

VOYAGE PLAN SS06/2003

Title

INSTANT: International Nusantara Stratification And Transport program

Itinerary

Depart Darwin 1000 hrs, Tuesday, 5 August, 2003 Arrive Dampier 1000hrs, Saturday, 16 August, 2003.

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Scientific Objectives

The aim of INSTANT is to directly measure the leakage of Pacific thermocline and intermediate waters from the western equatorial Pacific into the South Indian Ocean. The Indonesian Passages represent an important 'choke point' of the global ocean overturning circulation and the climate system. The size and depth distribution of the flow through this choke point remains a troublesome unknown, with currently available observations giving ranges from 0-20Sv, thus giving little guide to model results and introducing large uncertainties into ocean-based heat, freshwater, nutrient and carbon budgets of the South Pacific and Indian Oceans. The deep portion of the flow, in particular, is poorly known and can only be measured by long term in situ instruments. INSTANT will deliver 3 years of in situ velocity, temperature and salinity data from the sea-floor to the surface in the major inflow and outflow straits that make up the Indonesian choke point. The array is designed to measure the mass, heat and freshwater transports that flow into and out of the Indonesian Seas. Five nations will participate in INSTANT: Indonesia, France, the Netherlands, the USA and Australia. By far the major share of INSTANT will be carried out by the USA and Australia, with the bulk of the work subcontracted to CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research by Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory, Palisades, NY. The Indonesian Ministry of Marine and Fisheries is sponsoring the Indonesian involvement.

Cruise Objectives

- To deploy one of the moorings comprising the INSTANT array in the waters of East Timor in Ombai Strait
- To deploy two of the INSTANT shallow pressure gauges (SPGA): one on the north coast of East Timor and one off Ashmore Reef in Australian waters.
- To collect highly-spatially resolved property and velocity sections across Timor Strait

Cruise Track

Figure 1: Cruise track for INSTANT cruise on RV Southern Surveyor marked in red. White points mark the sites of CTD/LADCP stations to be carried out on the cruise. Blue points the sites of the INSTANT moorings and green asterisks, the sites of the INSTANT SPGAs. Bathymetry shading changes every 100m to 500m, then 1000m beyond.



INSTANT Track for RV Southern Surveyor August 2003: 11 ship days

Time Estimates

We have budgeted for 3 days of mooring work in Ombai, 1 day of mooring work at Ashmore Reef. The CTD/LADCP section across Timor Strait will take about 1 day (11 stations). Total steaming distance is 1654.4229 nm, which at 11 knots is 6.3 days. Thus the total cruise time is 11 days. See Table 1 for details.

Piggy-back Projects (if any)

None.

Southern Surveyor Equipment

- Ramp cover down and use of net winch for mooring deployment
- 24 position rosette w/ 2.5L Niskin bottles analysis of salts, oxygen and major nutrients
- CTD/02
- LADCP fitted to CTD frame
- Underway ADCP, TSG, meteorological measurements
- Winches for mooring deployments.
- Small boat and diving compressor.
- XBT launcher for tests and profiles during mooring work.

User Equipment

Mooring equipment as per attached mooring design. Shallow pressure gauges and dive equipment as per attached dive plan.

Personnel List

Susan Wijffels CMR Chief Scientist Lindsay Pender CMR Mooring engineer Kevin Miller CMR Mooring engineer Peter Mantel CMR CTD watch-stander Helen Phillips CMR CTD watch-stander Ann Thresher CMR CTD watch-stander Janet Sprintall Scripps Institution of Oceanography, INSTANT Co-investigator Paul Harvey Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Mooring engineer Bernie Heaney CMR Computing Jeff Cordell CMR Electronics Mark Rayner CMR Hydrochemistry Kate Berry CMR Hydrochemistry Celestino da Cunha Barreto East Timorese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Observer This voyage plan is in accordance with the directions of the National Facility Steering Committee for the Research Vessel Southern Surveyor.

Susan Wijffels Chief Scientist

Table 1: Cruise timetable estimates Station No, Position °E °N, Depth(m), Arrival Time, Distance from last (Nm) Darwin, 130.833 -12.450, 0.0, 2003/ 8/ 5 10: 0: 0, 0.0 way, 127.380 -8.240, 0.0, 2003/ 8/ 6 15:30:27, 324.6 way, 126.420 -8.300, 0.0, 2003/8/6 20:41:59, 57.1 Ombai, 125.089 -8.539, --, 2003/ 8/ 7 4: 0: 2, 80.3 72 hours mooring and SPGA installation. way, 126.420 -8.300, 0.0, 2003/ 8/10 11:18: 6, 80.3 way, 127.380 -8.240, 0.0, 2003/ 8/10 16:29:38, 57.1 1, 126.510 -8.960, 104.0, 2003/ 8/10 22:36:45, 67.3 2, 126.585 -9.078, 868.0, 2003/ 8/10 23:53: 9, 8.4 3, 126.660 -9.196, 1497.8, 2003/ 8/11 1:58:27, 8.4 4, 126.735 -9.314, 1979.6, 2003/ 8/11 4:26:27, 8.4 5, 126.810 -9.432, 2467.2, 2003/ 8/11 7:11:19, 8.4 6, 126.885 -9.550, 2530.5, 2003/ 8/11 10:13:15, 8.4 7, 126.960 -9.668, 1837.0, 2003/ 8/11 13:17:23, 8.4 8, 127.035 -9.786, 1426.8, 2003/ 8/11 15:57:15, 8.4 9, 127.110 -9.904, 454.2, 2003/ 8/11 18:22:45, 8.4 10, 127.185 -10.022, 282.1, 2003/ 8/11 20:11: 0, 8.4 11, 127.260 -10.140, 193.0, 2003/ 8/11 21:50:39, 8.4 Ashmore, 123.067 -12.092, --, 2003/ 8/12 23:29:40, 273.2 24 hours for SPGA installation Dampier, 116.700 -20.650, 0.0, 2003/ 8/16 8:50:51, 630.9 Number of stations is 11 Total CTD/mooring station time is 4.6852 days Total distance is 1654.4229 nm Time at 11 knots is 6.2668 days Total cruise time is 10.952 days

Attachment 1:

Schematic of the South Ombai mooring to be deployed by RV Southern Surveyor.

