nano plankton because of their small size, but can at times make up a large proportion of the phytoplankton community. Diatoms are characterised by having a siliceous test, comprising 2 valves, and being autotrophic (produce energy by photosynthesis). Dinoflagellates differ in having 2 flagella and a rigid test. They are usually heterotrophic (consume substances), but can also photosynthesize under certain conditions.
- 1.4 In the plankton community a 'bloom' of phytoplankton occurs every spring, often followed by a smaller peak in the autumn. Phytoplankton (diatom) blooms are normally initiated by the establishment of a thermal stratification in spring, as a result of increased light and temperature. Dinoflagellate communities are associated with post spring bloom conditions, when surface waters are limited by the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen left after the initial diatom bloom (Williams and Lindley 1980). The factors that initiate the spring bloom are vertical mixing and stratification of the water column, along with the length of photoperiod. During the winter months, in periods of low light, phytoplankton growth is inhibited. In this period, the nitrogen, phosphorus and silicate and ammonia nutrients increase in concentrations, as little or no primary production is taking place to utilise them. When the water becomes stratified in the spring, advantageous diatom species increase rapidly in abundance, hence the term 'bloom'. As the spring progresses to summer, surface waters warm and a more permanent thermocline develops. Colder, nutrient-rich waters sink away from the photic zone; primary production slows and tends to be largely confined to deeper layers in the pycnocline. Silicate (essential for diatom growth, being incorporated into their 'test') eventually becomes limited and other groups, such as flagellates, bloom, followed later by the dinoflagellates. The resulting phytoplankton community is one that can cope with reduced nutrient levels. With the onset of autumn, and the increase in wind strength, the sea becomes mixed once again. This secondary bloom is limited in size by the amount of phosphorus and nitrogen left after the initial diatom bloom. As the light levels diminish in the latter part of the year, primary production once again decreases. The water then becomes mixed and this aids the distribution of nutrients throughout the water column.
- 1.5 The most common group of organisms in the zooplankton community are the copepods (small, insect-like crustaceans which range from 0.5mm to 6mm). These are known to reach large concentrations, and they form the main food source for higher trophic levels.

- 1.6 By using a long term dataset of plankton, broad scale processes can be identified, such as anthropogenic impacts and responses to hydro-climatic variation. As plankton represent the first level on the trophic chain, there importance as primary producers should not be underestimated. Similarly, in this position it has been hypothesised that the plankton community will respond first to climate change.
- 1.7. Acknowledgements for this report must be given to the staff at the Marine Biological Library in Plymouth, as well as Polly Hadziabdic at BODC.

2. Contacts for data and organisations involved with plankton research in SEA 7

2.1

CENTRE-NAME: Free University of Brussels, Laboratory for Ecotoxicology and

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DESCRIPTION:

The activities are in two main research areas: (1) Monitoring of stable pollutants (PCBs, organochlorine pesticides, heavy metals) at the different trophic levels of marine ecosystems (phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthos, fish, birds and mammals) with special interest for background concentrations (levels in Arctic and Antarctic areas); (2) At sea study of the distribution of marine birds and mammals: seasonal variations of distributions, linkage with hydrographical regimes, estimations of population sizes and densities. Estimations of food demands and energy fluxes through higher trophic levels of the marine ecosystems.

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DESCRIPTION:

ICES is the oldest international marine science organization. It was formed in 1902 to promote the scientific understanding of the mechanisms inducing variability in North Atlantic commercial fish stocks, including their ecological interactions. Its member countries, of which there are currently 19, are located around the North Atlantic and its adjacent seas, particularly the North Sea and the Baltic Sea. Although its original remit concerned the scientific aspects of fisheries, the current remit of ICES has matured into providing member countries and various North Atlantic Regulatory Commissions with scientific and management advice concerning fisheries and environmental quality. To meet this end ICES addresses a wide range of issues from fundamental marine science questions to technical questions relating to fish capture via approximately 100 Working and Study groups, who provide the basic material for consideration by its advisory committees.

To support its advisory role, ICES has sought to promote and support marine science programmes by means of stimulating member governments to participate in collaborative programmes. In particular the main thrust of the activities of the ICES Secretariat is to provide professional support and publication facilities for use by scientists working to meet ICES' objectives. In former days, ICES concerned itself with the publication of raw scientific data as well as the prominent research findings of the day, and this has evolved into the scientific management of a number of data banks concerned with fish catches, fisheries biological data, oceanographic data, and data on marine contaminants. ICES promotes the collection of data of the highest accuracy by means of, for example, co-ordinating intercalibration exercises, and providing advice on quality assurance procedures.

The oceanographic data activities of the Secretariat are concerned primarily with oceanographic profile data. These data are provided by member countries. ICES endeavours to work closely with existing National Data Centres, and provides advice and products to fisheries scientists on the use of oceanographic data. Data are not necessarily freely available. Details of restrictions will be provided on request. ICES also maintains a computerised inventory of cruise summary reports, which also doubles as a catalogue of its data holdings. Currently this inventory contains detailed information about 13,000 marine scientific cruises and programmes that have been conducted since 1967 when this inventory system was introduced.

ICES member countries are Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Poland, Portugal, UK, and USA.

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DESCRIPTION:

La station a ete fondee en 1872. Elle heberge 55 laboratoires de recherche en biochimie, electrophysiologie, biologie moleculaire et oceanographie ansi que des aquariums. Enseignement universitaire annuel et ecoles d'ete. Navire PLUTEUS II

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MBA

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DESCRIPTION:

MarLIN is an initiative of the marine Biological Association of the UK in collaboration with major holders and users of marine biological data and information. It provides a structure for linking available data on marine life around Britain and Ireland.

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The School of Biological Sciences carries out academic and contract research, including marine ecology, phyto- and zooplankton, fish stocks, toxicology and diseases and parasites.

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United Kingdom

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DESCRIPTION:

The Foundation was established to study spatial patterns in the abundance of marine plankton. It is responsible for the Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey, inaugurated in 1931. A major remit is to maintain the integrity of a unique planktonic database. Area of operation includes the North Atlantic, particularly European Shelf Seas, and recently the North Pacific. Sister surveys operate in Australia, Finland and North West America.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML) was formed in 1988 through the merger of the former Institute for Marine Environmental Research and the Marine Biological Association. Research interests include the role of the oceans in the global carbon cycle; physical, chemical and biological processes in seas and estuaries; plant and animal communities; cell biology and response of marine organisms to pollutants. Facilities include a major library.

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DESCRIPTION:

BODC operates on behalf of the Marine Science and Technology Board of the UK's Natural Environment Research Council and acts as the UK's focal point for international oceanographic data exchange. It participates within the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)'s network of national oceanographic data centres (NODCs) and was a founding partner of the European Sea-Search network.

BODC maintains a national oceanographic database, and provides a data service to research scientists, industry, and local and central government, and to major oceanographic programmes. In particular, it provides active data management support to NERC's Thematic Projects, including the AUTOSUB, LOIS and PRIME projects and the UK components of JGOFS and WOCE. It is the WOCE Data Assembly Centre for sea level data and, on behalf of the IOC and IHO Joint Guiding Committee for the General Bathymetric Chart of the Oceans (GEBCO), is responsible for developing the GEBCO Digital Atlas. BODC also acts as the data centre for a number of EC/MAST projects including OMEX, INDIA and PROVESS.

BODC exchanges data freely with other NODCs on a bilateral basis, but reserves the right to charge other users the marginal costs involved in making data available e.g. costs of copying, materials and postage. These charges may be waived for reasonable requests in support of bona-fide scientific research. Some data held by BODC are of restricted availability, awaiting final clearance by the scientists involved in their original collection.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Southampton Oceanography Centre comprises both the NERC oceanographic research institute and the Department of Oceanography at Southampton University. It is a multidisciplinary department covering all the major fields of oceanography. Research work is conducted through a variety of organisations. Data are retained in a variety of forms and individual members of staff of the Department should be contacted for particular data. Details of the Department are available from the Departmental Secretary. Degrees of B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. are awarded in Oceanography.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen is one of two constituent parts of Fisheries Research Services (FRS) which is an executive agency of the Scottish Office (SO). The programme of the Laboratory is authorised by a committee chaired by the SO Fisheries Secretary. Research on freshwater and migratory species (principally Atlantic salmon and sea trout) is carried out by the other constituent part of FRS, the Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory, Faskally, Perthshire.

Within the United Kingdom, fisheries research and development are integrated by a Customer Group, composed of representatives of FRS, the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture (CEFAS) and the Department of Agriculture Northern Ireland (DANI). A UK Co-ordinator of Fisheries Research and Development ensures that liaison is maintained between FRS, CEFAS and DANI.

The main thrust of the Laboratory's scientific programme is in support of the fisheries management responsibilities of the Scottish Office Agriculture, Environment and Fisheries Department (SOAEFD). The objective is to monitor the state of the main fish and shellfish stocks, and effort is aimed at conserving and managing the fish and shellfish resources to support an efficient, market-orientated fishing industry. Thus, the largest part of the research programme is directed at investigation of the main fish stocks exploited by Scottish fishermen. Attention is also paid to investigating the various technical measures adopted to promote the conservation of fish stocks. The Laboratory maintains a strong interest in the events and processes taking place in the oceanic and coastal waters around Scotland, ranging from broad interactions between water movements and fisheries to the more local effects on fish nursery grounds. The Laboratory supports The Scottish Office in its environmental interests, conducting research aimed at monitoring and protecting the quality of the seas around Scotland and their fisheries from the adverse effects of environmental change. There is a need for information and advice on the circulation of waters around Scotland and the consequent dispersion of particular contaminants arising from man's activities. The Laboratory also has an interest in the field of fish farming. Here, some of the important roles are the statutory inspection of fish and shellfish farms and the prevention of the spread of fish diseases within the Much of the marine environmental data collected by the Laboratory is submitted to national (BODC) and international (ICES) organisations for inclusion in appropriate data bases. Other data appear in a variety of publications, ranging from internal reports and working papers to refereed papers in the scientific literature.

In general, any requests for data by bone fide researchers are generally granted with

possibly only a small charge for materials and time involved in putting together the data in a form to suit the enquirer. Requests for data from commercial organisations or from research institutes using the data for commercial gain shall be charged at rates laid down by FRS to recover costs of extracting and supplying the data.

Each year, FRS publishes its Annual Review describing the scientific activities of the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen. A separate Annual describing the scientific activities of the Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory is Marine Laboratory, also produced. Copies of Working Papers describing particular aspects of the, work of the Laboratory are also freely available.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Natural History Museum in London, formerly known as the British Museum (Natural History), is internationally recognised as one of the world's foremost institutions for systematics - the study and classification of animals, plants and minerals. The Museum employs about 300 scientific staff in its five scientific departments - botany, entomology, mineralogy, palaeontology and zoology. In addition there is a separate department of library services.

The Museum's scientific collections of more then 68 million items are the largest and most comprehensive in existence. They are a major reference resource for mankind's endeavour in researching the flora and fauna of our planet. They are unique in their global coverage, richness of species represented, historical importance and their wealth of type and other reference specimens. The quality and orderliness of these collections is extremely high as they receive continual curation and benefit from regular enhancement by researchers - both Museum staff and visitors - who are internationally acknowledged authorities in their fields.

The Museum's library of over one million volumes is the world's most complete collection of published works about natural history. It has a comprehensive range of modern periodicals and books, and an unequalled collection of historical materials.

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DESCRIPTION:

CEFAS is a scientific research and monitoring centre for fisheries management and environmental protection. It provides contract research, consultancy, advice and training in fisheries science and management, marine environmental protection, aquaculture and fish and shellfish disease and hygiene to a variety of public and private sector clients around the world.

CEFAS is an agency of the UK government's Ministry for Agriculture Fisheries and Food (MAFF).

There are two broad aims for this research. Firstly, the assessment of the state of the stocks of fish and shellfish to provide a sound scientific basis for management policies at national and international level which will maintain the supply of fish and promote the efficiency of the industry; and secondly, the protection of the aquatic environment and especially its fish and shellfish resources, as well as man as a consumer of marine food, from the adverse effects of pollutants introduced through man's industrial and other activities.

There are Fisheries Laboratories at Lowestoft, Burnham-on-Crouch, Whitehaven and Weymouth. All enquiries should be directed to the Contracts Office, CEFAS, Lowestoft Laboratory, Pakefield Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk NR33 0HT, United Kingdom (Tel: +44 1502 562244; Fax: +44 1502 513865 (FAO Contracts Officer), Telex: 995543 (FAO Contracts Officer)).

At Burnham-on-Crouch research is concentrated on the protection of the aquatic environment from the disposal of non-radioactive waste and also the effects of other man-made changes such as offshore oil and marine gravel exploitation.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ), on the Frisian island Texel, is supervised and financed by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). NIOZ is devoted to fundamental marine research and offers research opportunities for visiting scientists from The Netherlands and abroad. Various applied and fundamental research projects are carried out, mainly for governmental bodies but also for the industry.

NIOZ is organised in 7 working groups:

HYDROGRAPHICAL

- 1) physical oceanography
- 2) chemical oceanography and marine pollution
- 3) marine geology and geochemistry

BIOLOGICAL

- 4) coastal systems
- 5) benthic systems
- 6) pelagic systems

APPLIED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

7) BEWON

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DESCRIPTION:

The DOD - Deutsches Ozeanographisches Datenzentrum (German Oceanographic Datacentre) is the National Oceanographic Datacentre (NODC) for Germany and serves as a focal point for the national and international exchange of oceanographic data.

The objectives of DODare:

- to acquire the marine data sampled by German institutes and agencies, archive it and maximize its utilisation by promoting data exchange on a national and intrnational level
- to meet Germany's international data exchange obligations according to the resolution of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), and under the Oslo/Paris and Helsinki Conventions regarding monitoring of the North Sea/North-East Atlantic and Baltic Sea, respectively.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia (IEO) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, was established in 1914 for the purpose of carrying out multidisciplinary oceanographic research on our seas and on specific aspects of other areas, as well as to counsel the State Administration and other Public Administrations.

Research and counsel encompass marine biology, physical, chemical and geological oceanography, pollution of the marine environment and fishing aspects, as well as research and experience in aquaculture.

The Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia maintain an Oceanographic Data Centre which was established in 1968, and is responsible for the compilation, storage and distribution of the data produced by the different research areas of the Institute. It acts as the Spanish representative at the international data exchange, and operates within the network of national oceanographic databases established by the IOC.

The IEO Data Centre freely exchanges its data with other national centres on the basis of bilateral agreements, but holds the right to charge marginal costs up to other consumers, e.g. copy, materials and postage expenses. The availability of certain data is restricted, and is subject to the authorization of the scientists who were responsible for the collection and reports thereof.

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DESCRIPTION:

The School of Ocean Sciences (SOS) is part of the University of Wales Bangor. It is one of the two United Kingdom universities specialising in oceanography. The SOS is one of the largest marine science academic departments in Europe. Its research interests are multi-disciplinary (i.e. biological, chemical, geological and hydrodynamical) and relate not only to the water mass and what is contained within it, but also the sediments lying below it.

The SOS is participating in several Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) Community Research Projects (CRPs), including the North Sea Project, the Biogeochemical Ocean Flux Study (BOFS), and the Land Ocean Interaction Study (LOIS). It acted as host laboratory to the NERC Community Research Project Plankton Reactivity in the Marine Environment (PRIME). In addition, the School is taking part in a number of CEC MAST projects, including PROFILE, MORENA, European Coastal Transition Zone project and Mapping of Sea Bottom Topography in a Multi-Sensor Approach.

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The Fisheries Research Centre is the research arm of the Department of the Environment, Ireland, and has programmes in three main areas - Fish Stock Assessment, Aquaculture and Environmental Monitoring. Data are held or published in various formats and may be exchanged with other bodies.

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DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Oceanography (OCE-UCG) maintains a research program of oceanographic monitoring along the north west and south coast of Ireland. This program and data stretches back eighteen years. The data storage medium is magnetic tape, formatted floppy disk with data organised in ICES code form which enables ready transfer to other DEC, FAX and compatible computer.

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DESCRIPTION:

Carlingford Lough Marine Laboratory was established to provide baseline data on environmental quality in Carlingford Lough and to advise local shellfish farmers on the best methods of husbandry. The laboratory also plays a role in site selection and investigation of growth of new species to the Lough. The laboratory provides a bacteriological service to the growers in the area.

This laboratory is no longer operational - C/O S. McQuaid, Dr. D. Douglas, 'The Emerald', Omeath, Co. Louth. Copy of M.Sc. held at the Irish Marine Data Centre.

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3. Metadata report

3.1

DATASET-NAME: Phytoplankton Study in Loch Creran (1971-1982)

CENTRE-NAME: University of Wales, Bangor, School of Ocean Sciences

TIME-PERIOD: from 1971 to 1982

GEOGRAPHIC- Loch Creran, Argyll, Scotland

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: temperature, salinity, chlorophyll, nutrients, phytoplankton

species composition

SUMMARY:

The data are the results of a study of phytoplankton in relation to hydrography in Loch Creran. In some years, water samples were taken at weekly intervals from a pier and analysed for phytoplankton species composition and some other parameters. In other years a ship was used to profile temperature, salinity, chlorophyll and, in some cases, nutrients, at several sites in the loch, concentrating on key periods such as the spring phytoplankton increase.

REFERENCE: Tett, P. and Wallis, A. 1978. The general annual cycle of

chlorophyll in Loch Creran. Journal of Ecology, 66, 227-239.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Paper records (loose-leaf), reports and theses. HP9825,

(digital) tapes

AVAILABILITY: by special arrangement

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3.2

DATASET-NAME: Studies of Phytoplankton Ecology in Loch Striven (1980-1994)

CENTRE-NAME: University of Wales, Bangor, School of Ocean Sciences

TIME-PERIOD: from 1980 to 1994

GEOGRAPHIC- Loch Striven, Argyll, Scotland

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: temperature, salinity, currents, optical measurements, nutrients,

chlorophyll, zooplankton biomass, phytoplankton species

composition

INSTRUMENTS: CTD, moored current meters, fluorometers, transmissometers,

colour sensors

SUMMARY:

The data are the results of several studies of phytoplankton ecology in relation to hydrography carried out in Loch Striven in 1980 (March - August), 1988 (1 week in June), 1990 (May - June), 1991 (May) and 1994 (mid- March to mid-May). In 1980 - 1991, water samples were taken at regular intervals and analysed for chlorophyll, nutrients and phytoplankton species composition. T-S profiles were made. In 1990-1994, moorings equipped with current meters, transmissometers, fluorometers and (1991 onwards) colour sensors were deployed for periods of 1 to 2 months.

REFERENCE: Tett, P. et al 1986. The phytoplankton ecology of the Firth of

Clyde sea lochs Striven and Fyne. Proceedings of the Royal

Society of Edinburgh, 908, 223-238.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Loose-leaf paper records, reports and theses; 5.25' and

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3.3

DATASET-NAME: Plankton Reactivity in the Marine Environment (PRIME) project

dataset (1995-1998)

CENTRE-NAME: British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC)

TIME-PERIOD: 1995-1998

GEOGRAPHIC- Norwegian fjords (mesocosm experiment)

COVERAGE: OWS India, NE Atlantic,

NE Atlantic, 20 West, 37-60 North

PROJECT: Plankton Reactivity in the Marine Environment (PRIME)

PARAMETERS: temperature, salinity, optics, chlorophyll, nutrients, dissolved

tracers, phytoplankton community structure, biogeochemical

cycling, genetic assays, productivity

INSTRUMENTS: CTD, profiling radiometers, zooplankton nets, optical plankton

counters, Western dot blots, RFLPs, automated flow cytometer, autoanalyser, fluorometer, HPLC, tangential flow filtration,

productivity incubations

SUMMARY:

The PRIME programme aimed to lay the basis for mathematical models to describe the role of plankton in biogeochemical fluxes within the oceans which have implications for climate regulation. The PRIME programme drew on both historical data collected from Ocean Weather Station India in the NE Atlantic and undertook two major pieces of fieldwork; a 4 week mesocosm study in 1995 and a 6 week research cruise in the NE Atlantic.

Mesocosms Study

The mesocosm study was undertaken at the University of Bergen Field Station in the summer of 1995. The aim of the study was to investigate the circumstances surrounding the development of different plankton assemblages. The experiment was managed by setting up eight 11m3 mesocosms, constructed from transparent polyethylene, and then manipulating the inorganic nutrient environment to force the development of plankton assemblages. The bags were monitored at daily intervals for chlorophyll and the basic nutrients, and on every second day for most other ecosystem parameters. The intensive nature of the sampling provided a very detailed description of the development of the different plankton assemblages. The dominant phytoplankton forms were diatoms and flagellates, predominantly the coccolithophore *Emiliania huxleyi*, the relative proportion of these forms being controlled by the chemical environment. The calcareous forms such as *Emiliania huxleyi* are potentially important sink of carbon in the ocean, given their large inorganic carbon mass and the potential for its export from surface waters.

The mesocosms study served as a testing ground for many of the new methodologies and approaches and also provided the initial data for the first generation of models to describe and predict plankton dynamics. A number of research papers resulted from the study and have been published as a Special Issue of Estuarine Coastal and Shelf Science, entitled Coastal Plankton Dynamics: The PRIME Mesocosm Experiment. - ECSS, Volume 46 (supplement A).

North-East Atlantic Campaign

The PRIME Cruise took place in the North Atlantic in the summer of 1996. A wide range of disciplines was represented on the cruise ranging from physics to molecular biology. The cruise was divided into two legs with a mid-cruise port call being made at Reykjavik, Iceland, to allow change over of part of the scientific personnel. The first leg of the cruise departed from Southampton on the NERC Research Vessel Discovery and proceeded to a mesoscale eddy feature close to the 20oW meridian at latitude 59oN. The research vessel was guided to the eddy with the assistance of the NERC Remote Sensing Unit, which supplied updated sea-surface temperature satellite images on a daily basis. In the high energy eddy environment an eight day time series of observations were made in Lagrangian mode, with the successful deployment of a sulphur hexaflouride (SF6) tracer to track the movement of the eddy. A detailed hydrographic survey showed the eddy to be characterised by a deep warm core structure on which was superimposed a surface cold core structure exhibiting strong anticyclonic circulation. Within and outside the eddy there was strongly contrasting planktonic community composition and structure. The second leg of the cruise enabled a range of measurements at set stations along a transect between 59oN and 37oN along the 20oW meridian, and also provided a time series of measurements in the vicinity of 37oN comparable to those at the northern eddy There was demonstration of strong physical-biological interactions controlling the vertical structure and extent of the sub-surface chlorophyll maximum in the area of formation

of the sub-tropical component of the Eastern North Atlantic Central Water. Physical and biological changes were characterised in transiting from north temperate to sub-tropical waters along the 20oW meridian and the importance of associated frontal regions as biological boundary zones was confirmed

REFERENCE: PRIME Project data set - electronic publication BODC 2000

DATA-WEBSITE: www.bodc.ac.uk/ **STORAGE-MEDIUM:** CD-ROM

AVAILABILITY: The fully documented dataset is available on CD-ROM from

BODC

SUPPLY-DETAILS: Please complete the order form on the BODC website

site.

CONTACT: : Polly Hadziabdic

3.4

DATASET-NAME: Secondary Production data in Loch Ewe (Scotland)

CENTRE-NAME: Instituto Espanol de Oceanografia (IEO)

TIME-PERIOD: from April to September 1970

GEOGRAPHIC- Loch Ewe (Scotland)

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: Grazing, chlorophyll-a, particulate organic carbon, zooplankton

biomass, primary production

SUMMARY:

As part of the project for the study of the ecological conditions at a fixed station situated at Loch Ewe, samples and research were performed in order to know the seasonal variability of primary production and its control by means of zooplankton grazing. Seasonal follow-ups were carried out on primary production, phytoplankton biomass, particulate organic carbon, and ingestion and respiration of the main groups formed by copepods of the genera *Temora*, *Pseudocalanus* and *Acartia*.

REFERENCE: J.G. Braun (1976): 'Marine productivity (trophic relationship

between phytoplankton and zooplankton communities)'. Thesis

Doctoral at the University of La Laguna

STORAGE-MEDIUM: hard disk

AVAILABILITY: data available on request

CONTACT: dearmas@ieo.rcanaria.es

DATASET-NAME: Study of the soft clam 'Mya arenaria' L. in Irish waters (1990-1991)

CENTRE-NAME: Carlingford Lough Marine Laboratory

TIME-PERIOD: from 15 May 1990 to 15 October 1991 at 1 station

GEOGRAPHIC- Carlingford Lough, Omeath, Co. Louth, east coast of Ireland

(54deg 2'N, 6deg

COVERAGE: 8'W)

PARAMETERS: Primary productivity, phytoplankton, molluscs, current meters,

subsurface temperature/salinity underway, surface temperature/salinity underway, oxygen, phosphates, nitrates, silicates, pH, ammonia, contamination in suspended matter

INSTRUMENTS: YSI S.C.T. meter, Syland DO/temperature meter, plankton

sampling net of mesh 60 microns

SUMMARY:

A study of the soft clam 'Mya arenaria' L. in Irish waters was carried out. The aims of the study were to identify locations where the soft clam is found around Ireland; to assess growth in the clam at Omeath and to evaluate the commercial potential for soft clam culture in Carlingford Lough; to investigate the clam's ability to burrow in different substrates and to age clam shells using a staining technique. In terms of sampling frequency, a monthly evaluation was carried out in 1990 of physical and chemical factors affecting growth. Clam growth was measured on five different occasions during trial.

REFERENCE: Unpublished M.Sc. thesis presented to the NCEA in 1993.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Printed paper/tables

AVAILABILITY: Freely available

CONTACT:: Mr. Joe Ryan

3.6

DATASET-NAME: Hydrographic stations in Irish coastal waters

CENTRE-NAME: Department of Oceanography, Martin Ryan Institute

TIME-PERIOD: from 1972 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- waters off the North, South and West coasts of Ireland

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: multiple use for research, training and consulting work

PARAMETERS: ship name, date, time, position, station number, depth,

temperature, salinity, oxygen, P04 - P, N02-N, Si, Chl-a

INSTRUMENTS: temperature - salinity probes (M.C. 5 or similar), sampling

bottles, oxygen probe, CTD, Clark Bumpus samplers, suspended

solids, fluorometer, current meters, light meters

SUMMARY:

Files of temp - salinity, oxygen, sigma-t, nutrients P04P, N02-N, N03N, Si, chlorophyll, P.O.C., currents, phytoplankton, zooplankton for every station sampled. Field equipment calibrated with standard reversing thermometers and inductively coupled salinometer. Files sorted by research cruises.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: magnetic tape, floppy disc: MS-DOS ASCII text files

AVAILABILITY: On request for most data. Permission required for contract data

from client.

CONTACT: John Coyne

3.7

DATASET-NAME: Phytoplankton in Irish coastal waters

CENTRE-NAME: Fisheries Research Centre (Aquaculture/Environmental

Monitoring)

TIME-PERIOD: ongoing programme, start date not specified

GEOGRAPHIC- Irish coastal waters

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: Phytoplankton Monitoring Programme

PARAMETERS: species, location, depth, numbers (cells/litre), date

SUMMARY:

The data set consists of all phytoplankton samples analysed in the course of monitoring for toxic and nuisance phytoplankton blooms. Some of the stations are monitored regularly; others only when there is a bloom. The method of collection varies from sample to sample. All samples are analysed and all phytoplankton determined to species level where possible. At the regular sampling stations data on depth temperature and salinity is often included.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: hard disk

AVAILABILITY: data available by special arrangement - contact Dr. David

Jackson, FRC

CONTACT: Dr. D. Jackson

DATASET-NAME: Distribution of phytoplankton cysts in the sediments around the

Irish coast (1992-1993)

CENTRE-NAME: Fisheries Research Centre (Aquaculture/Environmental

Monitoring)

TIME-PERIOD: from 29 October 1992 to 19 August 1993 at 93 stations

GEOGRAPHIC- Selected sites around the Irish coast

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: Phytoplankton, phytobenthos, molluscs, dredge, grab, core - soft

bottom, aquaculture

SUMMARY:

This project involved mapping the distribution of phytoplankton cysts in the sediments around the Irish coast. Samples were taken at selected sites from Connemara to West Cork; Bantry Bay; Dunmanus Bay, Kenmare River; West Cork - (Rosscarbery, Lough Hyne, Baltimore); Cork Harbour; Dungarvan Harbour, Co. Waterford; Waterford Harbour; Wexford Harbour; Dublin Port, oil berths; Malahide dump site, Co. Dublin; Carlingford Lough, Co. Louth; Mulroy Bay, Co. Donegal; Fanad Fisheries, Kindrum, Co. Donegal. Sampling dates included 29-31 October 1992, 16-20 November 1992, 2 December 1992, 13-16 February 1993, 4 March 1993, 8-10 March 1993, 2 April 1993, 5 April 1993, 24 June 1993, 10-12 August 1993 and 19 August 1993.

REFERENCE: O' Mahony, J., 1993. Phytoplankton species associated with the

imports of the Pacific oyster 'Crassostrea gigas' from France to

Ireland. ICES C.M./93F: 25.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Floppy disk, maps/charts, printed paper/tables

AVAILABILITY: Restricted availability

CONTACT: Dr. J. O'Mahony

3.9

DATASET-NAME: Distribution of armoured planktonic dinoflagellates in the North

East Atlantic and coastline (benthic) dinoflagellates around UK

(1970-)

CENTRE-NAME: Royal Holloway, University of London, School of Biological

Sciences

TIME-PERIOD: from approximately 1970 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North East Atlantic, including the North Sea

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: planktonic dinoflagellates; benthic dinoflagellates around the

coasts of UK

SUMMARY:

Over the past 20 years data have been accumulated on the distribution of armoured dinoflagellates in the area of the North East Atlantic bounded by latitude 20deg N and 70deg N, longitude 5deg E and 25deg W, and benthic dinoflagellates around the coasts of UK. Over 2500 samples, collected by a range of oceanographic techniques, have been examined. To date 250 species have been identified and their distributions plotted using a 5 degree grid.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Unknown

AVAILABILITY: Contact Prof. J.D. Dodge for further details

CONTACT: J.D. Dodge

3.10

DATASET-NAME: IOS Deacon Laboratory Biological Database of the North East

Atlantic (1969-)

CENTRE-NAME: Southampton Oceanography Centre

TIME-PERIOD: from 1969 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- Eastern North Atlantic Ocean, Western Mediterranean, Arabian

Sea/Persian

COVERAGE: Gulf, off Bermuda, Weddell Sea

PARAMETERS: macroplankton, micronekton, benthic fish, amphipods,

cephalopods, ctenophores, medusae, pteropods, heteropods

INSTRUMENTS: rectangular midwater trawl (1 and 8 metre), benthic nets

SUMMARY:

The Biology Group at IOS Deacon Laboratory has been engaged in a series of comprehensive mid-water sampling programmes in the North Atlantic between the equator and 60deg N and from offshore Europe and Africa mainly to 33deg W for many years.

Between 1969 and 1974 the sampler used was the opening/closing Rectangular Midwater Trawl (1+8), but in 1974 this was superseded by the multiple version (1+8m) Using both systems a macroplankton and a micronekton sample are collected simultaneously in an RMT1 and RMT8 net respectively, fished in tandem. At many stations a series of horizontal hauls were taken systematically in discrete depth strata 50-200m in thickness, so the whole water column was sampled. In the upper 900-1000m usually both day and night samples were collected; below these depths samples were taken irrespective of the light regime.

A relational database is used for storage and retrieval of the biological data relating to the vertical and geographic distribution of open ocean species of macroplankton and micronekton. Data on the vertical distribution and maturity stages of the following taxonomic groups are included in the database: Decapoda, Ostracoda, Chaetognatha, Mysidacea, Fish, Siphonophora, Euphausiacea, amphipoda, cephalopoda, ctenophora, medusae, pteropoda, heteropoda. The total number of records entered into the database is 81523 and the number of specimens identified is over 4.5 million.

REFERENCE: Hargreaves, P.M. 1990 North East Atlantic data held in the

biological database

of the Institute of Oceanographic Sciences Deacon Laboratory,

U.K.

Arquipelago. Life and Earth Sciences 8:55-61

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1981 BIOS data base for marine biological data. Journal of

Plankton Research 3:3.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Data on disk (Oracle RDBMS)

AVAILABILITY: These data may be made available to bona fide members of the

scientific

community at negotiable cost. Further enquiries should be

addressed to the

Biology Group at IOSDL, Wormley, Surrey, UK.

CONTACT: Phil Pugh (Tel: +44 1428 684141)

3.11

DATASET-NAME: Control Volume Experiment (CONVEX) North Atlantic (1991-)

CENTRE-NAME: Southampton Oceanography Centre

TIME-PERIOD: from 01 August 1991 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North Atlantic (UK to Cape Farewell, Greenland)

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: World Ocean Circulation Experiment (WOCE), CONVEX

PARAMETERS: temperature, salinity, transmittance, dissolved oxygen, nitrate,

silicate, oxygen-16/oxygen-18 ratio, CFCs, plankton meteorological measurements, current profiles, bathymetry

INSTRUMENTS: thermosalinograph, XBT, CTD, transmissometer, rosette

sampler, nets, multimet recorder, Simrad echo-sounder,

shipborne ADCP, drifting buoys

SUMMARY:

This data set was collected on RRS Charles Darwin cruise 62 (CONVEX 91) as a contribution to WOCE core Project 3. The data set comprises high quality CTD, nutrient, dissolved oxygen, and CFC data between the UK and Cape Farewell, Greenland. These data were collected to investigate the distribution of water masses

and to derive full depth circulation. Two approximately meridional sections were completed with linking sections on 20deg W and 30deg W. Two drifting buoys were deployed during the cruise.

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Magnetic disk

AVAILABILITY: Contact Dr. W.J. Gould for details; data may be restricted to

WOCE scientists

CONTACT: L.J. Rickards, BODC

3.12

DATASET-NAME: UK coastal sea water quality survey (1980-1982)

CENTRE-NAME: Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science

TIME-PERIOD: from 1980 to 1982

GEOGRAPHIC- 9 sites (Walton-on-the-Naze, Reculver, Whitstable, Beaulieu,

Milford Haven,

COVERAGE: Inland Sea and Tal-y-foel (Anglesey), Conwy, Connel) on the

UK coastline

PARAMETERS: Temperature, salinity, phytoplankton, pH, nutrients (silicate,

nitrate, nitrite, orthophosphate, inorganic and organic carbon),

Vibrios and total bacteria

SUMMARY:

Sea water was collected at high tide on a weekly basis from March to October inclusive. Temperature was taken at the time of collection using a thermometer. Sea water subsamples (0.1 ml) were spread over nutrient agar and TCBS medium immediately after collection for the assessment of total bacteria and Vibrio spp respectively. Salinity was measured by refractometer and pH with a pH meter. Nutrients were measured by colorimetric methods using an automatic analyzer.

Phytoplankton identification and enumeration were carried out using a binocular microscope

DATA-WEBSITE: www.cefas.co.uk/

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Magnetic disk

AVAILABILITY: Report - data available on application. Contact the Contracts

Office, CEFAS, Lowestoft.

CONTACT: S.D. Utting

DATASET-NAME: NHM foraminifera collection from the oceans and seas adjoining Europe (1850-)

CENTRE-NAME: Natural History Museum, London (NHM)

TIME-PERIOD: from 1850 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- oceans and seas adjoining Europe; very extensive coverage

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: taxonomic research

PARAMETERS: plankton and benthos

SUMMARY:

The Palaeontology Department of the Natural History Museum holds one of the finest and largest collections in the world of recent as well as fossil foraminifera. These are both wet and dry preserved specimens and include historically important collections such as the 'Challenger', Terra Nova', 'Discovery' and other cruises of international importance. The Department holds extensive collections from European coastal regions and seas.

The foraminifera collection comprises material obtained by individuals and by cruises from the north east Atlantic, the Arctic Ocean, the North Sea, the Baltic, the Irish Sea, the west Irish coast, the English Channel and Western Approaches, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. The Brady collection contains not only the famous Challenger collection, but also much material from European coasts obtained in exchange from Scandinavia and the Mediterranean. We hold material from the 'Porcupine' cruises, and much material in the Heron- Allen and Earland collection from European shores (e.g. Clare Island Survey). Other famous collections include the Parker and Jones' collection (North Atlantic and Grecian Archipelago) and the Williamson collection of British foraminifera.

Data are stored in a series of handwritten registers (species, geographical and donor indices). This is to be computerised in the near future. Active research is being undertaken on the more important historical collections (e.g. Heron-Allen and Earland, Parker and Jones' collections).

REFERENCE: Reference to the Heron-Allen and Earland collections published

in the Journal of Micropalaeontology (Vol. 8, pt. 2, pp 149-156) and the Parker (and Jones) collections in the Bulletin of the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), (Geol.) (Vol. 48, pt. 2, pp 45-78).

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Handwritten registers and indices. Computerization is

being undertaken. Wet and dry preserved specimens.

AVAILABILITY: The collections are available for scientific study within the

Museum and in some situations, for loan to institutions. The Heron-Allen Library houses one of the finest collections of

books on foraminifera in the world.

CONTACT: Dr. J.E. Whittaker, Head, Micropalaeontology Division, Department of

Palaeontology, Natural History, Museum

3.14

DATASET-NAME: MLA Zooplankton Data (1986-)

CENTRE-NAME: FRS, Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen

TIME-PERIOD: from 1986 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- Scottish coastal waters, central and northern North Sea, Rockall,

north east

COVERAGE: Atlantic

PROJECT: Various internal projects, national and international programmes

PARAMETERS: Species composition, biomass concentration, dry weight, feeding

and growth rates, length/weight data, and other derived

parameters

INSTRUMENTS: Dutch Gulf III, ARIES, 1m nets, optical plankton counter,

OCEAN sampler, single and multiple METHOT nets, LOCH

EWE net, and water bottle samplers

SUMMARY:

These data have been collected over a period of many years using a wide range of sampling gears. The ARIES sampler is a multiple net sampler which can be fitted with a variety of environmental sensors as well as a multiple water bottle sampler. It was designed and developed within the Laboratory. The OCEAN sampler was also designed and developed by the Laboratory and is a modified version of the traditional Gulf III high speed sampler. It is fitted with four nets, is acoustically controlled and can be fitted with an environmental sensor package if required. The LOCH EWE net is again an internally designed system and consisted of two concentric nets of different mesh sizes, one to trap zooplankton and the other for phytoplankton. These sampling gears have been operated in different modes - vertical hauls, oblique and double-oblique tows, at multiple depths on the one tow, and at a single fixed depth. The choice of sampling strategy was dependent on the scientific requirements of the programme.

Since many of the samples which have been collected were for a specific research project, a full analysis to stage and species level has not been done in many instances. This is particularly true of the samples collected during ICES Herring Larvae surveys. Here, the herring larvae are extracted from the sample for further study but the rest of the sample is not analyzed. In other instances, only selected samples from a particular cruise or survey may have been analyzed in detail. The other samples were not analyzed in detail but were dried to produce dry weight data.

In the present data base, data only goes back as far as 1986. There is the potential to include data back as far as the mid-60s but this is heavily dependent on the

availability of manpower resources. At present, the data are arranged by cruise but, as the integrated data base grows and extra features are added, better search and query facilities will be available.

Almost the entire data set was collected by research vessels operated by or on behalf of the Marine Laboratory, Aberdeen. The exception is the data set collected on the ICES Herring Larval surveys. The Laboratory acts as the international coordinator for the collation of these data and is also responsible for archiving the entire data set.

DATA-WEBSITE: www.marlab.ac.uk/

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Magnetic tape, optical disk, floppy disk, manuscript

AVAILABILITY: This data set is currently being assimilated into an integrated

computerised relational data base. Until such time as this has been accomplished with the necessary examination and validation of all data prior to its inclusion in the data base, these

data are not generally available.

CONTACT: Steve Hay (S.Hay@marlab.ac.uk)

3.15

DATASET-NAME: ACSOE/MAGE (Atmospheric Chemistry Studies in the Oceanic environment/Marine Aerosol and Gas Exchange) marine data set

(1996-1998)

CENTRE-NAME: British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC)

TIME-PERIOD: 1996-1998

GEOGRAPHIC- Eastern Atlantic, North-Eastern Atlantic and Northern North Sea

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: UK NERC Thematic Research Programme Atmospheric Chemistry

Studies in the Oceanic Environment (ACSOE)

PARAMETERS: CTD profiles and Seasoar transects (temperature, salinity, fluorescence, underwater PAR, attenuance, optical

optical backscattering), current speed and direction, biomass measurements (chlorophyll and accessory pigments, particulate organic nitrogen, size-fractionation, micronanophytoplankton abundance, microzooplankton abundance, bacterial diversity, bacterial abundance, seabirds and cetacean counts), suspended particulate matter, biological productivity and nutrient/gas cycling (size-fractionated carbon uptake, DOC production, PI 14C curves, size-fractionated ammonium and nitrate uptake, ammonium remineralisation, microzooplankton grazing, DMSlyase activity, DMS speciation and cycling), dissolved gases (SF6 tracer, DMS, DMSP, methyl bromide, nitrous oxide and methane, non-methane hydrocarbons, volatile

selenium, pCO2, carbon monoxide, methyl halides, oxygen), dissolved nutrients (nitrate, nitrite, silicate, phosphate and iron) and Bacillus globigii tracer.

INSTRUMENTS: CTD with fluorometer, underwater PAR sensor, transmissometer and nephelometer; XBT; SeaSoar with CTD and fluorometer; drifting buoys; underway ship's navigational, meteorological and hydrographic instruments; underway shipborne ADCP; CTDrosette water samplers.

SUMMARY:

ACSOE was a 5-year UK NERC Thematic Research Programme investigating the chemistry of the lower atmosphere (0 - 12 km) over the oceans. The study aimed to bring about a clearer understanding of natural processes in the remote marine atmosphere, and how these processes are affected by atmospheric pollution originating from the continents. The marine component was only a small part of ACSOE which focused mainly on atmospheric processes through two of its three consortia: Oxidising Capacity of the Oceanic Atmosphere (OXICOA) and Aerosol Characterisation Experiment (ACE). The third consortia, Marine Aerosol and Gas Exchange (MAGE) was the only component of the ACSOE Project which included measurements in the marine environment. This consortia focused on the study of aspects of air-sea exchange relevant to atmospheric chemistry and aerosol production. It consisted of four cruises: the Eastern Atlantic Experiments EAE96 and EAE97 in June-July 1996 and in May 1997, the ASGAMAGE North Sea experiment in the Southern North Sea in October-November 1996, and the North Atlantic Experiment NAE in the North Eastern Atlantic in June-July 1998.

ACSOE data management was a shared responsibility between the British Atmospheric Data Centre (BADC) and the British Oceanographic Data Centre (BODC). BODC handled the management of ship data as well as all other data collected in the water column during the ACSOE/MAGE cruises. BODC assisted in the onboard collection and

DATA-WEBSITE: www.bodc.ac.uk

STORAGE-MEDIUM: BODC data storage system (Oracle RDBMS, optical

and magnetic disk). The data will be available on CD-

ROM.

AVAILABILITY: Unrestricted

CONTACT: BODC Enquiries Officer

3.16

DATASET-NAME: AUTOSUB microzooplankton data

CENTRE-NAME: Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML)

TIME-PERIOD: 1998-2001

GEOGRAPHIC- Waters off Southampton and Oban

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: AUTOSUB

PARAMETERS: Microzoplankton grazing, abundance and community structure

INSTRUMENTS: Microscopy and dilution experiments

SUMMARY:

The AUTOSUB project

Samples were taken during the various AUTOSUB missions and analysed for mcrozoplankton grazing, abundance and community structure

ORIGINATOR: Claire Widdicombe PML

STORAGE-MEDIUM: spreadsheets

AVAILABILITY: Data currently restricted to AUTOSUB project participants -

contact Claire

Widdicombe PML

CONTACT: Claire Widdicombe PML

3.17

DATASET-NAME: Zooplankton and optical plankton counter database for the North

and South Atlantic

CENTRE-NAME: Plymouth Marine Laboratory (PML)

TIME-PERIOD: 1994 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North and South Atlantic

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: Atlantic Meridional Transect, Plankton Reactivity in the Marine

Environment plus various others

PARAMETERS: Zooplankton abundance

INSTRUMENTS: Microscopy and optical plankton counter, zooplankton nets

SUMMARY:

A database has been established covering optical plankton counter and more traditional methods of establishing mesozooplankton abundance. This covers both North and South Atlantic - cruises include those undertaken as part of the PRIME, AMT and other projects.

REFERENCE: Not yet published

ORIGINATOR: Chris Gallienne, PML

STORAGE-MEDIUM: database

AVAILABILITY: Contact Chris Gallienne, PML

CONTACT: Chris Gallienne, PML

3.18

DATASET-NAME: The North Atlantic Continuous Plankton Recorder Survey Data

Set 1931-)

CENTRE-NAME: Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for Ocean Science (SAHFOS)

TIME-PERIOD: from 1931 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North Atlantic (35deg N to 60deg N, 71deg W to 11deg E). The

area east of

COVERAGE: about 15deg W has been sampled from the late 1930s whereas

the area west of this line has been sampled only for the period 1961 to 1984, although sampling restarted in 1991 on a transect

from Iceland to Newfoundland.

PARAMETERS: phytoplankton, zooplankton

SUMMARY:

The Continuous Plankton Recorder is a piece of apparatus towed by vessels for sampling plankton near the sea surface. The CPR now used is very little different from that described by Hardy (1939). The CPRs are towed by ships-of-opportunity at a depth of 10m and are deployed as far as possible, at monthly intervals over a standard set of routes.

Water enters through an aperture in the nose cone and is slowed to one thirtieth of its original speed before being filtered through a slowly moving band of bolting silk. The plankton is retained on the filtering silk and held in position by a second band of silk to form a 'sandwich' which is wound onto a spool in a tank containing a preservative (formalin). The silk is cut into lengths representing 10 nautical miles of tow, and the lengths of silk are then subjected to a standard routine analysis. Each 10 mile length of tow is regarded as a sample taken at its centre point and, for the purposes of constructing an atlas, allocated to a standard 1 degree latitude by 2 degree longitude rectangle.

The current catalogue of CPR records lists a total of 391 taxa identified to varying taxonomic levels. For each taxon the mean number per sample in each rectangle is calculated for each month, and the monthly means are averaged over a chosen period of years to give a mean value for each rectangle. Phytoplankton counts only are available for the years from 1958 onwards; before this only presence/absence is available. Data for the most abundant of the zooplankton taxa are available for the years from 1946, and data for all are available from 1958. For the pre-war years, when the survey was being developed, only a few taxa are as yet available. Some effort is being expended in an attempt to extract more data from the notebooks of the period.

Data handling procedures in the CPR survey have evolved alongside the development of the laboratory computer, with the data archive and retrieval systems being elaborated as computer systems became more sophisticated. Since the Survey was established over 60 years ago, over 155,000 samples have been analyzed and the data entered into the data archive.

REFERENCE: Hardy, A.C. 1939 Ecological investigations with the Continuous

Plankton

STORAGE-MEDIUM: IBM compatible PC. CPR database (including access

programs and some processed data) extends to

approximately 64Mbytes.

AVAILABILITY: Contact the Sir Alister Hardy Foundation for details of access to

the data set.

CONTACT: Darren Stevens dpst@mail.pml.ac.uk

3.19

DATASET-NAME: Marine Species Biology and Sensitivity Key Information

CENTRE-NAME: MarLIN Marine Life Information Network

TIME-PERIOD: present

GEOGRAPHIC- Britain and Ireland

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: general biology, habitat preferences, distribution, taxonomy,

reproduction, natural heritage importance

INSTRUMENTS: not known

SUMMARY:

As part of the MarLIN programme a web-based database of key information on marine species and biotopes is being produced.

REFERENCE: Hiscock K Jackson A and lear D 1999 Assessing seabed species

and ecosystem senstivities. Existing approaches and

development. Report to the DETR (MarLIN report no 1)

DATA-WEBSITE: www.marlin.ac.uk/

STORAGE-MEDIUM: web site

AVAILABILITY: See web site

CONTACT: Keith Hiscock MarLIN

3.20

DATASET-NAME: Marine Species Record Collections

CENTRE-NAME: MarLIN Marine Life Information Network

TIME-PERIOD: present

GEOGRAPHIC- UK and Ireland

COVERAGE:

PARAMETERS: List of collections

INSTRUMENTS: not known

SUMMARY:

The list of marine species record collections has been compiled mainly from the results of a questionnaire circulated at the Marine Species Recording workshop held at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne on 29-30th January 1998.

REFERENCE: Foster-Smith 1998. Marine Species Recording Workshop held at

the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne 29-30th Jan 1998

DATA-WEBSITE: www.marlin.ac.uk/

STORAGE-MEDIUM: web site

AVAILABILITY: see web site

CONTACT: Keith Hiscock MarLIN

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DATASET-NAME: German physical, chemical and biological oceanographic data

collected in JGOFS North Atlantic Bloom Experiment (1989)

CENTRE-NAME: German Oceanographic Datacentre (NODC)

TIME-PERIOD: 1989

GEOGRAPHIC- NE Atlantic

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: Joint Global Ocean Flux Study (JGOFS) - North Atlantic Bloom

Experiment (NABE)

PARAMETERS: temperature, salinity, oxygen, NO3, NO2, NH4, SIO3,

particulate organic carbon, particulate organic nitrogen, particulate PO4, particulate SIO3, chlorophyll-a, carbon nitrogen

ratio, primary production

INSTRUMENTS: Thermometer, Salinometer, Bathythermograph, Titrations and

Electrochemical Determination, Autoanalizer, GC-Mass

Spectrometry, weight and extraction

SUMMARY:

This will, upon completion, be the North Atlantic Bloom Experiment (NABE) contribution of Germany. So far only data collected by CTD and Rosette have been included. It is expected that net haul data, sediment trap data, sediment data, and underway data will be available in the near future.

REFERENCE: JGOFS reports

DATA-WEBSITE: www.bsh.de/Meereskunde/DOD/972.htm

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Magnetic tape

AVAILABILITY: The data set is available on request to the German

Oceanographic Datacentre.

SUPPLY-DETAILS: E-mail, ftp or disk

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3.22

DATASET-NAME: Bulletin Hydrographique - Physical, chemical and biological

oceanographic data in the North Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic

(1902-1956)

CENTRE-NAME: ICES Secretariat, International Council for the Exploration of

the Sea

TIME-PERIOD: from 1902 to 1956

GEOGRAPHIC- North Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic

COVERAGE:

PROJECT: Fisheries Oceanography

PARAMETERS: physical, chemical and biological oceanography

SUMMARY:

The observations published by ICES in the Bulletin Hydrographique were collected during ICES coordinated projects and routine programmes. The observations included (a) listings of surface temperature and salinity along 18 or so ship routes across the Atlantic, North Sea and Baltic and at light vessels (approximately 500,000 observations), (b) observations from classical hydro-chemical stations (approximately 200,000 stations), and (c) observations acquired from plankton hauls, principally in the North Sea (several thousand stations).

The listings are accompanied by detailed documentation of the instrumentation used, and other logistical matters of relevance to understanding the underlying accuracy of

the data. Until 1936 most of the observations were published quarterly, with separate listings for each ship or route. Subsequently observations were published in geosorted form.

This publication is available in most marine libraries of ICES member countries, as well as in the ICES Secretariat. The observations contained therein include the majority collected in the North Atlantic area during the first half of the 20th century. Most of the other data are published in other ICES publications (e.g. Rapports Atlantique).

All of these data are available in digital form from the ICES database, however some of the metadata is available only through these publications.

REFERENCE: ICES Bulletin Hydrographique

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Manuscript

AVAILABILITY: On application to marine libraries in ICES member countries

CONTACT: H.D. Dooley

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DATASET-NAME:Organochlorines and heavy metals in marine life of North Sea,

NE Atlantic, Arctic polar seas and Antarctica (1975 onwards)

CENTRE-NAME: Free University of Brussels, Laboratory for Ecotoxicology and

Polar Ecology

TIME-PERIOD: from 1975 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North Sea and NE Atlantic (1970 - 1985); Greenland and

Norwegian Seas

COVERAGE: (from 1978 onwards), Barents Sea (from 1991 onwards);

Antarctica (from 1989 onwards)

PARAMETERS: organochlorines (PCBs and pesticides) and heavy metals (total

and organic Hg) in phytoplankton, krill, fish, seabirds and marine mammals. In collaboration, pathology of birds and

mammals; other heavy metals, metallothioneins, Se.

SUMMARY:

Monitoring of stable pollutants (PCBs, organochlorine pesticides, heavy metals) in the different trophic levels of various marine ecosystems. Interpretation at the ecosystem level (transfer and accumulation mechanisms, fluxes) and the individual level: detoxification, excretion, lethality, mortality).

REFERENCE: A list of publications and reports is available from C. Joiris

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Apple MacIntosh: excel, statview MS Word

AVAILABILITY: by arrangement; contact C. Joiris or L. Holsbeek

CONTACT: C. Joiris

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DATASET-NAME: Ecology of seabirds and marine mammals in North Sea, NE

Atlantic, Arctic polar seas and Antarctica (1970 onwards)

CENTRE-NAME: Free University of Brussels, Laboratory for Ecotoxicology and

Polar Ecology

TIME-PERIOD: from 1970 onwards

GEOGRAPHIC- North Sea and NE Atlantic (1970-1985); Greenland and

Norwegian Seas (from

COVERAGE: 1978 onwards), Barents Sea (from 1991 onwards); Antarctica

(from 1989 onwards)

PARAMETERS: birds and mammals counts, density, link with other ecological

factors (in collaboration: phytoplankton, zooplankton, pelagic

and demersal fish)

SUMMARY:

At sea study of the distribution of marine birds and mammals: seasonal variations of distributions, linkage with hydrographical regimes, estimations of population sizes and densities. Estimations of food demands and energy fluxes through higher trophic levels of the marine ecosystems.

REFERENCE: A list of publications and reports is available from C. Joiris

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Apple Macintosh excel, statview, MSWord

AVAILABILITY: by arrangement; contact C. Joiris or L. Holsbeek

CONTACT: C. Joiris

3.25

DATASET-NAME: Abundance of Photosynthetic picoplancton mesasured by

epifluorescence, microscopy and flow cytometry

CENTRE-NAME: CNRS / STATION BIOLOGIQUE DE ROSCOFF

TIME-PERIOD: 1987 a present

GEOGRAPHIC- Roscoff, Sargasso Sea, East Atlantic, Pacific, East China Sea,

Mediterranean

COVERAGE: Sea

PARAMETERS: Abundance (cell ml-1), Light scatter, Chl fluorescence

INSTRUMENTS: Flow cytometer

SUMMARY:

Abondance de Picoplancton photosynthetique mesuree par epifluorescence, microscopie et flux cytometrique, for each of the following groups:

- Prochlorococcus
- Synechococcus
- Picoeucaryotes

Data are obtained by flowcytometry.

REFERENCE: Flow cytometric determination of phytoplankton DNA in

cultures and natural populations. Marine Ecology, Progress series, 1991, No 71, pp. 75-84., BOUCHER N., VAULOT F.,

PARTENSKY F.,

Wintertime presence of prochlorophytes in surface waters of the North-western Mediterranean Sea. Limnology and Oceanography, 1990, 35: 1156-1164., D. VAULOT, PARTENSKY F., NEVEUX J., MANTOURA RFC.,

LLEWELLYN C.,

Wintertime presence of prochlorophytes in surface waters of the North-Western Mediterranean Sea. Limnology and Oceanography. 1990, 35:1156-1164., VAULOT D., PARTENSKY F., NEVEUX J., MANTOURA R.F.C.,

LLEWELLYN C.,

DATA-WEBSITE: http://www.cnrs.fr/index.html

ORIGINATOR: CNRS

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Size of dataset 1MO, storage Disquettes

AVAILABILITY: jusqu'a publication

SUPPLY-DETAILS: Media Disquettes

CONTACT: The author of the description is usually one of the contact points.

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3.26

DATASET-NAME: Deep Chlorophyll Maximum in the North Atlantic Ocean (1996)

CENTRE-NAME: Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (NIOZ)

TIME-PERIOD: From 22-06-1996 to 31-08-1996

GEOGRAPHIC- North Atlantic Ocean

PROJECT: Deep Chlorophyll Maximum

PARAMETERS: oxygen, chlorophyll, DOC, nutrients, POC, T, S

INSTRUMENTS: CTD, bottle samples, multinet, vertical net, optical instruments,

SUMMARY:

The inverse gradients of light and nutrients (nitrogen) with depth have resulted in a unique phytoplankton distribution and primary production in oligotrophic stratified (tropical) oceans.T hese gradients can only partly explain why a Deep Chlorophyll Maximum (DCM) is found here world-wide at depths of 80 or 150 m. The microbial composition of this layer is remarkably constant in spite of the high activity of the photosynthetic, microbial and heterotrophic components which indicate a highly dynamic system.

The phytoplankton composition is dominated by picoplankton (< 2 micron in diameter) and consists of a mixture of prokaryotic (Synechococcus and Prochlorococcus) and various (unknown) eukaryotic species of which various subpopulations dominate at different depths. By modelling the production processes and trophic interaction the contribution of the DCM to the sedimentation of particulate carbon will be studied.

The expedition on board Hr. Ms. Tydeman focuses on the factors which prevent (major) fluctuations in structures and organisation of microbial populations present near the Deep Chlorophyll Maximum.

DATA-WEBSITE: www.nioz.nl/projects/dcm

STORAGE-MEDIUM: Disk, CD-ROM

AVAILABILITY: Freely

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