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National Facility Oceanographic Research Vessel

RESEARCH PLAN

CRUISE FR 2/94

Sail Sydney: Arrive Hobart: 12:00 Hrs 19 January 1994 15:00 Hrs 29 January 1994

COASTAL DYNAMICS AND ICHTHYOPLANKTON DISTRIBUTIONS IN THE SYDNEY REGION

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Scientific Program

The overall program aims at determining the baroclinic current structure of the coastal waters off Sydney, and the effects on the distribution of nutrients and planktonic fish. Specific objections are:

- To observe the baroclinic structure of the region, and by comparison with theory, to determine the contributions from wind-driven upwelling and downwelling, Ekman pumping due to the East Australia Current (EAC), forcing of shelf currents due to longshore pressure gradiants induced by the EAC, baroclinic nearshore processes driven by coastal trapped waves (CTW's), and across shelf transport driven by internal waves.
- To determine the relationship between the temperature and salinity structure of the various water masses, the dynamical environment and the ichthyoplankton community. In particular we wish to examine the vertical and horizontal distributions of ichthyoplankton in the EAC, in estuarine plumes and fronts (where possible), and in coastal waters.

This is the first of two cruises, the second being FR4/94.

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Cruise Objectives

- 1. To undertake CTD casts and Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler profiles along three transects indicated on the attached cruise track, so as to delineate water mass characteristics from the nearshore zone to the East Australian Current, and their relative movement.
- 2. To deploy a set of current meter moorings along a transect line from Bondi Beach out to 1000m depth.
- 3. To obtain EZ net samples in the various water masses delineated by the CTD casts. The ADCP and CTD survey will determine the locations for biological sampling.

Some of these operations will be concurrent with small vessel operations conducted by UNSW and Water Board personnel.

Cruise Track

The cruise track is shown in Figure 1.

ORV Equipment required

All standard systems; especially the profiling CTD system with altimeter and 12 bottle rosette plus profiling fluorometer.

The XBT system, the ADCP system with operational bottom tracking, scientific sounder, Inmarsat, thermosalinograph, GPS, computers, underway fluorometer and autoanalyser, boom for surface net deployment.

The EZ net plus associated CTD system and winch.

Container lab for formalin work.

HIAC particle counter.

We will also require a large storage space and clear deck area for mooring work and EZ net.

Time Estimates:

- Jan 19: 12:00 Depart Sydney. Deploy moorings. After sunset begin overall CTD survey along Bondi Section.
- Jan 20: Deploy moorings in daylight. After sunset continue CTD sections along one of the three transects (to be determined from satellite images).
- Jan 21: (Day and Night) Undertake CTD transects to delineate water masses.
- Jan 22: Day (CTD survey); Night EZ net survey.
- Jan 23, 24, 25, 26: as for Jan 22, except some EZ net tows during the day on 25th.
- Jan 27: (06:00-12:00) unload gear/change personnel at Watsons Bay. Depart for Hobart.
- Jan 28: Various ADCP surveys enroute. Very occasional net tows, CTD's.
- Jan 29: Arrive in Hobart at 15:00.

Personnel

| (UNSW - Chief Scientist) |
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| (UNSW - ADCP, CTD) |
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| (UNSW - EZ net) |
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| (UNSW - ADCP, CTD) |
| (UNSW - EZ net, CTD) |
| (CSIRO - Cruise Manager) |
| (CSIRO - Electronics) |
| (CSIRO - Hydrology) |
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There will be some exchange of personnel at Watsons Bay through the cruise.

This cruise plan is in accordance with the directions of the National Facility Steering Committee for the oceanographic research vessel *Franklin*.

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